

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 *PS*
Board of Transportation Commissioners

Subject: ORDINANCE APPROVAL – RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT
REVISION FOR HOLLYWOOD WAY BETWEEN THE CITY
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BURBANK AND GLENOAKS
BOULEVARD

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.

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Attachments

c: John Fisher
Alan Willis
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**BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Item #26

02 – East Valley #10-0125
Hollywood Way bet. C/L of the City
of Burbank & Glenoaks Bl

DATE: *AUGUST 13,*
July 21, 2009

TO: Board of Transportation Commissioners

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE APPROVAL - RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT REVISION
FOR HOLLYWOOD WAY BETWEEN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
BURBANK AND GLENOAKS BOULEVARD**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That your Board approve revising the speed limit on Hollywood Way between the City Limits of the City of Burbank and Glenoaks Boulevard from 35 to 40 miles per hour, so as to be able to retain radar enforcement.
2. 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 limit.
3. 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 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

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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 Hollywood Way between the City Limits of the City of Burbank and Glenoaks Boulevard 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 a speed limit of 40 miles per hour is consistent with traffic conditions and roadway characteristics and will facilitate the safe and orderly movement of traffic.

The average critical speed for Hollywood Way between the City Limits of the City of Burbank and Glenoaks Boulevard is 43.5 miles per hour. If the current 35 miles per hour speed limit were to be retained, then 88 percent of the motorists would be considered as speed violators. A five mile per hour reduction in the recommended speed limit below the critical speed is recommended in order to address the abrupt narrowing of the southbound curb lane combined with high traffic volumes and pedestrians in or immediately adjacent to the narrowed lane; which is a significant roadway condition that could be considered as not readily apparent to motorists, or that creates special problems for bicyclists or pedestrians. A 40 miles per hour speed limit would also match the speed limit used in the City of Burbank, and prevent the City of Los Angeles from posting a speed limit for a street segment less than one-half mile; which should normally be avoided. The injury accident rate of 0.85 accidents per million vehicle miles is within the normal range.

COORDINATION:

LAPD has reviewed the information supporting the proposed speed limit revision and has no objections as stated in their March 31, 2007 response to a Department of Transportation memo dated February 16, 2007. The Department of Transportation sent a letter to Councilmember Greuel, 2nd District, on November 3, 2008, notifying her of the proposed speed limit revision and the reasons for the change.

On November 18, 2008, the Department sent a letter to the Sun Valley Neighborhood Council, notifying them of the proposed speed limit revision and the reasons for the change. On May 15, 2009, the Department of Transportation sent an e-mail follow up to that letter to the Sun Valley Neighborhood Council. On June 8, 2009, the Department of Transportation contacted Mike O'Gara, President, Sun Valley Neighborhood Council, and advised him of the opportunity to discuss the findings, and to advise them that this matter is to be heard by the Board of Transportation Commissioners. On July 14, 2009, the Department of Transportation spoke to the Sun Valley Neighborhood Council concerning the laws for setting and enforcing speed limits, the pending speed limit

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changes on Hollywood Way, responded to questions, and advised them that this matter is to be heard by the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Approved by:

John E. Fisher

Date Signed: *July 29, 2009*

for RITA L. ROBINSON
General Manager
Department of Transportation

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

Attachments

Approved: *August 13, 2009*
 Board of Transportation Commissioners
Patricia A. [Signature]
 City Clerk



OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO
CITY ATTORNEY

May 18, 2009

6/4/09

c: Alan Willis

PS

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

Note: Received 6//3/09

Re: A Draft Ordinance Amending Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles
Municipal Code to Change the Speed Limit on Hollywood Way 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 Hollywood Way in Council District 2 at 40 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 Hollywood Way Ltr

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to change the speed limit on Hollywood Way in the City of Los Angeles.

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

Section 1. Subdivision H of Subsection (2) of Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by deleting the following:--

Hollywood Way between the City limits of the City of Burbank and Glenoaks Boulevard.

Sec. 2. Subdivision H of Subsection (3) of Section 80.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding the following in alphabetical order:

Hollywood Way between the City limits of the City of Burbank and Glenoaks Boulevard.

Sec. 3. 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 A. LAGMAY, City Clerk

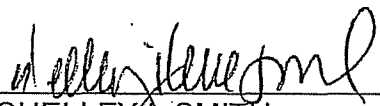
By _____ Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By  _____
SHELLEY SMITH
Assistant City Attorney

