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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission
From: Lieutenant Michael Smith, Operations Commander
VIA: James Slaton, City Manager
Chris Velasquez, Chief of Police
Date: August 10, 2021
Subject: Modification of the Official Traffic Map
Synopsis: Staff recommends a modification to the Official Traffic Map designating a 25 Mph speed limit and the installation of updated signage on the below listed city streets.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Approve the speed limit reduction from 30 Mph to 25 Mph on the following streets to match that of Washington Ave. and other streets in this neighborhood.
- Modify the Official Traffic Map to reflect the changes and install the appropriate signage.

1. Seaboard Ave.
2. Dorsett Ave.
3. A Street
4. B Street
5. C Street
6. D Street
7. E Street
8. F Street
9. G Street.
10. Alabama Street

11. Lincoln Ave.

BACKGROUND

There current posted speed limit on Washington Ave. and other surrounding streets is 25 Mph. The above listed roadways are within the same residential neighborhood; however, the posted speed limit on these roadways is 30 Mph. Staff recommends the City Commission reduce the speed limit on the listed roadways to 25 Mph. The volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on these roadways increases significantly in the mornings and afternoons, especially during the school year. This increase causes a traffic safety concern as children are walking to and from Janie Howard Wilson Elementary School, Spook Hill Elementary School and Roosevelt Academy.

The location outlined in this recommendation is within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake Wales. Section 316.006 (2) (a) Florida Statutes, provides that “Chartered municipalities shall have original jurisdiction over all streets and highways located within their boundaries, except state roads. The City Commission is empowered by Charter to make changes as necessary to the Official Traffic Map of the City.

OTHER OPTIONS

The Commission may choose not to make the requested changes to the Official Traffic Map

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Impact will consist of signage costs and installation by the Streets Department.

ATTACHMENTS

None