



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Order No. 2024-012, Setting a temporary speed limit of 35 MPH on portions of Dickey Road and Nelson Road

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Order No. 2024-012.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Deschutes County Road Department is delivering the Powell Butte Highway/Butler Market Road intersection improvement project, which includes construction of a roundabout at the intersection. Construction of the roundabout requires closure of Butler Market Road with a detour on Dickey Road and Nelson Road that will be in effect for up to five months. Due to resident concerns and an alteration in the character of Dickey Road (a collector road) and Nelson Road (a local road) by diverting Butler Market Road traffic to the detour route, Road Department staff have determined that a temporary speed limit of 35 mph is prudent.

Pursuant to ORS 810.180(8), a road authority may establish by ordinance or order a temporary designated speed for a highway that is lower than the statutory speed. The Road Department is requesting that a temporary designated speed of 35 mph be implemented on Dickey Road and Nelson Road along the detour route. The current statutory speed on Dickey Road and Nelson Road along the detour route is 55 mph.

Adoption of Order No. 2024-012 will implement a temporary designated speed of 35 mph on Dickey Road and Nelson Road along the detour route. The temporary designated speed will be in effect for the duration of the intersection improvement project, which is presently anticipated to be substantially completed by September 1, 2024.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Cody Smith, County Engineer/Assistant Road Department Director