



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	March 10, 2025
Department:	Community Services
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space & Sustainability Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Repeal of 45 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit on U.S. 70 (Cornelius Street)

Summary:

On Oct. 28, 2024, the Board of Commissioners discussed U.S. 70 safety concerns following a pedestrian fatality that occurred after a youth was hit by a car on Sept. 13, 2024. At that meeting, the board approved a staff recommendation to pursue the lowering of the speed limit on U.S. 70 within town limits.

Upon request of town staff, NCDOT Division 7 performed an investigation and based on the history of speed-related accidents concurred with the recommendation to reduce the speed to 35 miles per hour in town limits. In order to move forward with approving that change, the town has been asked to formally repeal the original 1980 request to increase the speed limit. Once that is done, the road will default to the statewide municipal speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

It will take several months to receive final NCDOT approval and for the signage to be updated, but this request should be completed by Fall 2025.

Financial impacts:

N/A

Staff recommendation and comments:

N/A

Action requested:

Adopt the attached ordinance repealing the request to increase the speed limit on U.S. 70 in town limits.