

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: North Main Street Speed Limit Ordinance

From: Mark McDonald, Transportation Director

Meeting Date: Monday September 21, 2015

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date: NA

Advertised By: NA

Attachments: Exhibit A: Northward Extension of 35 MPH Speed Zone Map

Exhibit B: Certificates of Municipal Declaration for Concurrence

PURPOSE:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has requested concurring action for the extension of the 35 mph speed zone northward on North Main Street (SR 1009) for approximately 0.9 mile, to a point approximately 0.2 mile north of Old Winston Road/Belle Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

The existing 35 mph speed zone on N. Main Street terminates at a point approximately 0.3 mile north of Oxford Place, in the vicinity of Hobby Lobby. From this point northward towards I-74, the speed limit is 45 mph.

NCDOT conducted an evaluation to lower the 45 mph zone to 35 mph, based on traffic congestion, driveway density, and crash history along the N. Main corridor. This segment of N. Main Street is populated by a number of large retail establishments, including Walmart, Lowes, Hobby Lobby, and Food Lion. In addition there are several gas stations, fast food restaurants, and other businesses with primary access to N. Main.

Traffic volumes on N. Main in this area are estimated at 22,000 vehicles per day. There are approximately 40 driveway cuts, four public street intersections, and three traffic signals along this segment, which measures less than one mile in length. Over the five-year period from June 2010 through May 2015, 219 crashes were reported.

NCDOT has submitted Certificates of Municipal Declaration for concurrence with the speed limit change for City Council consideration.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None. The cost to add or change out signs can be absorbed as part of normal operations.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Department of Transportation has reviewed the evaluation by NCDOT and recommends City Council approval of the Certifications of Municipal Declaration to repeal the existing 45 mph speed limit and enact the proposed 35 mph speed limit. Article P of the City's traffic schedule will be amended to reflect these changes.

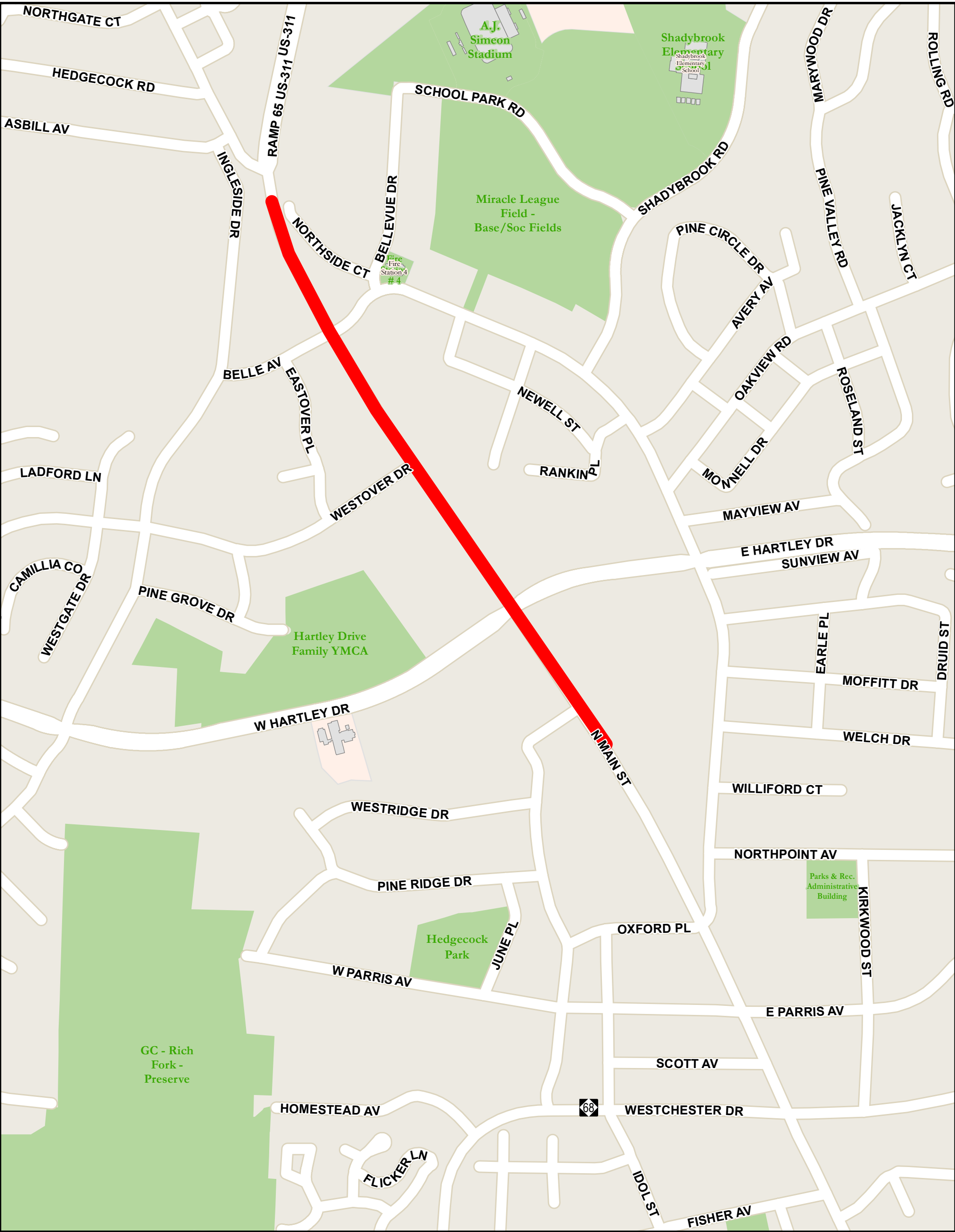


EXHIBIT A: NORTHWARD EXTENSION OF 35 MPH SPEED ZONE

**Certification of Municipal Declaration
To Enact Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence**

Concurring State Ordinance Number: 1069666

Division: 7 County: GUILFORD

Municipality: HIGH POINT

Type: Municipal Speed Zones

Road: SR 1009

Car: 45 MPH

Truck: 45 MPH

Description: Between a point 0.189 mile north of Old Winston Road/Belle Avenue and a point 0.096 mile north of SR 1980 (Old Plank Road) in High Point.

Municipal Certification

I, _____, Clerk of _____, do hereby certify that the municipal governing body, pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-141(f), determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and duly declared, on the _____ day of _____, 20_____, the speed limits as set forth above on the designated portion of the State Highway System, which shall become effective when the Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

The said municipal declaration is recorded as follows:

Minute Book: _____ Page: _____ Ordinance/Resolution Number: _____

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and the municipal seal this _____ day
of _____, 20_____.

(signature)

(municipal seal)

Department of Transportation Approval

Division: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Region: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

**Certification of Municipal Declaration
To Repeal Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence**

Concurring State Ordinance Number: 1062524

Division: 7 County: GUILFORD

Municipality: HIGH POINT

Type: Municipal Speed Zones

Road: SR 1993

Car: 45 MPH

Truck: 45 MPH

Description: From a point 0.30 mile north of Oxford Place to a point 0.20 mile north of SR 1003 (North Main Street) in High Point.

Municipal Certification

I, _____, Clerk of _____, do hereby certify that the municipal governing body, pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-141(f), determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and duly declared, on the _____ day of _____, 20____, the repeal of speed limits as set forth above on the designated portion of the State Highway System, which shall become effective when the Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

The said municipal declaration is recorded as follows:

Minute Book: _____ Page: _____ Ordinance/Resolution Number: _____

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and the municipal seal this _____ day
of _____, 20_____.

(signature)

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Department of Transportation Approval

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