



Agenda Report

File #: 19-0184

AGENDA REPORT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 3/6/2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT:

City Council consideration of Ordinance No. 3292, first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Corona, California amending Ordinance Numbers 3113, 3146, 3168, 3203, and 3273 to update the prima facie speed limits on certain street segments in the City of Corona.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council introduce by title only and waive full reading for consideration of Ordinance No. 3292, first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Corona, California amending Ordinance Numbers 3113, 3146, 3168, 3203, and 3273 to update the prima facie speed limits on certain street segments in the City of Corona.

ANALYSIS:

The California Vehicle Code, Section 40802 requires that Engineering and Traffic Surveys be performed at least once every seven years on street segments whose prima facie speed limits are being enforced by radar or other electronic devices used to measure the speed of moving vehicles.

To meet this State requirement, the City updates its Speed Zone Surveys on a rotating basis, which results in all required road segments being updated every seven years. According to the seven-year schedule, 44 roadway segments listed on Exhibit "A" were surveyed and updated in 2018. The recommended speed limits were determined in consultation with the Corona Police Department, and provide enforceability and support by the courts, promote consistency and uniformity between streets of similar design; provide for a safe and orderly movement of vehicular traffic; and are reasonable and safe for those street segments.

As noted on Exhibit "A," 44 road segments were surveyed in the engineering study. The existing speed limit posted for all the road segments will remain unchanged.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the City's Strategic Plan Goal 5: Improve Circulation and Reduce Traffic; Objective b. Explore technological approaches to improve traffic. The recommended action supports this goal by facilitating the use of radar and electronic devices in the measurement and enforcement of traffic speeds on City streets thereby reducing speed related accidents; and improving traffic safety and circulation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Since no street segments are recommended for a speed limit change and all existing speed limit signs will remain existing, there is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of this Ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The action merely reaffirms the existing speed limits on certain street segments, and there is no possibility that approving this amendment to City ordinances will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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Attachments:

1. Exhibit "A" - Proposed Speed Limits
2. Ordinance No. 3292
3. Technical Report