

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

October 30, 2009

To: June Lagmay, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office

From: Patricia Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant
Board of Transportation Commissioners *PS*

Subject: ORDINANCE APPROVAL – RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT
REVISIONS FOR BEVERLY GLEN BOULEVARD BETWEEN
VENTURA BOULEVARD AND MULHOLLAND DRIVE

At its regular meeting of August 13, 2009, the Board of Transportation Commissioners considered the evidence presented at the public hearing and approved the Ordinance referenced above. A copy of the Board's action, along with the Ordinance is attached for your information.

After your office reviews the Board Report, please forward it to City Council for consideration.

If you need further information, please contact Alan Willis, Principal Transportation Engineer, at (213) 972-8430.

PS

Attachments

c: John Fisher
Alan Willis
Jasmin San Luis

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**BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Item #17

05 – East Valley #09-3410
Beverly Glen Bl bet. Ventura Bl &
Mulholland Dr

DATE: *AUGUST 13,*
-July 22, 2009

TO: Board of Transportation Commissioners

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE APPROVAL - RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT REVISIONS
FOR BEVERLY GLEN BOULEVARD BETWEEN VENTURA BOULEVARD
AND MULHOLLAND DRIVE**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That your Board approve revising the speed limit on Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard from 25 to 30 miles per hour, so as to be able to retain radar enforcement.
2. That your Board approve revising the speed limit on Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive and Sumac Drive from 35 to 30 miles per hour, so as to be able to retain radar enforcement.
3. That your Board recommend to the City Council that they approve the attached City Attorney's draft ordinance amending Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (L.A.M.C.) establishing the recommended speed limits.
4. That two copies of this report and the draft ordinance be forwarded to the City Clerk for assignment of a council file number and transmittal to the City Council.

INITIATED BY:

A speed study was initiated by a request from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to determine the appropriate speed limit and to permit enforcement by the use of radar.

DISCUSSION:

In order for jurisdictions to legally use radar enforcement, the California Vehicle Code requires that the speed limits be re-established every seven years (or ten years following a one-time three year extension) using factual and impartial criteria. These factors include prevailing critical speeds, collision history and the existence of any

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conditions not readily apparent to motorists. These criteria are intended to provide an objective basis for setting speed limits and precluding speed traps. Speed limits set according to these criteria ensure that the greater majority of reasonable motorists will not be subject to arbitrary citations.

An engineering and traffic survey has been completed for Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Mulholland Drive as required by California Vehicle Code Section 40802(b), in order to justify enforcement of the speed limit by radar. The attached Engineering Report summarizes the findings of the engineering and traffic survey and the basis for the recommended speed limit. The survey indicated that speed limits of 30 miles per hour for Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Sumac Drive, and 35 miles per hour on Beverly Glen Boulevard between Sumac Drive and Mulholland Drive are consistent with traffic conditions and roadway characteristics and will facilitate the safe and orderly movement of traffic. The injury accident rate of 1.16 accidents per million vehicle miles for Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Mulholland Drive is within the normal range, and substantiates the safety level of the roadway operation within 5 miles per hour of the critical speeds.

These findings and recommendations include the following two segments of Beverly Glen Boulevard where the recommended speed limits have previously been authorized in the LAMC, are already posted, and will be retained:

- 30 miles per hour on Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive
- 35 miles per hour on Beverly Glen Boulevard between Sumac Drive and Mulholland Drive

The speed limits need to be changed on Beverly Glen Boulevard between the Ventura Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard, and between the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive and Sumac Drive.

The average critical speed for Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard is 30 miles per hour. If the current 25 miles per hour speed limit were to be retained for this segment, then 55.5 percent of the motorists would be considered as speed violators. There are no significant roadway conditions that could be considered as not readily apparent to motorists, or that create special problems for bicyclists or pedestrians.

The average critical speed for Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive and Sumac Drive is 32.5 miles per hour. Normally, this critical speed would require that the speed limit be set at either 30 or 35 miles per hour. The Department of Transportation is recommending a 30 miles per hour speed limit in order to address the following significant roadway conditions that could be considered as not readily apparent to motorists, or that create special problems for bicyclists or pedestrians:

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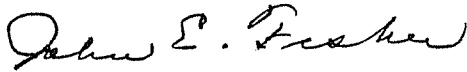
- Lack of continuous sidewalks and walking paths combined with vehicles parked on the shoulders and in the street, that force pedestrians to walk in the narrow street to get around parked vehicles
- Fences and landscaping at most properties that extend out to the edge of the roadway and interfere with the visibility of traffic and bicyclists by drivers backing out of their sloped driveways, that is already limited more than usual due to a significant roadway grade on Beverly Glen Boulevard

COORDINATION:

LAPD has reviewed the information supporting the proposed speed limit revision and has no objections as stated in their March 16, 2009 response to a Department of Transportation memo dated March 10, 2009. The Department of Transportation sent a letter to Councilmember Weiss, 5th District, on March 17, 2009, notifying him of the proposed speed limit revisions and the reasons for the changes.