Date: 5/18/09 _____

File No. _____


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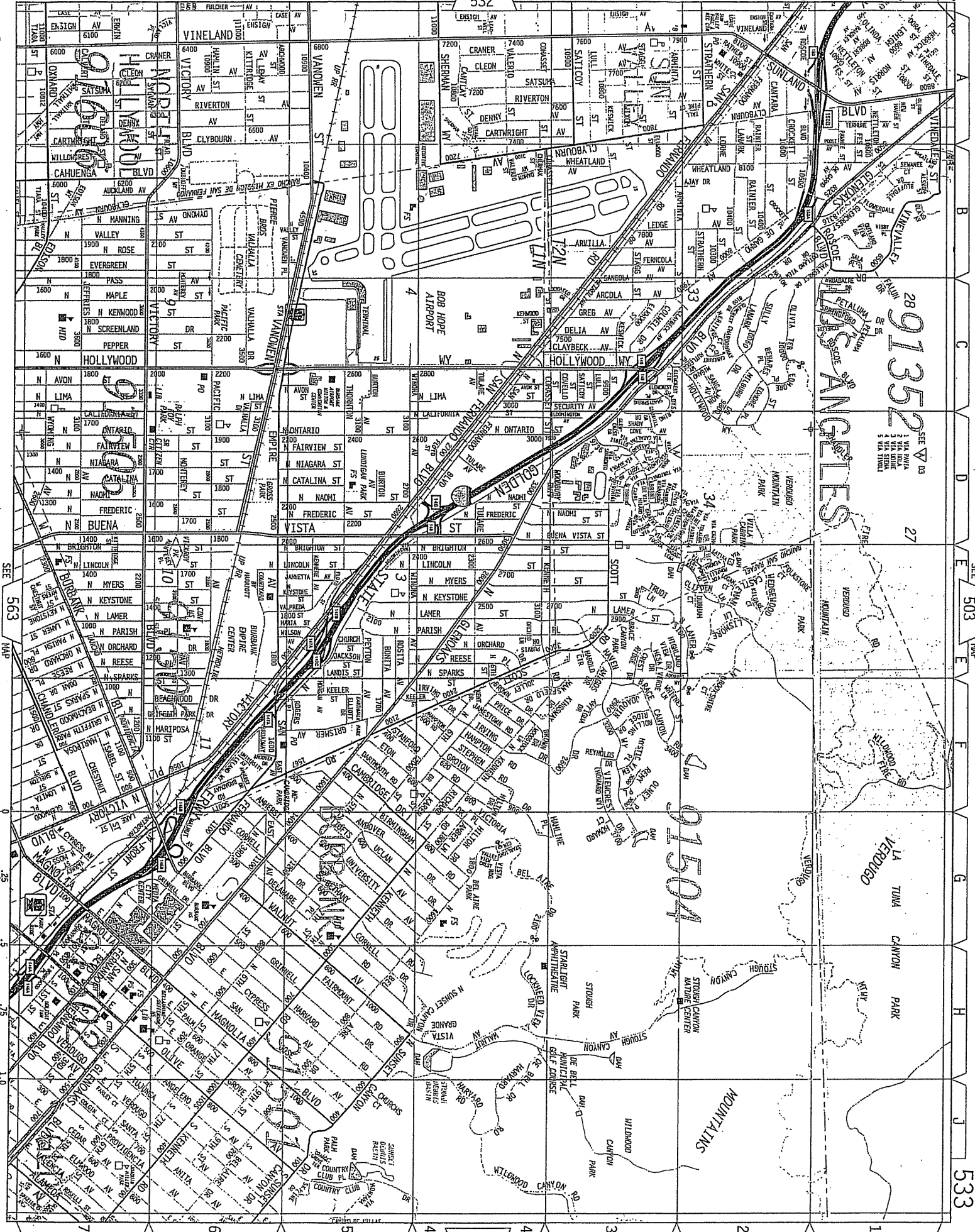
Engineering and Traffic Survey for Hollywood Way between Glenoaks Boulevard and Burbank City Limit

Hollywood Way between its northerly terminus at Glenoaks Boulevard and the Burbank City Limit is a designated Major Highway. The entire 0.4-mile street segment is currently posted with a 35 mile per hour (m.p.h.) speed limit. Hollywood Way to the south, beyond the survey limits, in the City of Burbank is posted with a 40 m.p.h. speed limit.

Between Glenoaks Boulevard and the Burbank City Limit, all of the observed critical speeds are between 43 and 44 m.p.h. According to the requirements for setting speed limits described in the California Supplement to the 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the speed limit in this segment of Hollywood Way should be set at the nearest five m.p.h. increment to the critical speed, or 45 m.p.h. However, the west side of the roadway (two southbound lanes) has several unimproved sections that lack curb, gutter and sidewalk and which jut out into the roadway substantially reducing the width of the curb lane adjacent to the unimproved portions. With average daily traffic in excess of 32,000 vehicles on this street segment that is one of the main access routes from the I-5 Freeway to Bob Hope Airport, there is substantial use of the curb lane. The unimproved portions of the roadway also require pedestrians to walk in or very near to the edge of the narrowed travel lane at these locations. The factors described above (abrupt narrowing of the southbound curb lane combined with high traffic volumes and pedestrians in or immediately adjacent to the narrowed lane) are not readily apparent to drivers and create safety concerns at the speeds that drivers are currently traveling in this segment. Furthermore, the California Supplement to the 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices states that short speed zones of less than one-half mile in length should be avoided and that speed zoning should be coordinated with adjacent jurisdictions indicating that the speed limit on the Los Angeles segment of Hollywood Way should match the speed limit in Burbank. For all of the reasons described above, a further reduction of five m.p.h. in the recommended speed limit from the normally indicated 45 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. is justified.

Therefore, the Department recommends that the speed limit on Hollywood Way be increased from the existing 35 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. between Glenoaks Boulevard and the Burbank City Limit.

Approved:  Title: Principal Transportation Engineer Date: 8-17-06



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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

*Contacts made by East Valley District