

County of Santa Clara
Roads and Airports Department



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DATE: February 27, 2024 (Item No. {{item.number}})

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Harry Freitas, Director, Roads and Airports Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance relating to the Alum Rock Avenue frontage road 15 miles-per-hour speed limit

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Introduce and preliminarily adopt Ordinance No. NS-1015.66, an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara amending Section B12-39 of Article 2 of Chapter II of Division B12 of the County of Santa Clara Ordinance Code relating to fifteen miles-per-hour speed zones.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. Sufficient funds are available in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Road Fund budget, account 0023-4001-5280000 (Special Department Expense), to install the necessary signs, legends, and markings. Department personnel will perform the work.

CONTRACT HISTORY

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Alum Rock Avenue frontage road is a narrow, two-way, road running parallel with Alum Rock Avenue near the Alum Rock Park entrance gate located in east San José. The Alum Rock Avenue frontage road provides access to residential parcels. Currently, the Alum Rock Avenue frontage road does not have an established speed limit.

County staff conducted an engineering study on the Alum Rock Avenue frontage road in response to area resident concerns. The study was conducted from Brundage Way to Canon Vista. That segment of road is no wider than 21 feet, which meets California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 110 for the definition for an alley. CVC Section 22352 allows for prima facie speed limits of 15 mph for any alley. Staff recommends the Board adopt an ordinance implementing a 15-mph speed limit per the CVC to provide for safe and orderly flow of traffic along the Alum Rock Avenue frontage road.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on children by providing an established speed limit for safe and orderly flow of traffic along the Alum Rock Avenue frontage road.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on seniors by providing an established speed limit for safe and orderly flow of traffic along the Alum Rock Avenue frontage road.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The recommended ordinance will not be adopted and the recommended traffic control measure of establishing a speed limit will not be implemented.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board shall take the following actions:

Send notification of the completed processing to: Clarence Salim, Roads and Airports Department and Thuyet Dang, Office of the Sheriff.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Alum Rock Avenue frontage road 15 MPH Speed Limit Ordinance
- Alum Rock Avenue frontage road Speed Evaluation Memo