



**City Council Agenda
December 2, 2015**

Date: November 20, 2015
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Tim Tucker, City Engineer
Subject: Ordinance 1391 Alhambra Way Speed Limit

Recommendation

Motion adopting Ordinance No. 1391 C.S. amending Title 10, Vehicle and Traffic, Chapter 10.20, Special Speed Zones, of the Martinez Municipal Code. The amendment would lower the speed limit on Alhambra Way from Pleasant Hill Road East to Alhambra Avenue (south of SR4) from 25 to 20 MPH.

Background

At the City Council meeting of November 18, the above ordinance was introduced and a public hearing was held in accordance with California Government Code. The ordinance is now before you for adoption and will become effective after 30 days.

Fiscal Impact

Speed Limit Change: The existing speed limit signage is estimated to cost \$400 for sign installation costs and materials.

Short Term Improvements: The additional truck weight limit and other signs are estimated to cost \$800. This cost will be absorbed in the current maintenance gas tax budget. Staff costs for other short term improvements are minor, or a reprioritization of current work loads.

Long Term Improvements: Detailed estimates will need to be developed for both the intersection improvements and pathway installation and upgrades. Depending on the type and extent of paths, and extent of intersection improvements, the cost could range from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The path projects would likely be done in phases. Staff will attempt to obtain grant funding for the majority of the work.

Attachment

- Ordinance No. 1391

ORDINANCE NO. 1391 C.S.

AMENDING TITLE 10, VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 10.20, SPECIAL SPEED ZONES, OF THE MARTINEZ MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Martinez has established speed limits on various public streets where the speed limit permitted by State law is not reasonable and safe; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, these established speed limits are re-evaluated due to changes in traffic volumes, traffic speeds, physical changes to the road alignment, and other environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, it is determined upon the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Survey the speed permitted by State law upon the following street is not reasonable and safe to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic, and it is declared the prima facie speed limit shall be as hereinafter set forth and amended as follows:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINEZ does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Title 10 of the Martinez Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 10.20.10 Special Speed limits, Subsection C, Alhambra Way, shall be amended to read as follows:

C. ALHAMBRA WAY	
Alhambra Ave. to Muir Station Rd. to Alhambra Ave. (North of SR 4)	25
Muir Station Rd. to Alhambra Ave. (South of SR 4)	20

The declared prima facie or maximum speed limit shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the street, and shall not thereafter be revised except upon the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Survey. The provisions of this Section shall not apply in respect to any 25 miles per hour prima facie limit which is applicable when passing a school building or the grounds thereof.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The City Council hereby declares it would have passed this and each section, subsection, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact any one or more sections, subsections, phrase or clauses be declared unconstitutional on their face or as applied.

SECTION III. Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the date of adoption and enforced when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the street.

SECTION VI. Posting. The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published and or posted within fifteen days after its adoption.

The City Council hereby declares it would have passed this and each section, subsection, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact any one or more sections, subsections, phrase or clauses be declared unconstitutional on their face or as applied.

APPROVED: _____
Rob Schroder, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Deputy City Clerk

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I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Martinez, held on the 18th day of November, 2015, and duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of said City Council held on the 2nd day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