

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE relative to increasing the speed limit along Branford Street between San Fernando Road (Southwest Roadway) and Woodman Avenue / Ventura Canyon Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. CONCUR with the Board of Transportation Commissioners action of March 11, 2010, increasing the speed limit from 35 to 40 miles per hour along Branford Street between San Fernando Road (Southwest Roadway) and Woodman Avenue / Ventura Canyon Avenue.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT accompanying ORDINANCE amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.81 to establish the recommended speed limit of Recommendation No. 1.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Transportation Commissioners. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Transportation Commissioners dated March 11, 2010, the Department of Transportation (DOT) recommends increasing the speed limit from 35 to 40 miles per hour along Branford Street between San Fernando Road (Southwest Roadway) and Woodman Avenue / Ventura Canyon Avenue. In order for jurisdictions to legally use radar enforcement, the California Vehicle Code requires that 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. DOT completed an engineering and traffic survey along Branford Street and found 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. On March 11, 2010, the Board of Transportation Commissioners approved DOT's recommendation.

At its meeting held June 23, 2010, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve the above recommendations to increase the speed limit to 40 miles per hour along Branford Street as described above, and as recommended by the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
ALARCON:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
PARKS:	YES