



## STAFF REPORT

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016

To: Town Council

From: Director of Public Works

Subject: Town of Loomis 2016 Speed Survey Update

Date: February 8, 2016

#### **Recommendation:**

Approve and adopt resolution for the 2014 updated speed survey with the following recommendation from staff, consultant and the Sheriff's Department.

#### **Issue Statement and Discussion**

In accordance with the California Vehicle Code requirements, a speed survey must be updated every five years to ensure that the current speed limits throughout Town are adequate and easily enforced through the court system. The Town's last speed survey was completed in the spring of 2005 by the consulting firm of Omni-Means.

In August 2008 the Town Council approved an update to the Speed Survey recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee. This update lowered the speed limit on King Road and Laird Road for safety reasons.

With their knowledge and background of the local roads and existing speed survey, staff retained Omni-Means to provide the 2014 updated survey. Omni-Means surveyed the roads within the Town and determined the average speed of each road. Speed limits are set using the 85% speed rounded to the nearest 5 mile per hour increment, unless there are safety concerns such as limited sight distances, accidents, pedestrians, driveways etc.

The study confirmed that many of the speed limits are within 5 MPH of the 85% speed. The survey also identified some roads where the 85% speed exceeded the posted speed limit. These road segments are identified in the table below.

On January 7, 2016, the Town's Traffic Safety Committee reviewed the updated survey and made recommendations. The Traffic Safety Committee is made up of representatives from law enforcement, the fire department, the Town Council and members from the town and town staff. These recommendations are shown in the table below.

Road	Location	Posted Speed Limit (MPH)	85 % Speed (MPH)	Traffic Safety Committee Recommendation
Barton Rd	Brace Rd to Gold Trail Wy	40	46	No Change. Segment contains both curvilinear and straight sections.
Barton Rd	Gold Trail Wy to Rocklin Rd	40	49	No Change. Segment contains both curvilinear and straight sections.
Barton Rd	Rocklin Rd to Indian Springs Rd	40	50	No Change. Segment contains both curvilinear and straight sections.
Brace Rd	I-80 to Laird Rd	40	47	No Change. Segment contains undulations creating sight distance restrictions.
Horseshoe Bar Rd	Taylor Rd to I-80 Bridge	25	32	No Change. Pedestrian pathway adjacent.
Humphrey Rd	Arcadia Ave to North Town Limit	25	42	Change to 30 MPH. Adjacent to pedestrian pathway.
King Rd	Taylor Rd to Bush Ln	35	41	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathway and school..
King Rd	Bush Ln to I-80 Bridge	35	46	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathway and school.
Laird Rd	Brace Rd to White Ln	35	41	No Change. Segment contains many driveways as well as both curvilinear and straight sections.
Laird Rd	White Ln to South Town limit	35	50	No Change. Segment contains many driveways as well as both curvilinear and straight sections.
Rippey Rd	Taylor Rd to North Town limit	30	41	No Change. Slow moving trucks and heavy equipment and many driveways.
Rocklin Rd	James Dr to Barton Rd	40	50	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathways and several driveways.
Saunders Ave	Bankhead Rd to McAllen Ln	25	36	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathways and several driveways.
Sierra College Bl	North Town Limit to King Rd	50	56	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathways and several driveways.
Taylor Rd	Horseshoe Bar Rd to King Rd	25	32	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathway and school.
Taylor Rd	King Rd to North Town limit	40	47	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathway and near a park and school.
Webb St	King Rd to Taylor Rd	25	35	No Change. Adjacent to pedestrian pathway and near a park and school.
Wells Ave	Barton Rd to Rickety Rack Rd	40	49	Roadway segment is narrow. Speed limit is justified.

**Financial and/or Policy Implications:**

Should Council approve the updated Speed Survey with Staff amendments, Chapter 8.12, "Speed Limits", of the Loomis Municipal Code will be amended to change the speed limit on Humphrey Road from Arcadia to North Town Limit, increasing the speed limit from 25 MPH to 30 MPH.

**TOWN OF LOOMIS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 16-\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS**  
**APPROVING THE TOWN'S 2014 UPDATED SPEED SURVEY**

**WHEREAS**, In accordance with the California Vehicle Code, a speed survey must be updated every five years to ensure that current speed limits throughout Town are adequate and easily enforced through the court system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town retained the consultant firm of Omni-Means to prepare the updated speed survey; and

**WHEREAS**, the survey was prepared and submitted on September 2014 and reviewed and commented on by the Loomis Traffic Safety Committee including town staff and representatives from the Sheriff's Department thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff recommends acceptance of the updated speed survey including the amended speed limit on Humphrey Road;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town of Loomis accepts the updated speed survey for 2014 with the amendment to the speed limit on Humphrey Road.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Council of the Town of Loomis this 9th day of February 9, 2016 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Town Clerk

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Town Attorney