

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title:** Speed Limit Concurrences on Various State Maintained Roads Within High Point City Limits

**From:** Mark McDonald, Transportation Director

**Meeting Date:** November 16, 2020

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Advertising Date:**

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**Attachments:** Location Map

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### **PURPOSE:**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting concurrence from the City of High Point regarding speed limit ordinance updates for various routes throughout the city. This will ensure that the posted speed limit matches the most current ordinance for both the City and the NCDOT.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This is part of an ongoing NCDOT review of speed limits on state-maintained roads. There are a total of 25 concurrence actions, most of which are combinations of correlating repeals and enactments. With one exception described below, all are administrative and do not change the existing speed limits. Several are associated with changes to the routing of US 70, which is shifting off the US 29 corridor and is being placed on W. Wendover Avenue through Greensboro and into High Point and will then overlap with NC 68 (portions of Eastchester Drive, Westchester Drive, and English Road) to Thomasville.

Other actions clarify the boundary descriptions for existing speed limits on several state roads in High Point (University Parkway, E. Hartley Drive, Fairfield Road, W. Market Center Drive, and Piedmont Parkway), and one eliminates an unnecessary ordinance for a short part of Hickwood Road that is covered by a statutory restriction within the city limits.

There is only one change to an existing speed limit. This occurs on a segment of Skeet Club Road that NCDOT posted at 40 miles per hour many years ago, when Skeet Club was still a two-lane road. The current widening project, which is nearing completion, expands the roadway to four lanes with a median and has a design speed of 50 miles per hour. Typically, speed limits are posted at 5 mph below the design speed, and NCDOT proposes updating the speed limit on Skeet Club Road to 45 mph to be in conformance with this standard practice.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The proposed NCDOT ordinance updates will not impact the City's budget and no further action is required by the City for implementation. Any additional signing will be provided and installed by NCDOT. Future sign repairs and replacements by City forces will be eligible for reimbursement by NCDOT under Schedule A of a Municipal Traffic Maintenance Agreement, as they are now.

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:** The Transportation Department recommends City Council approval of all the concurring actions requested by NCDOT.

# NCDOT SPEED LIMIT CONCURRENCES

LEGEND

New US 70 routing

Updated boundary descriptions

Deletion due to statutory restrictions

Speed limit change, 40 to 45 MPH

