



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: May 19, 2020

Title: Palo Verde Road Speed Limit

Introduction/Background:

The Pima County Department of Transportation received a citizen request to review pedestrian activity on Palo Verde Road near Michigan Street. Pedestrian volume has increased in the area due to the opening of the Center of Opportunity/Gospel Rescue Mission.

Discussion:

Field observations were conducted at the location as part of a Road Safety Assessment in collaboration with the Pima Association of Governments and City of Tucson. High pedestrian volumes were observed crossing Palo Verde Road at Michigan Street to access the northbound bus stop. Pedestrians were also observed walking along the paved and unpaved shoulders of Palo Verde Road in the vicinity. There are two existing HAWK pedestrian crosswalks north of Michigan Street that serve the Tanque Verde Swap Meet. The existing speed limit for Palo Verde Road between Gas Road and Ajo Way is 40 mph. The Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) on Palo Verde Road at Michigan Street is 27,700 vehicles per day with a five-lane roadway cross-section.

Conclusion:

The Pima County Department of Transportation plans to install pedestrian safety corridor signage on Palo Verde Road on each approach to Michigan Street due to the field review and site conditions. As part of the establishment of the pedestrian safety corridor, the existing speed limit on Palo Verde Road between Gas Road and Ajo Way is recommended to be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph.

Recommendation:

The Pima County Department of Transportation recommends Ordinance 2012-5 be repealed and the speed limit be reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph on Palo Verde Road from Gas Road to Ajo Way.

Fiscal Impact:

Minimal

Board of Supervisor District:

1 2 3 4 5 All

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ORDINANCE 2020 - _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, RELATING TO TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS; ESTABLISHING REASONABLE AND PRUDENT SPEED LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ON PALO VERDE ROAD IN PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA FINDS THAT:

1. The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona has authority under A.R.S. §§ 28-627, 28-701 and 28-703 to fix reasonable and prudent speed limits on a through County highway.
2. The Board of Supervisors has determined a reasonable and prudent speed limit for motor vehicles on Palo Verde Road in Pima County.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,

SECTION 1. The following speed limit is established as reasonable and prudent speed limit for Palo Verde Road in Pima County:

<u>SPEED</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
a) 40 mph	892 feet north of Hemisphere Loop (City of Tucson Limits)	Gas Road (City of Tucson Limits)
b) 35 mph	640 feet north of Gas Road (City of Tucson Limits)	Ajo Way
c) 40 mph	Ajo Way	2175 feet north of 37 th Street (City of Tucson Limits)

SECTION 2. Ordinance 2012-5 is repealed, and other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are superseded to the extent of such conflicts.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect when and to the extent that signs are posted

on the highway listed in Section 1 of this Ordinance, giving notice of the new speed limit, but in no event earlier than 30 days from the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Violators of this ordinance shall be subject to civil and criminal sanctions as provided by law.

SECTION 5. The various County officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Clerk of the Board

Deputy County Attorney