



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** November 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Order No. 2025-049, Mountain View Road Speed Zone and Order No. 2025-050, Buffalo Road Speed Zone

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of Order Nos. 2025-049 and 2025-050 to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Mountain View Road and a portion of Buffalo Road to 35 mph.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Speed limits on all public roads in Oregon are set by state law in the Oregon Vehicle Code. Implementation of a speed zone, which changes the speed limit on a given segment of a public road from the statutory speed limit, requires a speed zone order. Under the Oregon Vehicle Code, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is responsible for conducting speed zone investigations to determine a recommended speed limit and for issuing speed zone orders that set a new designated speed that differs from a previously designated speed on county roads. However, under the Oregon Vehicle Code, ODOT can delegate speed zoning authority to a county for roads under the county's authority with an average daily traffic of less than 400 vehicles per day. A county with this delegated authority is required to conduct speed zone investigations in accordance with ODOT standards.

Buffalo Drive and Mountain View Road both provide access to the Whychus Canyon Estates community from Wilt Road. Buffalo Drive and Mountain View Road are functionally classified as local roads and the segments are 1.38 miles and 1.25 miles in length, respectively. The roads lie within and provide access to RR10-zoned lands.

The current speed limit on Buffalo Drive between Wilt Road and Mountain View Road is 45 miles per hour as set by Order No. 98-108. The current speed limit on Mountain View Road between Buffalo Drive and the easterly end of County maintenance is the statutory speed limit of 55 mph, however the segment is currently posted at 45 mph.

In recent years, the Road Department has received several requests from Whychus Canyon

Estates residents for reduced speed limits on Buffalo Drive and Mountain View Road east of Buffalo Drive. In response, Department staff conducted a speed zone investigation on both roads; the report from this investigation is included with the agenda item materials. Based on this investigation, the Department is recommending a designated speed of 35 mph for both Buffalo Drive and Mountain View Road east of Buffalo Drive.

The area adjacent to the roads is residential in context, with residents using the paved roadway cross-sections for walking and biking. The recommended speed of 35 mph is generally consistent with the observed 50th-percentile speeds (the speed at or below which 50% of vehicles were observed to be travelling during the study).

Adoption of Order No. 2025- 049 will reduce the speed limit on Mountain View Road between Buffalo Drive and the easterly end of County maintenance from a statutory 55 mph to 35 mph, while adoption of Order No. 2025-050 will rescind Order No. 98-108 and reduce the speed limit on Buffalo Drive between Wilt Road and Mountain View Road from 45 mph to 35 mph.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

None.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cody Smith, County Engineer/Assistant Road Department Director