

## TRANSMITTAL

To:

**THE COUNCIL**

Date:

**OCT 29 2009**

From:

**THE MAYOR**

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.




ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
Mayor

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

August 13, 2009

To: The Honorable Antonio R. Villaraigosa  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles

Attention: June Lagmay, Legislative Coordinator

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

Subject: ORDINANCE APPROVAL – RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT  
OF SPEED LIMIT FOR HATTERAS STREET BETWEEN  
HAZELTINE AVENUE AND SEPULVEDA 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 the City Clerk's office for Council consideration.

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

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Attachments

c w/attachments: Alan Willis  
Jasmin San Luis

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

Item #27

✓ 02 – East Valley #09-3414  
Hatteras St bet. Hazeltine Av &  
Sepulveda Bl

DATE: *AVS vs T 13,*  
~~July~~ 24, 2009

TO: Board of Transportation Commissioners

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE APPROVAL – RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF  
SPEED LIMIT FOR HATTERAS STREET BETWEEN HAZELTINE AVENUE  
AND SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That your Board approve establishing a prima facie speed limit of 30 miles per hour on Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, so as to be able to conduct 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 (LAMC) 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 established 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 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 Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda 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

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speed limit of 30 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 Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard is 31.5 miles per hour. 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. Although the injury accident rate of 3.63 accidents per million vehicle miles is considered higher than usual, the majority of the accidents occurred at signal or all-way stop controlled intersections, and only two of the accidents that have occurred on this segment of Hatteras Street in the last two years can be attributed to speeding traffic on Hatteras Street.

### COORDINATION:

LAPD has reviewed the information supporting the proposed speed limit revision and has no objections as stated in their March 31, 2009 response to a Department of Transportation memo dated March 26, 2009. The Department of Transportation sent a letter to Councilmember Greuel, 2nd District, on April 2, 2009, notifying her of the proposed speed limit revision and the reasons for the change.

On April 2, 2009, the Department sent a letter to the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, notifying them of the proposed establishment of a 30 miles per hour speed limit and the reasons for such an action. On May 15, 2009, the Department of Transportation sent an e-mail follow up to that letter to the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. On June 8, 2009, the Department of Transportation discussed the findings of the study with Lydia Mather, President, Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, and advised her that this matter is to be heard by the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Approved by:

*John E. Fisher*

for RITA L. ROBINSON  
General Manager  
Department of Transportation

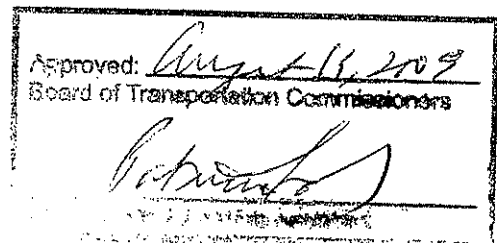
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c: 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District  
City Clerk (2)  
City Attorney  
Board of Transportation Commissioners (7)  
Captain Phillip Trotter, LAPD  
Survey Section, LADOT  
Carolyn Jackson, LADOT

Attachments



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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY  
ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO  
CITY ATTORNEY

June 1, 2009

6/4/09  
c: Alan Willis

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The Honorable Board of  
Transportation Commissioners  
City of Los Angeles  
100 S. Main Street, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Hatteras Street 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 Hatteras Street in Council District 2, at 30 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 Hatteras St Ltr



**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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

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

Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Sec. 2. 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

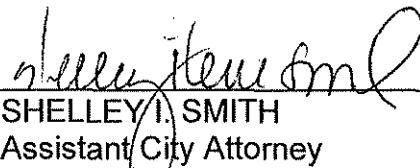
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By   
SHELLEY I. SMITH  
Assistant City Attorney

Date 6/1/09

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ENGINEERING REPORT**  
Engineering and Traffic Survey for  
Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard

Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard is designated as a "Collector" Street, and is currently posted with a 30 miles per hour speed limit. The 30 miles per hour speed limit is not currently established in the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard has one lane in each direction without any centerline, except on the approaches to the signal controlled intersections at Sepulveda Boulevard, Kester Avenue, and Van Nuys Boulevard, where there is a single striped lane in each direction, with a double yellow centerline. Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard has a roadway width that varies between 30 and 36 feet wide. The development along the frontage of this segment of Hatteras Street is residential, except there is commercial development at the corners of Sepulveda Boulevard, Kester Avenue, and Van Nuys Boulevard. The roadway is straight, and without any grade. There are sidewalks or parkways with pedestrian walking areas for most of this segment of Hatteras Street, and the roadway is wide enough to be safely shared by vehicles and bicycles, without any pedestrians in the street. For a 0.12-mile stretch of Hatteras Street between Tobias Avenue and Vista Del Monte Avenue, the roadway width is 30 feet wide, there are no sidewalks, and vehicles park on the shoulders; which results in pedestrians walking in the roadway.

