

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Streets and Maintenance

**AGENDA DATE:** Introduction: May 30, 2017  
Public Hearing: June 13, 2017

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Ted Marquez, Director, Streets and Maintenance (915) 212-0151

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 1, 2 & 8

**STRATEGIC GOALS:** No. 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

**SUBJECT:**

Amend Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.1580 (Schedule XIV – Speed Limits), to amend by deleting Subsection (F), Subparagraph (35), Murchison Drive from Medical Center Street to Magnolia Street. The penalty being provided in Chapter 1.08 (General Penalty) of the El Paso City Code.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Streets and Maintenance received a request from the El Paso Police Department (EPPD) and residents in this area to re-evaluate the speed limit on Murchison Drive from Medical Center Street to Magnolia Street. Based on traffic engineering analysis, the department recommends changing this speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph in order to keep the speed limit consistent throughout the entire street.

**SELECTION SUMMARY:**

N/A

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

*December 19, 1974* - Ordinance approved to amend the speed limit to A.) 35 MPH on Murchison Drive from Detroit Avenue to Magnolia Street and B). 40 MPH on Murchison Drive from Georgia Place to Detroit Avenue.

*December 2, 1976* - Ordinance approved to amend B.) 40 MPH (above), to read on Murchison Drive from Medical Center Street to Detroit Avenue.

*July 12, 1988* - Ordinance approved to extend a 35 MPH zone on Murchison Drive form Medical Center Street to Magnolia Street.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Account No: N/A  
Funding Source: N/A  
Amount: N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

  
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Ted Marquez, P.E., Director, Streets and Maintenance

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES), SECTION 12.88.150 (SCHEDULE XIV-SPEED LIMITS) TO AMEND BY DELETING SUBSECTION (F), SUBPARAGRAPH (35). THE PENALTY BEING PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**Section 1.** That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV- Speed Limits), Paragraph F (Thirty-five Miles Per Hour), subparagraph (35) which reads “Murchison Drive from Medical Center Street to Magnolia Street”, be deleted in its entirety.

**Section 2.** Except as herein amended, Title 12 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.


**CITY OF EL PASO**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor


**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Omar A. De La Rosa  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Ted Marquez, Director  
Streets & Maintenance Department



## Streets and Maintenance Department

### Ordinance Amending Title 12.88.150

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*Amend ordinance to reduce speed limit on Murchison Drive from  
Medical Center Street to Magnolia Street*

District(s): 1, 2 & 8

City Council  
June 13, 2016

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## **Strategic Plan Goal 2016:**

### **Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network**

- 7.3 Enhance regional comprehensive transportation system

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### History

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### Purpose of Amendment

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Based on traffic engineering analysis, the department recommends changing this speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph in order to keep the speed limit consistent throughout the entire street and to reduce speeds.

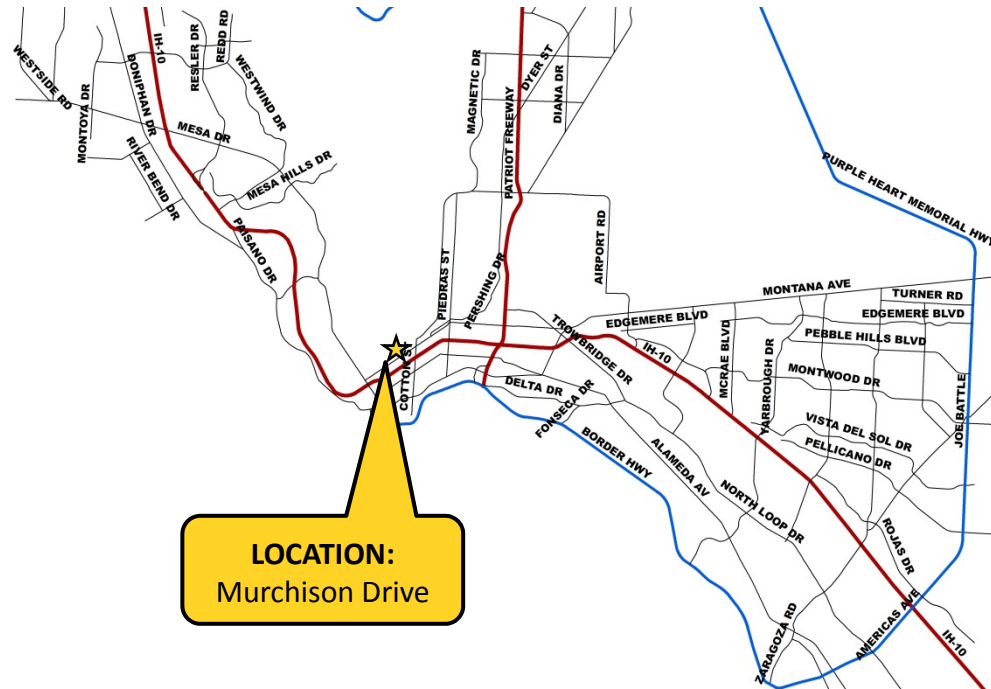
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### Location Map

