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YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COVER SHEET

DATE: December 11, 2020
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Mark Lago, Public Works Director
RE: Temporary Speed Designation of 35 MPH on Abbey Road, North of the City of Lafayette

BACKGROUND:

An email was received from Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator, requesting that the County post a speed of 25 MPH on Abbey Road, just outside the city limits for the new subdivision (Meadowbrook at Lafayette – Phase 1).

We consulted ODOT Speed Zone coordinator, Kathleen McConnel making this change requested by the City. She stated that a formal speed zone study would be required. The study can't start until the subdivision work is complete and houses are established.

She also clarified that if the County feels that it is necessary to lower the speed during construction of the subdivision, you can do so under ORS 810.180(8).

ORS 810.180(8) states a road authority may establish by ordinance or order a temporary designated speed for highways in its jurisdiction that is lower than the statutory speed. A temporary designated speed may be established under this subsection if, in the judgment of the road authority, the temporary designated speed is necessary to protect any portion of the highway from being unduly damaged, or to protect the safety of the public and workers when temporary conditions such as construction or maintenance activities constitute a danger.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Public Works recommends that the roadway between Lafayette City limits and John's Landing road be temporarily reduced for a period of 2 years to 35 MPH during the build out of Phase 1 of Meadowbrook at Lafayette subdivision. Our concerns are safety based, primarily due to the additional side street traffic.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal impact. 4 new signs are required.

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
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