On March 17, 2009, the Department sent a letter to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council notifying them of the proposed speed limit revisions and the reasons for the changes. On May 14, 2009, the Department of Transportation sent an e-mail follow up to that letter to the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council. The Department of Transportation met with the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council on June 8, 2009 to discuss the speed limit changes and to advise them that this matter is to be heard by the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Approved by:




for RITA L. ROBINSON
General Manager
Department of Transportation

Date Signed: July 29, 2009

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- c: Councilmember Paul Koretz, 5th Council District
City Clerk (2)
City Attorney
Board of Transportation Commissioners (7)
Captain Phillip Trotter, LAPD
Survey Section, LADOT
Carolyn Jackson, LADOT

Approved: August 13, 2009
Board of Transportation Commissioners



Patricia A. ...
Executive Assistant

Attachments



OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO
CITY ATTORNEY

June 1, 2009

The Honorable Board of
Transportation Commissioners
City of Los Angeles
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: A Draft Ordinance Amending Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles
Municipal Code to Change the Speed Limit on Beverly Glen Boulevard in
the City of Los Angeles

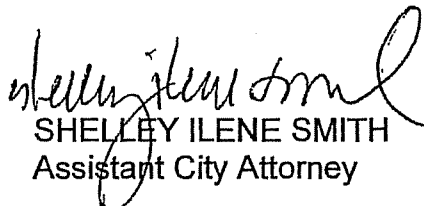
Honorable Members:

Pursuant to standing instructions from the City Council and the request of the Department of Transportation, this office has prepared and transmits with this letter, approved as to form and legality, a draft of ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.81 to establish the speed limit on portions of Beverly Glen Boulevard in Council District 5, at 30 and 35 miles per hour, in order to ensure radar enforcement. This draft ordinance has been approved by the Los Angeles Police Department as well as by the affected Council Office, completing all requirements of City Council Rule 38.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 978-8147.

Sincerely,

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By 
SHELLEY ILENE SMITH
Assistant City Attorney

Transmittal

M:GC:SS: Speed Limit on Beverly Glen Blvd Ltr



ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to change the speed limit on Beverly Glen Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subdivision B of Subsection (1) of Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by deleting the following:

On Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard with Beverly Glen Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Knob Hill Drive with Beverly Glen Boulevard.

Sec. 2. Subdivision B of Subsection (1) of Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding the following in alphabetical order:

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Sumac Drive.

Sec. 3. Subdivision B of Subsection (2) of Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by deleting the following:

On Beverly Glen Boulevard between a point 250 feet south of Ruthven Lane and the northerly intersection of Knob Hill Drive with Beverly Glen Boulevard.

Sec. 4. Subdivision B of Subsection (2) of Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding the following in alphabetical order:

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Sumac Drive and a point 250 feet south of Ruthven Lane.

Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

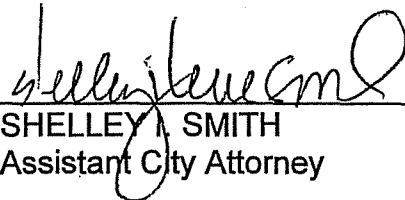
By _____
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By  _____
SHELLEY A. SMITH
Assistant City Attorney

Date 6/1/09 _____

File No. _____

ENGINEERING REPORT

Engineering and Traffic Survey for

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Mulholland Drive

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Mulholland Drive is designated as a "Secondary Highway". Currently, Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and Mulholland Drive is posted with the following speed limits:

- Between Ventura Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard with 25 miles per hour.
- Between the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive with 30 miles per hour.
- Between the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive and Mulholland Drive with 35 miles per hour.

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard:

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard has a roadway width varying from 30 to 38 feet with one lane each direction with a centerline. There is sidewalk for pedestrians on both sides of the street, and the traffic lane is wide enough to allow the roadway to be safely shared by bicycles and vehicles.

The development along the frontage of this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard includes a mixture of single family and multi-family residential.

This segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard is a distance of approximately 0.28-mile, with the average critical speed of 30 miles per hour. The average lower limit of pace is 23 miles per hour, and the average median speed is 26.5 miles per hour. According to the requirements for setting speed limits described in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (California MUTCD), effective September 26, 2006, the speed limit on this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard should be set at 30 miles per hour, unless there are roadway characteristics that are unexpected to drivers that can justify a 5 miles per hour reduction. A review of field conditions and accident records indicates that there are no observed conditions that objectively could be considered as not readily apparent to motorists. This is validated by a low accident rate of 1.16 accidents per million vehicle miles. Accordingly, any speed limit reduction below the proposed 30 miles per hour speed limit would not be justified for this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard.

If the current 25 miles per hour speed limit were to be retained, then 55.5 percent of the motorists would be considered as speed violators. In the absence of factors,

this high rate of violators would be unreasonable and would not distinguish occasional violators from the majority of reasonable drivers.

Beverly Glen Boulevard between The northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive:

Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive has a roadway width varying from of 40 to 46 feet with one lane each direction with a centerline and channelization on Beverly Glen Boulevard at Valley Vista Boulevard, Knobhill Drive, and Millbrook Drive. There are no sidewalks for pedestrians, and the curb lane is wide enough to be safely shared by vehicles and bicycles.

The development along the frontage of this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard is single family residential.

For this 0.29-mile segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard, the average critical speed is 32.5 miles per hour. The average lower limit of pace is 25 miles per hour, and the average median speed is 28 miles per hour. According to the requirements for setting speed limits described in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (California MUTCD), effective September 26, 2006, the speed limit on this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard should be set at 30 miles per hour. A review of field conditions and accident records indicates that there are no observed conditions that objectively could be considered as not readily apparent to motorists, and could justify a speed limit of 25 miles per hour for this short segment. This is validated by a low accident rate of 1.16 accidents per million vehicle miles. Accordingly, any speed limit reduction below the existing 30 miles per hour speed limit would not be justified for this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard.

Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive and Sumac Drive:

Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive and Sumac Drive has a roadway width varying from of 34 to 64 feet with one lane in each direction with left-turn channelization at Knobhill Drive. There are no sidewalks for pedestrians, and the curb lane is wide enough to be safely shared by vehicles and bicycles, due to the "No Parking Anytime" parking restrictions.

The development along the frontage of this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard is single family residential.

For this 0.10-mile segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard, the average critical speed is 32.5 miles per hour. The average lower limit of pace is 25 miles per hour, and the average median speed is 28 miles per hour. According to the requirements for setting speed limits described in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (California MUTCD), effective September 26, 2006, the speed limit on this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard should be set at 30 miles per hour. The 30 miles an hour speed limit for this small section is more appropriate than the 35

miles per hour recommended speed limit of 35 miles per hour south of Sumac Drive due to the lack of continuous sidewalks and pedestrian walking paths, combined with fences and trees that extend to the roadway that force pedestrians to walk in the roadway and motorists to back their vehicles out into the roadway from sloped driveways behind trees and fences. South of Sumac Drive, most of the residential properties have access from alternate streets, with just their rear fences adjacent to Beverly Glen Boulevard, so the situation with unexpected conflicts between pedestrians in the street and drivers backing into the street from behind trees and fences is not as prevalent.

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Sumac Drive and Mulholland Drive:

Beverly Glen Boulevard between Sumac Drive and Mulholland Drive has a roadway width varying from 34 to 46 feet with one lane each direction with a centerline. There are no sidewalks. The curb lane is wide enough to safely be shared by bicycles and vehicles, due to the parking restrictions on both sides of the roadway.

The development along the frontage of this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard is single family residential. Most properties on the west side of the street do not face Beverly Glen Boulevard, and have their access off of Deervale Drive or from a private roadway. Many of the properties on the east side of the street do not face Beverly Glen Boulevard, and have their access off of Longview Valley Road.

This segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard between Sumac Drive and Mulholland Drive is a distance of approximately 1.33 miles, with the average critical speed of 36.8 miles per hour. The average lower limit of pace is 29.33 miles per hour, and the average median speed is 32.5 miles per hour. According to the requirements for setting speed limits described in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (California MUTCD), effective September 26, 2006, the speed limit on this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard should be set at 35 miles per hour, unless there are roadway characteristics that are unexpected to drivers that can justify a 5 miles per hour reduction. A review of field conditions and accident records indicates that there are no observed conditions that objectively could be considered as not readily apparent to motorists. This is validated by a low accident rate of 1.16 accidents per million vehicle miles. Accordingly, any speed limit reduction below the existing 35 miles per hour speed limit would not be justified for this segment of Beverly Glen Boulevard.