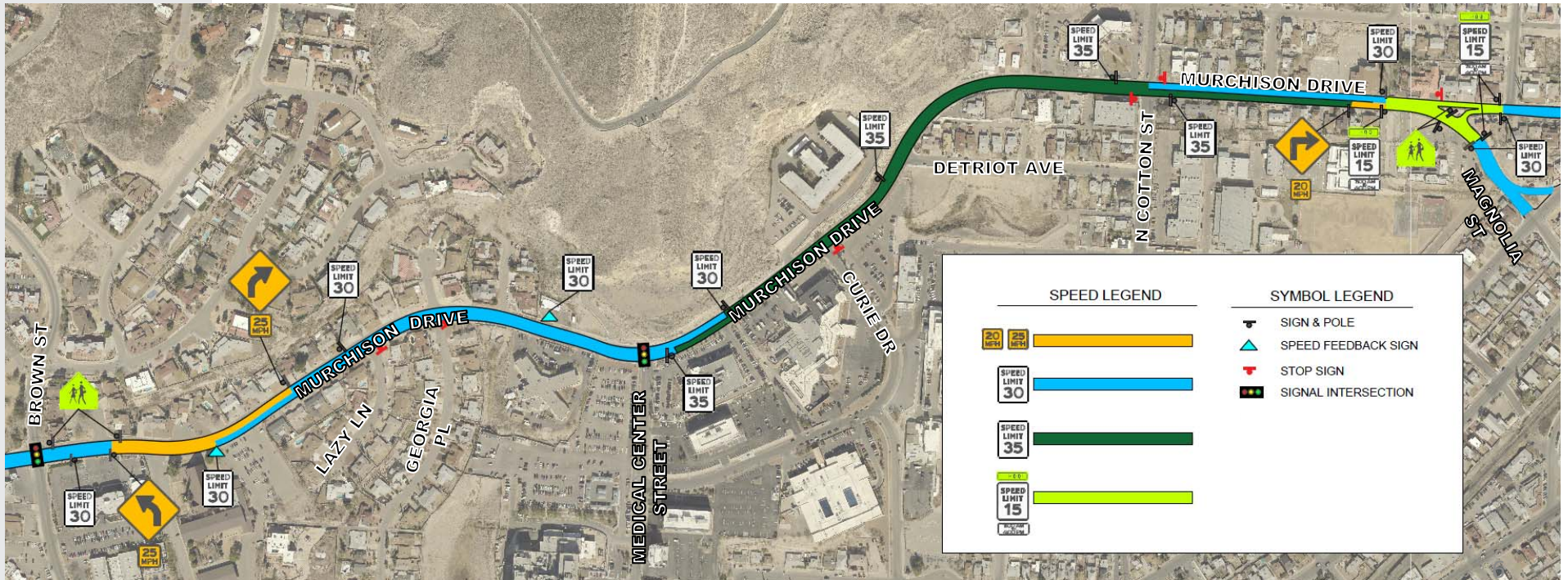




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## Map: Existing Conditions





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### Investigation Results

The investigation results showed the following:

