



**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION ITEM
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on reducing the speed limit to 25 or 20 mph, adding speed bumps at the blind curve, and creating a three-way stop at the intersection of No Le Hace and Sumpter.

DATE: February 26, 2025

REQUESTER: Laura Maxwell, Resident

REQUEST

Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns

Our home is located right in the middle of No Le Hace Dr. My husband and I routinely witness vehicles traveling way too fast down the road, which is made especially dangerous by several blind curves. I'm an avid runner and travel the road on foot often. It's becoming very common to have to jump up on the curb because someone is driving too fast and not paying attention on such a windy road.

30 mph is, in my opinion, a very unsafe speed limit on that road. You must assume that people will routinely exceed the speed limit (and they do) which means we have people traveling 35 mph down a road that serves many young families with children, as well as elderly neighbors.

This stretch serves as a cut through (especially during the early morning and afternoon hours) for people trying to get from Fair Oaks Parkway to Dietz Elkhorn (and vice versa).

Desired Outcome/Resolution

I'd like someone to drive the road at the posted speed limit and consider factors like children, pedestrians, etc. I feel most experienced and cautious drivers would agree the current limit is much too high and threatens safety of our residents. A few options:

1. Reduce the speed limit to 20 or 25 mph.
2. Install speed bumps at the blind curve areas.
3. Install additional two stop signs at the intersection of No Le Hace and Sumpter, making it a 3-way stop.

This is very similar to the issues on Noble Lark, and their speed limit was reduced to 20 mph. It doesn't make sense for our road to have the same speed limit as a thoroughfare like Dietz Elkhorn.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Comments

If the Committee desires to pursue the request, a traffic study would be needed to justify this request and be authorized by the City Council.

Public Safety Comments

There have been no reported collisions because of excessive speed. We will continue to monitor and enforce the speed limit.

The Texas Transportation Code states a municipality may declare a lower speed limit of not less than 25 miles per hour, if the governing body determines that the prima facie speed limit on the highway is unreasonable or unsafe. This can be found in Texas Transportation Code Sec 545.356. <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/tn/htm/tn.545.htm>.

COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

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- A. The Committee recommended reducing No Le Hace to 25 mph due to traffic in a residential area and curves on the road.***
- B. The Committee did not recommend replacing the yield sign at Sumpter with a stop sign; recommendation failed 2-3.***

Staff Notes to City Council

1. In accordance with the Texas Transportation Code, reducing the speed limit to 25 mph can be a City Council action upon determination that the current speed limit on No Le Hace is unsafe due to a residential area and curves on the road.
2. The City Council may consider an ordinance reducing the speed limit to 25 mph at a future meeting.
3. Installation of speed limit signs will be done in house after approval of the establishing ordinance.