



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

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on a request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn(west) to 30 mph

DATE: February 27, 2025

REQUESTER Geri Pieper, Resident

This consideration item was postponed at the February 5, 2025 Committee meeting

REQUEST

Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns

This request is for lowering the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn west to 30 mph, between Fair Oaks Parkway and Old Fredericksburg Road, making this portion consistent with the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn east.

With the reduction in the speed limit, our hope is to keep drivers traveling at a safer speed to protect themselves as well as the wildlife in this area. It would also assist those of us on this stretch of road when exiting our property during peak hours. s provided by submittal

Desired Outcome/Resolution

Lower the speed limit to reduce speeds.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Comments

Dietz Elkhorn (west) was reduced to 35 mph to allow for golf carts. Note that once Dietz Elkhorn (east) is reconstructed with wider shoulders to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and space for golf carts to pull over and let vehicles pass, the City Council may consider raising the Dietz Elkhorn (east) speed limit to 35 mph to match Dietz Elkhorn (west). **The City Council has had no discussion on this option.**

Public Safety Comments

This road is one of the heaviest patrolled and speed enforced in the City. There have been no reported collisions because of excessive speed.

COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

February 5, 2025

At the podium, Ms. Pieper stated consistency on Dietz Elkhorn Road would be appreciated. Members discussed:

1. State speed limit requirements for golf carts.
2. State recommends speed limits be set at the 85% percentile (speed study in FY2020/21, the 85% percentile was reported to be 37-38 mph).
3. Police confirmed no accidents reported due to excessive speed. Acceleration of the downhill driving was monitored to be roughly 41-42 mph.
4. The curve on Dietz Elkhorn before Van Raub Elementary School.
5. Having speed limit consistency on Dietz Elkhorn.
6. Requesting police staff to provide speed limit and vehicle number data at a future meeting.

Recommend amending the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn from Old Fredericksburg Road and the Parkway to 30 mph. (No second)

Recommend to City Council the speed limit remain the same at 35 mph. (Failed; 2-3)

Recommend revising the speed limit from Old Fredericksburg Road and Van Raub Elementary School to 30 mph. (No second)

Recommend the Committee postpone the item and request the Police Chief to bring existing data concerning the number of citations and speed. (Passed; 4-1)

February 6, 2025

Follow up email (Exhibit A attached) sent by Ms. Pieper received by staff amending the location placement of the radar feedback devices. Chairperson Schmidt requested inclusion in this agenda.

February 26, 2025

The requested data is attached as Exhibit B.

I move to recommend ...