

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.75
(ID # 22430)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

FROM : TLMA-TRANSPORTATION:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/TRANSPORTATION:
Ordinance No. 452 - Initiation of Amendments to Ordinance No. 452 to Establish Speed Zones Enforceable by Radar Speed Detection Equipment in Various Areas of the County for FY 23/24. All Districts. [\$3,500 Total Cost Per Amendment - Gas Tax 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order initiating amendments to Ordinance No. 452 relating to Prima Facie Speed Limits to Establish Various Speed Zones Enforceable by Radar Speed Detection Equipment in various areas of Riverside County for the 2023/2024 fiscal year; and
2. Direct the Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA) to work with County Counsel to prepare and process these ordinance amendments as needed.

ACTION:Policy


Mark Lancaster, Director of Transportation 7/6/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez, Washington, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: August 29, 2023
xc: Trans.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Gas Tax (100%). No General Funds used in this project.			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The County's prima facie speed limit ordinance, Ordinance No. 452, is the master ordinance that governs the establishment and posting of appropriate speed limits on county-maintained roadways. California Vehicle Code Section 40802 and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Controls Devices Section 2B.13 require the County to reevaluate speed zones within the County at least once every seven years. Due to the County's vast road system, the Transportation Department reevaluates speed zones in sections on a rolling basis to meet the requirements of state law. Historically, this Ordinance is amended two to three times per year to amend speed limits when warranted. Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Policy No. A-67, an order to initiate amendments to ordinances must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt an order to initiate amendments to Ordinance No. 452, when necessary, within this current fiscal year to comply with state law which would authorize staff to prepare ordinance revisions for introduction to establish speed zones as needed.

Ordinance revisions include the addition, deletion, and/or change of established speed limits on county-maintained roadways by conducting Engineering and Traffic Surveys (E&TS) in accordance with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Sections 627 and 40802. Based upon the results of the completed E&TS, the Transportation Department will recommend designated radar-enforceable speed limits on county-maintained roadways as needed.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The establishing and posting of appropriate speed limits promote safe and orderly movements of vehicular traffic and enable the California Highway Patrol to use radar equipment to enforce the speed limits. Since the recommended speed limits are based on actual speed surveys, most motorists are already driving at or below the recommended speed limits. Posted speed limits also guide motorists to drive at a reasonable speed in unfamiliar locations.

Additional Fiscal Information

Board of Supervisors Policy No. A-67 requires that the Board of Supervisors consider the cost associated with preparing, processing, and implementing an ordinance amendment in deciding whether to adopt an order initiating the ordinance amendment. The cost for establishing the recommended speed limits is primarily for the installation of speed limit signs, which is estimated at about \$3,500 per amendment.


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Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENT:

N/A



Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst 8/23/2023



Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel 8/8/2023