



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS**  
**COMPLETE STREETS AND**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

MEETING DATE: 03/12/2026

ITEM NO: 5.

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**DATE:** March 12, 2026  
**TO:** Complete Streets and Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Nicolle Burnham, Director of Parks and Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Consider Recommending that the Town Council adopt a Resolution Establishing a 20 Mile per Hour Speed Limit in School Zones in Advance of Assembly Bill No. 382 Going into Effect on January 1, 2031

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Complete Streets and Transportation Commission (CSTC) consider recommending that the Town Council adopt a resolution to establish a 20 miles per hour (MPH) prima facie speed limit in school zones, as authorized by Assembly Bill No. 382, prior to its statutory effective date of January 1, 2031.

**BACKGROUND:**

Assembly Bill No. 382, approved October 10, 2025, authorizes local jurisdictions to reduce school-zone speed limits to 20 MPH before the statewide implementation date of January 1, 2031. Under Section 22352.5, added by AB 382, a local authority “may, by ordinance or resolution, determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 20 MPH in a school zone” until January 1, 2031. After January 1, 2031, the 20 MPH speed limit will become mandatory in these areas.

**DISCUSSION:**

Beginning January 1, 2031, AB 382 mandates 20 MPH as the statewide standard speed limit in school zones under specified conditions, such as when beacons are flashing, when children are present or when the sign installed by a local authority specifies certain hours. The Bill defines “school zone” as an area within 500 feet of school grounds, unless otherwise posted.

Reducing school-zone speeds to 20 MPH in advance of the 2031 statewide requirement will allow the Town to proactively enhance safety around schools and support long-standing transportation safety goals. Establishing a 20 MPH speed limit in school zones ahead of the 2031 statewide implementation provides an opportunity to improve pedestrian safety, especially for school-age children, support Safe Routes to School objectives, reduce collision severity in areas with high walking and bicycling activity and align with AB 382’s intent to reduce traffic speeds near schools.

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To enact the reduced speed limit, the Town must adopt a resolution and install appropriate signage giving notice of the new speed limit.

If the resolution is adopted by the Town Council and staff is directed to install signage, staff anticipates installing approximately 40 new regulatory signs within 10 existing school zones around the elementary schools in Town. Each sign is estimated to cost approximately \$2,000, including procurement and installation for a total implementation cost of \$80,000. Future maintenance and replacement of the signs would require ongoing maintenance provided by Parks and Public Works. A funding source for this work has not yet been identified. Once funding is secured and the signs have been fabricated and delivered, Town staff estimates that installation would be completed in a month.

Attachments:

1. Assembly Bill No. 382