Therefore, for the reasons described above, the Department recommends following:

- That the speed limit on Beverly Glen Boulevard between Ventura boulevard and the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard be increased from 25 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.
- That the existing 30 miles per hour on Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Valley Vista Boulevard and the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive be retained.

- That the speed limit on Beverly Glen Boulevard between the northerly intersection of Knobhill Drive and Sumac Drive be reduced from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.
- That the existing 35 miles per hour speed limit on Beverly Glen Boulevard between Sumac Drive and Mulholland Drive be retained.

Approved: John E. Fisher ^{for} Title: Principal Transportation Engineer

Date: March 5, 2009



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NC Contact Log*
Speed Zones on Transportation Commission Agenda for
August 13, 2009

| Agend Item No. | Street (CD #) | Boundaries | Speed change | Neighborhood Council |
|-----------------------|---|--|----------------------|---|
| 25 | Polk St (CD 6) | Eldridge Av to San Fernando Rd | +40 mph | Sylmar NC – Quyen Vo-Ramiez, Chair |
| 26 | Hollywood Wy (CD 2) | Glenoaks BI to Cohasset St (BCL) | +40 mph | Sun Valley Area NC – Mike O’Gara, Chair |
| 20 | Riverside Dr (CD 2,4,5) | City Limit E/O Clybourn Av to Van Nuys BI | +40 mph | Sherman Oaks NC Jill Banks-Barad, Chair Greater Toluca Lake NC, Jerome Williams, Chair Valley Village NC Tony Braswell, Chair |
| 13 | Paxton St (2 zones) (CD 6,7) | Foothill BI to Arleta Av | +40 mph | Arleta NC Jim Kallas, Chari Pacoima NC Reuben Garcia, Chair |
| 18 | Arleta Av (CD 6) | Devonshire St to Roscoe BI | +40 mph | Arleta NC Jim Kallas, Chair |
| 17 | Beverly Glen BI (CD 5) | Ventura BI to Mulholland Dr | +30, 35, - 30 mph | Sherman Oaks NC Jill Banks-Burad, Chair |
| 28 | San Fernando Rd (CD 2,6,7) | Fox St to Cohasset St (SF/B/CL) | +40, 45 mph | Pacoima NC Reuben Garcia, Chair Sun Valley Area NC Mike O’Gara, Chair |
| 23 | Apperson St (CD 2) | Haines Canyon Av to Newhome Av | Est 30 mph | Sunland-Tujunga NC Cindy Cleghorn and Dan Manus |
| 16 | Day St (CD 2) NEW, to be established in LAMC | City Limit E/O Amanita St to Silverton Av | Est. 25 mph | Sunland-Tujunga NC Cindy Cleghorn and Dan Manus |
| 14 | Gladstone St (CD 7) | Maclay St to Polk St | - 30 mph | Sylmar NC – Quyen Vo-Ramiez, Chair |
| 24 | McVine Av (CD 2) | Ellenbogen St to Foothill BI | Est 25 mph | Sunland-Tujunga NC Cindy Cleghorn and Dan Manus |
| 22 | Summitrose St (CD 2) | Fairgrove Av to Mt. Gleason Av | Est 30 mph | Sunland-Tujunga NC Cindy Cleghorn and Dan Manus |
| 27 | Hatteras St (CD 2) NEW, to be established in LAMC | Hazeltine Av to Sepulveda BI | Est 30 mph | 4/2/09 Van Nuys NC Lydia Mather, Chair |
| 21 | Sheldon St (CD 6) | Glenoaks BI to Roscoe BI | + 40 mph | Sun Valley Area NC Mike O’Gara, Chair |

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| 17 | San Fernando Rd (CD 7) | Sepulveda Bl to City Limit N/O Hubbard St | + 45,50 mph | Sylmar NC – Quyen Vo-Ramiez, Chair |
| 15 | Glenoaks Bl (CD 7) | Foothill Bl to City Limit S/O Hubbard St | + 40 mph | Sylmar NC – Quyen Vo-Ramiez, Chair |
| 19 | Sunland Bl (CD 2,6) | Foothill Bl/Newhome Av to Vineland Av | + 40 mph, -40 mph | Sunland-Tujunga NC Cindy Cleghorn and Dan Manus Sun Valley Area NC Mike O’Gara, Chair Foothill Trails District NC Dale Gibson, Chair |