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Resolution Number _____

A resolution of the Missoula City Council to permanently change the posted speed limit to 25 miles per hour (mph) on the segments of Mary Jane Boulevard from Mullan Road to Melrose Place and Camden Street to W. Broadway Street and on Flynn Lane from Mullan Road to W. Broadway Street.

Whereas, the current posted speed limit on Mary Jane Boulevard from Melrose Place to Camden Street is 25 mph; and,

Whereas, the current posted speed limit on Flynn Lane from Mullan Road to W. Broadway Street is 35 mph, with a school zone speed limit of 25 mph (Mon-Fri 7:00AM to 5:00PM); and,

Whereas, the Mullan BUILD Project constructed new segments of Mary Jane Boulevard from Mullan Road to Melrose Place and from Camden Street to W. Broadway and established these segments with a posted speed limit of 30 mph; and,

Whereas, these new segments of Mary Jane Boulevard have already been placed into service and are open for public use; and,

Whereas, Mary Jane Boulevard, since its construction with the Mullan BUILD Project, has replaced Flynn Lane as the north-south Collector Street in the area and therefore Flynn Lane will be deemphasized in street classification from a Collector Street to a Local Street; and,

Whereas, at the request of City Engineering (Surface Transportation), as part of the overall speed investigation the City's Mullan BUILD Project's consultant, DJ&A/Kittleson, completed a Memo dated May 26, 2023, which found that all segments of Mary Jane Boulevard from Mullan Road to W. Broadway Street and all of Flynn Lane from Mullan Road to W. Broadway Street have posted speed limits of 25 mph; and,

Whereas, the May 26 memo, along with the Mullan BUILD Design Basis Report (2021) and Technical Memo #4 (2020), is being used collectively as the engineering and traffic investigation required by state law to alter speed limits within the City limits; and,

Whereas, the Public Works & Mobility Department has created *Safe Speeds on City Streets* (April 2021) document that summarizes recent safety research, reviews travel speed reduction methods, and proposes a way to mitigate speed-related safety issues on local-jurisdiction streets in Missoula; and,

Whereas, Missoula Municipal Code 10.18.020 (B) authorizes in part, "Whenever the City Engineer or City Council determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any prima facie speed set forth in this section is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway, the City Council may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit thereat which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersections or other place or part of the street or highway."

Whereas, the City Engineer concludes on the basis of the above referenced engineering and traffic investigation that the 30 and 35 mph speed limits currently posted on Mary Jane Boulevard and Flynn Lane are greater than is reasonable or safe under current conditions.

Now, therefore be it resolved the Missoula City Council determines and declares the reasonable and safe speed limit on the segments of Mary Jane Boulevard from Mullan Road to Melrose Place and from Camden Street to W. Broadway Street shall be permanently set at 25 miles per hour. This speed limit will take effect upon City passing of this resolution.

Be it further resolved that, the Missoula City Council determines and declares the reasonable and safe speed limit on Flynn Lane from Mullan Road to W. Broadway Street shall be permanently set at 25 miles per hour. This speed limit will take effect upon City passing of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Martha L. Rehbein, CMC
City Clerk

Jordan Hess
Mayor

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