



STAFF REPORT

Regular Commission Meeting

May 09, 2024

To: Elected Officials

From: Dale L. Martin, City Manager

Date: May 09, 2024

Item Name: Discussion and Possible Action regarding Abbreviated City Street Speed Study.

Background: City officials and staff have long considered the standardization and reduction of speed limits on non-state roads within the city limits for a variety of reasons: traffic diversion from state roads due to storm damage; interaction between automobiles, golf carts/low speed vehicles, and bicycles; and pedestrians. The efforts to formally consider the reduction of speed limits was initiated by Chief Doughney and Deputy Chief Blanchette of the Flagler Beach Police Department. This effort was greatly aided by the City's acquisition of traffic data collection equipment. It was through the employment of this equipment that enabled the City to enlist resident Mr. Paul Mykytka, a professional transportation engineer, to complete a study (portion attached; full copy available through City Clerk) to review and recommend actions related to City speed limits.

Fiscal Impact: None at this time. If speed limits are revised, however, the cost of replacement signs will have to be budgeted, as well as likely additional costs associated with public outreach and publications.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the implementation of the recommendations of the attached study: reduce speed limits on City streets uniformly to 20 mph.

Attachments: Correspondence, P. Mykytka to D. Martin, Chief Doughney (Apr 22, 2024; portion)