The segment of Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard is a distance of approximately 1.5 miles, with an average critical speed of 31.5 miles per hour. The average lower limit of pace is 24.5 miles per hour, and the average median speed is 27.5 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 Hatteras Street 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 for this segment 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 the two block segment of Hatteras Street between Tobias Avenue and Vista Del Monte Avenue, where parked cars force pedestrians to walk in the roadway, the combination of the residential character of these two short blocks, low volumes of pedestrians and vehicles, and the absence of any accident pattern, and a 30 foot wide roadway without a centerline that can be shared by pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, is not significant enough to justify a speed limit reduction for just two blocks. Although the accident rate for Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard of 3.63 accidents per million-vehicle-miles is considered higher than usual, most of the accidents occurred at signal or all-way stop controlled intersections, and only two of the thirteen accidents (15 percent) that have occurred on Hatteras Street between Sepulveda Boulevard and Hazeltine Avenue during the most recent two year period can be attributed to

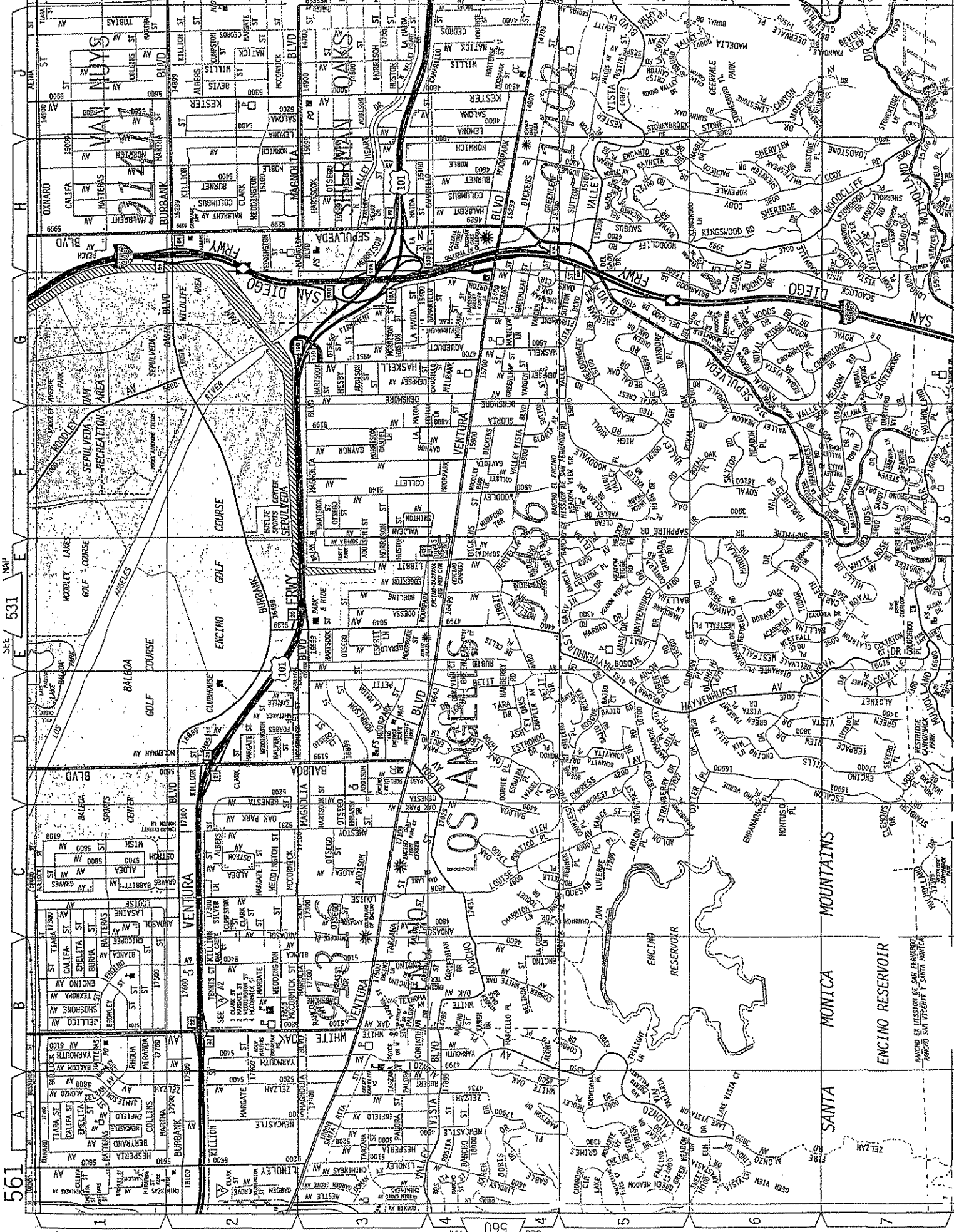


speeding traffic on Hatteras Street.

