



**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**  
**11:00 A.M.**  
**REMOTE AND IN PERSON ATTENDANCE**

The Transportation Committee meeting will be conducted remotely, and in person.

The public may attend the meeting in person in the Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall, 420 College Street SE, Lacey, Washington, or you may view or listen to the meeting by using one of the following platforms:

Live through Zoom: (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87256460059>)

Live or as a recording on YouTube: (<https://youtube.com/live/PHgUTT0uLSM>)

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**SPEED LIMIT MODIFICATIONS**

*MARTIN HOPPE, TRANSPORTATION MANAGER*  
*(STAFF REPORT)*



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

April 4, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Speed Limits Modifications

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Forward the proposal to modify speed limits for several roadways throughout the City to City Council for consideration.

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**STAFF CONTACT:** Rick Walk, Interim City Manager *RW*  
Scott Egger, Director of Public Works *SE*  
Aubrey Collier, City Engineer *AC*  
Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager *MH*

**ORIGINATED BY:** Public Works Department

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. [Speed Limit Master List](#)  
2. [Speed Limit Street Map](#)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Changing the speed limits signs will cost approximately \$5,000 for materials and labor.

**WORK PLAN GOAL:** Quality Transportation & Infrastructure

**PRIOR REVIEW:** None

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### BACKGROUND:

The Public Works Department is recommending modifications to several speed limits within the City in order to have more consistency within the urban area and establish speed limits for newly annexed areas. The following recommended speed limits are based on uniformity. Federal Highway Administration Report FHWA-SA-21-034 notes that “When setting a speed limit, agencies should consider a range of factors such as pedestrian and bicyclist activity, crash history, land use context,…” A document referenced within this publication states that “Consistent speed limits on roadways with similar functions and characteristics assist drivers in developing good driving habits. As a result, drivers understand what is expected when they enter a particular area. Additionally, consistent and credible speed limits can be more easily enforced.”

Staff is recommending the following speed limits:

Steilacoom/Marvin Annexation:

This annexation includes a portion of Marvin Road, Steilacoom Road, and several residential streets. Both Marvin Road and Steilacoom Road are currently set at 35 mph, and the residential streets are 25 mph. No changes are recommended to these streets.

Lake Lois Pacific Ave Annexation:

This annexation includes a portion of Pacific Ave, Kinwood St and several residential streets. The existing speed limit on Pacific Ave is set at 40 mph, Kinwood St is 35 mph, and the residential streets are 25 mph. The recommendation is to lower the speed limit on Pacific Ave to 35 mph and retain the speed limits for Kinwood St and the residential streets.

Martin Way and Britton Parkway:

Both Martin Way within the City and Britton Pkwy from Marvin Rd to about Carpenter Rd are currently set at 40 mph. The recommendation is to lower the speed limit on both these streets to 35 mph.

College St NE Extension:

This project is currently in design and is expected to be built in 2024. Upon completion of the new roadway from 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, staff is recommending this portion be set at 35 mph. This is consistent with the rest of College St.

To modify the speed limits of the above referenced streets requires a resolution to be adopted by the City Council at a regular scheduled council meeting. Based on the discussion by the Transportation Committee a resolution will be scheduled for a future council meeting.

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**ADVANTAGES:**

1. Officially adopt speed limits for new roadways within the City limits will allow enforcement of these roads.
2. Lowering speed limits from 40 mph to 35 mph will allow more consistency within the urban area and may reduce the severity of some collisions.

**DISADVANTAGES:**







1. Adding speed limits signs will cost approximately \$5,000 for materials and labor.

EXHIBIT A -- SPEED LIMITS

<i>STREET NAME</i>	<i>TERMINI FROM...</i>	<i>TERMINI TO...</i>	<i>SPEED LIMIT (MPH)</i>
6th Ave. NE	Sleater Kinney Road	College St. NE	25
6th Ave. SE	Sleater Kinney Road	College St. SE	30
14th Ave. SE	Sleater Kinney Road	West City Limits	25
31st Ave. NE	All		35
32nd Ave. NE	All		25
37th Ave. SE	College St. SE	West City Limits	35
41st Ave. NE	All		35
45th Ave. SE	College St. SE	Ruddell Road	35
46th Ave. NE	Hilton Road NE	Meridian Road	45
54th Ave. SE	All		25
<del>Britton Parkway</del>	<del>Draham Road</del>	<del>250' east of Carpenter Road</del>	<del>35</del>
<del>Britton Parkway</del>	<del>250' east of Carpenter Road</del>	<del>Marvin Road</del>	<del>40</del>
<b>Britton Parkway</b>	<b>All</b>		<b>35</b>
Carpenter Road	All		35
<del>College St.</del>	<del>6th Avenue NE</del>	<del>Yelm Hwy</del>	<del>35</del>
<b>College St.</b>	<b>All</b>		<b>35</b>
Galaxy Dr.	All		30
Gateway Blvd NE	South of Britton Parkway		30
Hawks Prairie Road	All		35
Hogum Bay Road	Marvin Road NE	Hawks Praire Road	35
<b>Kinwood Street</b>	<b>All</b>		<b>35</b>
Lacey Blvd.	East Roundabout at Pacific	Golf Club Road	35
Lacey Blvd.	Golf Club Road	Sleater Kinney Road	30
<del>Martin Way</del>	<del>All</del>		<del>40</del>
<b>Martin Way</b>	<b>All</b>		<b>35</b>
Marvin Road	All		35
Meridian Road	Orion Road	North City Limits	50
Meridian Road	Orion Road	South City Limits	40
Mullen Road	All		35
Orion Drive	All		35
<del>Pacific Ave.</del>	<del>Carpenter Rd SE</del>	<del>Golf Club Road</del>	<del>35</del>
<b>Pacific Ave.</b>	<b>East City Limits</b>	<b>Golf Club Road</b>	<b>35</b>
Pacific Ave.	Golf Club Road	West City Limits	30
Quinault Dr.	West of Marvin Road		30
Rainier Road	All		35
Ruddell Road	Pacific Ave.	Yelm Highway	35
School Zones	As Marked		20
Sleater Kinney Road	15th Ave. NE	11th Ave. SE	25
Sleater Kinney Road	11th Ave. SE	21st Ave. SE	30
<b>Steilacoom Road</b>	<b>All</b>		<b>35</b>
Willamette Dr.	All		35
Yelm Hwy.	West City Limits	East City Limits	35

# City of Lacey Speed Limits

## LEGEND

-  50 MPH
-  45 MPH
-  40 MPH
-  35 MPH
-  30 MPH
-  25 MPH

WHEN COLLEGE EXTENSION  
PROJECT COMPLETED

