



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council
MEETING DATE:	September 15, 2025
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on Resolution No. 2025-042. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOLFFORTH, TEXAS REQUESTING THAT THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONDUCT A SPEED STUDY ON FM 179 FROM THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 62/82 TO THE INTERSECTION OF FM 1585; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
STAFF INITIATOR:	Randy Criswell, City Manager

BACKGROUND:

As you know, the southern half of FM 179 between the MSF and FM 1585 still has a 70-mph posted speed limit. We get many concerns expressed by homeowners, contractors, and motorists about this, and every single of those calls asks why the speed limit isn't lower; it's too fast and it's dangerous.

Three years ago, and even before any of these complaints began to be common, I asked TxDOT to perform a Speed Study on that stretch of highway. (A Speed Study is a process whereby TxDOT would determine if the current speed limit was appropriate, and if not would recommend a change). I was told it would be done within the next few months, and I followed up several times, then there was personnel changeover at TxDOT. I recently was told it hadn't been done.

If you agree, I recommend we make a very formal, very official request of TxDOT so they won't ignore it again. The resolution prepared requests the Speed Study to be performed by the end of 2025.

EXHIBITS:

Resolution

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution as presented