- Speed limit inconsistency
- Multiple school zone signage
- Horizontal and vertical alignment
- Curve warning advisory speed limit signs
- Multi-way stops
- Mixed land use

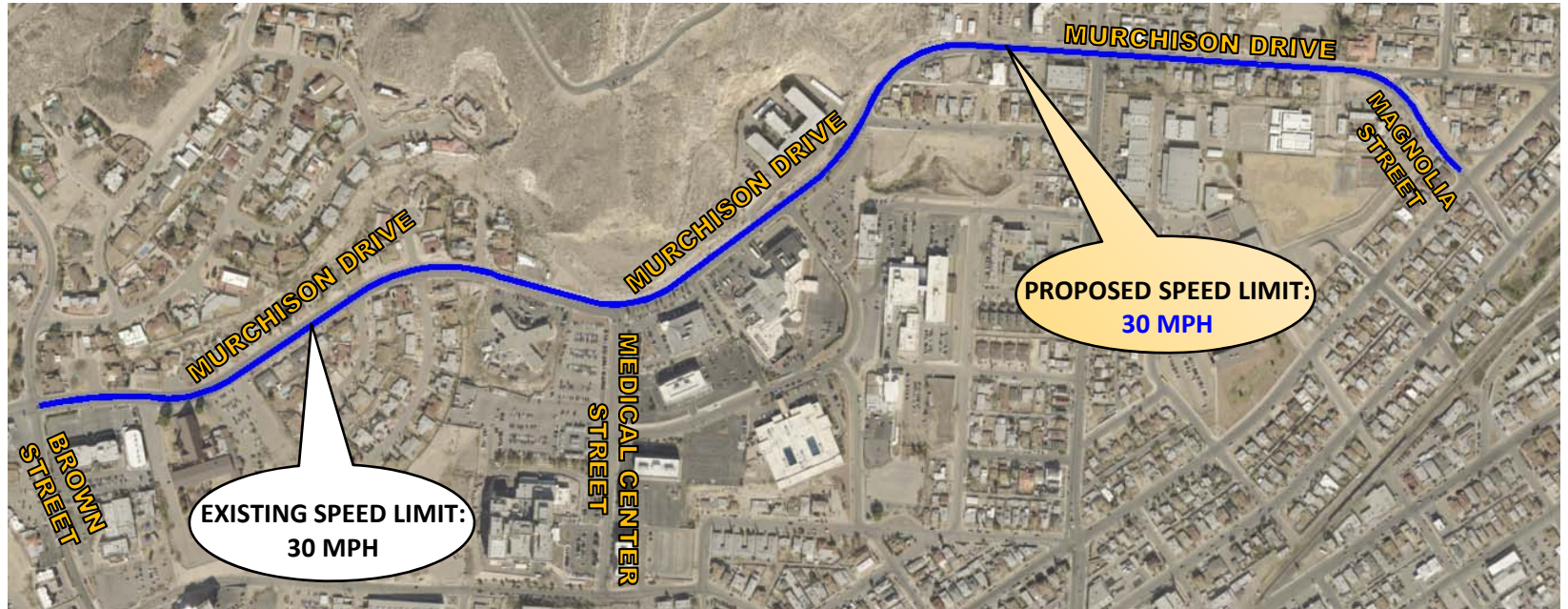
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## Map: Proposed Speed Limit



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### Requested Council Action

Via Ordinance, amend Title 12, Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV – Speed limits), to amend by deleting Subsection (F), Subparagraph (35). The penalty being provided in Chapter 1.08 (General Penalty) of the El Paso City Code.

➤ **Delete Subsection F (35 MPH):**

Subparagraph

35. Murchison Drive form Medical Center Street to Magnolia Street.

**Any speed limit above 30 mph is required by Municipal Code to be in Title 12**

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### Staff Recommends Approval

Based in the existing conditions, staff agrees with the speed limit reduction.

**Staff recommends approval to decrease the speed limit from 35 MPH to 30 MPH on Murchison Drive from Medical Center Street to Magnolia Street.**



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# Questions & Comments

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