



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Public Works

Item: Establishing a Temporary Speed Limit on Upper Miller Creek Drive

Date: October 21, 2021

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Request Public Works & Mobility staff to conduct a speed study for Upper Miller Creek Drive, between the limits of the Missoula County line and Jeff Drive and set a temporary speed limit for the same at 35 mph.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Authorize the Mayor to direct PW&M staff to conduct a speed study for Upper Miller Creek Drive between the Missoula County Line and Jeff Drive, and set a temporary speed limit for the same at 35 mph.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	October 25, 2021
Committee discussion:	October 27, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	November 1, 2021
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Pursuant to Chapter 10.18 of Missoula Municipal Code, a speed study may be requested by City Council and in doing so may also set a temporary speed limit for the same part of a street for which the speed study has been requested.

Discuss reason for speed study request and recommended temporary speed limit to be set at 35 mph.

Upper Miller Creek Road – requests by citizens in recent Miller Creek Area neighborhood meetings to lower the currently posted speed limit of 45 mph from just south of Linda Vista Boulevard intersection south to the City Limit boundary. The City Limits in this area have expanded based on annexation of Miller Creek View subdivision. With plat filings and annexations, there are now homes adjacent to Upper Miller Creek Road within this posted 45 mph zone. Within the City residential collector roads are generally posted between 25 and 35 mph. If the posted speed limit was temporarily set at 35 mph while waiting for a speed study to be conducted, then the citizen requests would be addressed, the posted speed limit of 35 mph north of Linda Vista Boulevard would continue south to the City Limits providing uniformity in

posted speeds, and likely meet driver expectations. Additionally, City staff have engaged in conversations with County Public Works staff about the potential for the County to reduce the posted speed limit of 45 mph south of the City Limits to 35 mph to Trails End Road. So, in the future there may no longer be a short segment of 45 mph zone in the City or County on Upper Miller Creek Road.

Financial Implications:

None

Links to external websites:

None