Therefore, for the reasons described above, the Department recommends that a speed limit of 30 miles per hour be established in the Los Angeles Municipal Code and posted for Hatteras Street between Hazeltine Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Approved: John E. Fisher *for* Title: Principal Transportation Engineer

Date: March 26, 2009

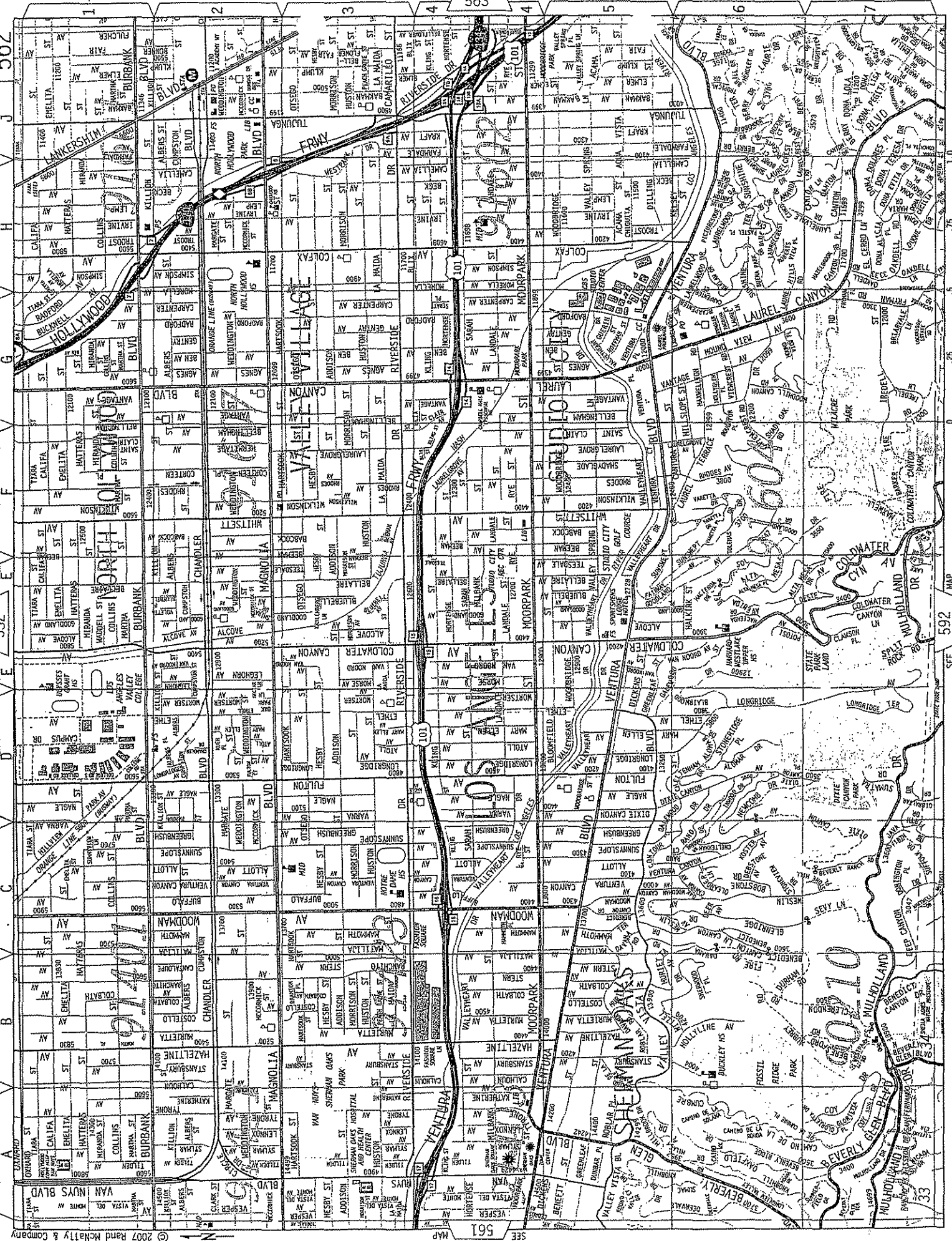


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**NC Contact Log\***  
**Speed Zones on Transportation Commission Agenda for**  
**August 13, 2009**

<b>Agend Item No.</b>	<b>Street (CD #)</b>	<b>Boundaries</b>	<b>Speed change</b>	<b>Neighborhood Council</b>
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)	<b>Sepulveda Bl to City Limit N/O Hubbard St</b>	+ 45,50 mph	Sylmar NC – Quyen Vo-Ramiez, Chair
15	Glenoaks Bl (CD 7)	<b>Foothill Bl to City Limit S/O Hubbard St</b>	+ 40 mph	Sylmar NC – Quyen Vo-Ramiez, Chair
19	Sunland Bl (CD 2,6)	<b>Foothill Bl/Newhome Av to Vineland Av</b>	+ 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