



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

April 21, 2026

Subject: Amending Tucson Code §§ 20-140 to 20-144 to Reduce Speed Limits on Various Roadways Within the City Limits (City Wide)

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Issue – Mayor and Council approval is requested to amend Tucson Code §§ 20-140 – 20-144 to reduce the speed limit on various roadways that require adjustment after traffic assessments were conducted.

City Manager's Office Recommendation – It is recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt the attached Ordinances, amending Tucson Code §§ 20-140 – 20-144 to reduce speed limits on Aerospace Parkway, Anklam Road, Euclid Avenue, Grant Road, Houghton Road, Limberlost Drive, Old Spanish Trail, Pima Street, Roger Road, Romero Road and Valencia Road.

Background – Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 28-627 and 28-703 authorize local governments to establish speed limits on roadways within their jurisdiction. Tucson Code §§ 20-140 – 20-144 establish speed limits for roadways with posted speed limits other than 25 miles per hour (mph). After traffic studies were conducted certain roadways require speed limit reductions to optimize roadway operations and public safety. Accordingly, amendments to the City Code will ensure alignment with current transportation needs.

Present Consideration(s) – The Department of Transportation and Mobility staff conducted assessments of existing posted speed limits for a variety of roads. Based on several factors, including speed limit studies, surrounding land uses and roadway conditions, it was determined that several roadways require speed limit adjustments. A map of these roads is provided as Attachment A, and includes:

- Aerospace Parkway from west City Limits to Alvernon Way; administrative adjustment to add current posted speed limit of 50 miles per hour (mph).
- Anklam Road from St. Mary's Road to Silverbell Road; reduce posted speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph.
- Euclid Avenue from Grant Road to Speedway Boulevard; reduce posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.
- Grant Road from Park Avenue to Swan Road; reduce posted speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph.
- Houghton Road from Escalante Road to Irvington Road; reduce posted speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph.
- Houghton Road from Valencia Road to Mary Ann Cleveland Way; reduce posted speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph.
- Limberlost Drive from Oracle Road to First Avenue; reduce posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.

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- Old Spanish Trail from Broadway Boulevard to 300 feet south of 22nd Street; reduce posted speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph.
- Old Spanish Trail from 300 feet south of 22nd Street to Houghton Road; new limits of corridor will remain at 40 mph.
- Pima Street from Swan Road to Wilmot Road; reduce posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.
- Roger Road from Romero Road to First Avenue; reduce posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.
- Romero Road from Roger Road to Prince Road; reduce posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.
- Valencia Road from Interstate 19 to Country Club Road; reduce posted speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph.
- Valencia Road from Country Club Road to Alvernon Way; reduce posted speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph.

To make the speed limit adjustments, Chapter 20, Article IV, Sections 140, 141, 142, 143 and 144 must be amended (see Attachment A to each Ordinance).

Plan Tucson Consideration(s) – *Plan Tucson* goals and policies that support these efforts include:

Goal 4: Improve Health, Wellness, and Safety Across the Community

T8: Improve road conditions and implement design features to reduce traffic crashes and enhance public safety.

Goal 13: Expand and Improve Access to High-Quality Transportation Choices, Enhance Safety, and Improve the Condition of City Streets and Other Infrastructure

T4: Develop safe, convenient, accessible, and connected transportation networks for walking, biking, and rolling that are in alignment with the Complete Streets Policy.

T5: Support policies and initiatives to develop a coordinated, multi-modal transportation system that improves the efficiency, safety, and reliability of transporting people and goods in and outside of the region.

Financial Considerations – New speed limit signs will be fabricated and installed by current Job Order Contract resources. This cost can be absorbed by the Department’s Operating budget.

Operating Cost and Maintenance Input – Signs will be maintained within current operating budget resources.

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Legal Considerations – The City Attorney's Office has prepared the five attached Ordinances amending Tucson Code §§ 20-140 – 20-144, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment(s): A - Map of Proposed Speed Limit Adjustments
Redline Ordinance 30 mph
Redline Ordinance 35mph
Redline Ordinance 40 mph
Redline Ordinance 45 mph
Redline Ordinance 50 mph
Ordinances