

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-1441, ADOPTING THE UPDATED ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY

California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 40802(b) requires that *prima facie* posted speed limits be justified by an engineering and traffic survey. The last engineering and traffic survey was adopted by City Council on September 22, 1999 by Resolution No. 99-1132. The 25 segments in the new survey include all arterial and collector streets in the City. Local streets are exempted from the survey requirements by the CVC, and have a set *prima facie* speed limit of 25MPH.

The Engineering and Traffic Survey (Survey) for the City was conducted in accordance with procedures outlined in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), dated September 2006, and as required by Section 627 of the CVC. The three elements of a survey include the measurement of prevailing speed, accident history, and roadway characteristics not readily apparent to the motorist.

Posted speed limits are established to protect the general public and provide law enforcement with a clearly understood method to identify and apprehend violators of the basic speed law. As can be seen from the attached table, thirteen segments are being recommended for an increase in speed limits. The Sheriff's Department reviewed the report and is supportive of the recommendations. If adopted by the City Council, the new speed limits would take effect upon posting.

A copy of the Survey is available for public review at the City Clerk's Office and at the Council meeting. This report and the attached Resolution were prepared in cooperation with the City Attorney's Office.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council approve the attached Resolution No. 07-1441, adopting the December 2006 Engineering and Traffic Survey.

Attachment: Resolution No. 07-1441