



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: January 15, 2025

Department: Public Works

Title:

Sunset Hills Dr Speed Zone Board Order

Management Update/Work Session Date: December 12, 2024

Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 5 min

Contact: Jill Ogden

Phone: 3152

Requested Action:

Approve a Board Order to establish a signed 30 mph speed limit on Sunset Hills Drive SE.

Issue, Description & Background:

A local property owner approached the Board of Commissioners office requesting a 25 mph speed limit on Sunset Hills Drive, south of Turner. Marion County has been delegated authority to establish speed zones on county roads with less than 400 vehicles/day. As this traffic volume is less than 400 vehicles/day, Marion County has been delegated authority. The speed study results in a recommendation for a 30 mph speed zone. For county roads with higher volumes, OAR 734-020-0013 requires agencies work with ODOT to review the first ten speed zones.

Financial Impacts:

Fabrication and installation of the sign will be done by the Public Works Sign Shop using the Road Fund.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies:

MCSO may receive speed complaints from residents after the sign is installed.

List of attachments:

Speed Order Board Order

Presenter:

Lani Radtke

Department Head Signature:

for Brandon Kersch

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of Setting a Speed Limit on _____)
Sunset Hills Drive SE in Marion County, Oregon)

Order No._____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on January 15, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of Commissioners is the county road authority pursuant to ORS 810.010; and

WHEREAS, ORS 810.180(5)(f) authorizes ODOT to delegate authority to counties to set speeds on low volume roads (under 400 average daily trips); and

WHEREAS, ODOT has delegated authority to Marion County to set speeds on low volume roads by letter dated November 8, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Sunset Hills Drive SE is a low volume county road; and

WHEREAS, Marion County Department of Public Works conducted a speed study of Sunset Hills Drive SE and recommends setting a new speed limit of 30 MPH, from Summit Loop Rd. SE (MP 0.00) to 200 feet west of Dar Lane SE (MP 0.93); now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a speed limit of 30 MPH is established on Sunset Hills Drive SE from Summit Loop Rd. SE (MP 0.00) to 200 feet west of Dar Lane SE (MP 0.93); and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Marion County Department of Public Works shall erect speed limit signs on Sunset Hills Drive SE in accordance with this Order.

DATED at Salem, Oregon on this 15th day of January 2025.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Department of Transportation

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November 8, 2024

Lani Radtke, PE County Engineer
Marion County
5155 Silverton Rd NE
Salem, OR 97305
Email: lradtke@co.marion.or.us

Dear Lani,

This acknowledges your email on November 8, 2024 requesting transfer of speed zoning jurisdiction, pursuant to [ORS 810.180\(5\)\(f\)](#). By this letter I am delegating authority to Marion County to establish speed zones on low volume roads (less than 400 ADT). This does not include public unpaved roads. Authority for public unpaved roads must be requested for each specific unpaved road.

It shall be understood that the road authority will conduct the investigation using the engineering principles of and follow the criteria adopted by ODOT when establishing speed zones on low volume roads as detailed in [OAR 734-020-0016](#) and in the [Speed Zone Manual](#). If there is joint roadway jurisdiction with another agency, there must be concurrence between all agencies before a speed zone can be established.

Please note that this authorization allows the County to both perform the investigation and then establish the resulting speed zone by preparing an order approved by your County Commission (or delegate). After the speed zone investigation has been complete and an order has been signed, please submit a signed version of the report and order to ODOT, at ODOTspeedzoning@odot.oregon.gov.

Please contact Laura Jo Prusakiewicz at laura.prusakiewicz@odot.oregon.gov or by phone at 503-949-1156 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Angela Kargel, PE
State Traffic Engineer

Copy to:

Jamie Schmidt, Region 2 Traffic Operations Engineer
Weldon Ryan, Region 2 Speed Zone Investigator