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To Tracy Cui..Planner

Thanks to the Planning Commission for taking the time to consider residents' requests for your involvement in making recommendation for the speed limits along Mud Bay Road, even if only for discussion purposes. A meeting that invites/includes the police chief, a State DOT representative, and Chair of the Public Safety Commission is an excellent follow-up suggestion.

I support updating the speed limit signs to 25 mph for the entire section of Mud Bay Road from the Quick Stop (and 3rd Ave. from Mountain Market) evolving into Mud Bay Rd. throughout the entire section to Carr's Cove intersection with Small Tracts.

Speed limits for what is now a significantly populated area of Mud Bay Rd. were set up years ago when fewer residences existed along this road and prior to extending Townsite Service Area. Now residents are stuck in a zone of buck passing (not my responsibility) whenever road safety and/or maintenance issues arise in this area.

While Mud Bay (and 3rd Ave. leading to Mud Bay) are posted 25 mph in the town center, there is a problematic 35 mph sign that leads into a dip going up the hill from 3rd Ave. on a section of Mud Bay Rd. up a hill to the upper intersection of Small Tracts and Mud Bay, effectively a blind dip for folks making a left turn from Mud Bay Rd. toward town center. Folks making a left turn at the stop sign coming out of Mud Bay going towards town at the upper intersection of Mud Bay and Small Tracts are faced with an extremely dangerous situation, as a result. Folks stop, look, see nothing, pull out into the road to turn left toward town, and are met with a speeding vehicle popping out of that blind dip on Mud Bay Rd. on the left, resulting in way too many near collisions at that location. That's a badly placed 35 mph sign that suggests folks speed up at the blind dip going up the hill on Mud Bay Rd. to the upper intersection of Small Tracts and Mud Bay. That 35 mph sign needs to be 25 mph so folks will not speed up heading into the upper Small Tracts/Mud Bay intersection. Folks exiting Mud Bay at that intersection and turning left towards town need to be able to do safely. Even with a stop sign there on Mud Bay, there is no visibility to the left behind that dip coming up Mud Bay into that intersection. It's wrong to have a sign there encouraging folks to speed up from 25 mph to 35 mph.

When coming from town, one starts at 25 mph, meets that badly located 35 mph sign, and then turning right down Mud Bay, the posted limit shifts again to 30 mph. Consistent posted 25 mph speed limits along the entire section of Mud Bay Road (from both the Quick Stop and from Mountain Market) out to the Carr's Cove intersection of Small Tracts and Mud Bay would recognize this is a residential use area, now entirely within the Townsite Service Area, that is frequented by families, kids, seniors, teens, dog-walkers, bicyclists, youth cross-country trainers, parents with baby strollers, and wandering tourists.

The speed limits along Deishu and the lower side of Mud Bay Rd. are already 25 mph. The 35 mph speed limit sign approaching the Mud Bay/Small Tracts intersection could easily be removed and/or replaced with a 25 mph limit. It is quite dangerous for folks to begin speeding up at that point entering the blind dip affecting all people exiting Mud Bay Road at the upper Mud Bay/Small Tracts intersection. It would make sense to consider a 25 mph consistent speed limit from town center on both Mud Bay Rd. from the Quick Shop and 3rd Ave. from Mt. Market (that becomes Mud Rd.) out to Carr's Cove where Mud Bay/Small Tracts come together.

A consistent 25 mph speed limit for this high-use residential and pedestrian area would improve safety and make this neighborhood more healthy and attractive to residents, tourists, and potential home-buyers. Consistency would be easier for folks to follow and easier for officers to enforce. 25 to 35 to 30 is problematic. Too much speeding up starts at the 35 mph sign and never stops. Folks speed up Cemetery Hill and down Cemetery Hill. Folks speed out in the flats by the beaches to and from Carr's Cove.

Thank you for considering our input.

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