

**CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH**  
**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**(TSAC)**

Wednesday, May 07, 2025 at 3:00 PM  
Public Safety Training Room, Police Station, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch

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## **AGENDA**

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### **OPEN MEETING**

1. Roll Call - Declaration of a Quorum
2. Pledge of Allegiance

### **CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM**

*To address the Committee, please sign the Attendance Roster located on the table at the entrance in the foyer of the Public Safety Training Room. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the TSAC may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Speakers shall limit their comments to five (5) minutes each.*

3. Citizens to be heard

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*All of the following items are considered to be routine by the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee, there will be no separate discussion on these items and will be enacted with one motion. Items may be removed by any Committee Member by making such request prior to a motion and vote*

4. Approval of the February 26, 2025 Regular Transportation Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Christina Picioccio, TRMC, City Secretary

### **CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5. Consideration and possible action on a request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn Road west to 30 mph  
Geri Pieper, Resident
6. Consideration and possible action on placing two caution "Intersection Ahead" signs on Keeneland Drive before the Battle Intense and Venturer intersection  
Rich Nichols, Resident
7. Consideration and possible action to not replace the raised crosswalk on Battle Intense  
Lew Spurlock, Resident

- [8.](#) Consideration and possible action reducing the speed limit on Rolling Acres Trail from 35 mph to 30 mph

Doug Miller, Resident

- [9.](#) Consideration and possible action on reducing the speed limit on FM 3351 (Ralph Fair Road) from 55 mph to 45 mph within the city limits of Fair Oaks Ranch

Doug Miller, Resident

- [10.](#) Consideration and possible action to replace the Battle Intense raised crosswalk and to lower speed limit to 25 mph on Battle Intense from Fairway Valley and Keeneland Drive

Shirley Wold, Resident

## REPORTS

- [11.](#) Create a second fire lane on Terra Vista and other suggested items

Randy Hurwitz, Resident

- [12.](#) Status of ongoing transportation safety tasks

Carole Vanzant, CPM, Assistant City Manager

## ADJOURNMENT

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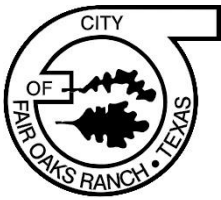
**Signature of Agenda Approval:** s/ Carole Vanzant

Carole Vanzant, Assistant City Manager

I, Christina Picioccio, TRMC, City Secretary, certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the outside bulletin board at the Fair Oaks Ranch City Hall, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, and on the City's website [www.fairoaksranchtx.org](http://www.fairoaksranchtx.org), both places being convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.

As per Texas Government Code 551.045, said Notice was posted by 6:30 PM, May 4, 2025 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours before said meeting was convened. A quorum of various boards, committees, and commissions may attend the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee meeting.

<p>The Fair Oaks Ranch Police Station is wheelchair accessible at the front main entrance of the building from the parking lot. Requests for special services must be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting time by calling the City Secretary's office at (210) 698-0900. Braille is not available.</p>
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**CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(TSAC)**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 3:00 PM  
Public Safety Training Room, Police Station, 7286 Dietz Elkhorn, Fair Oaks Ranch

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## **MINUTES**

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### **OPEN MEETING**

#### **1. Roll Call - Declaration of a Quorum**

Present: Chairperson Al Schmidt, Vice Chairperson Chris Doepke

Committee Members: Denise Fortenberry, John Wall, and Josh Cooke

Absent: Shawn Balusek

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### **CITIZENS and GUEST FORUM**

#### **3. Citizens to be heard**

Resident Gary Miller signed up to be heard but reserved speaking until Item #6.

Resident Shirley Wold spoke regarding the various speed limits set on Battle Intense: 20 mph going downhill, 30 mph going uphill then changing to 20 mph halfway up the hill. She suggested 25 mph as a good compromise for safety's sake.

Resident Eric Beilstein signed up to be heard but reserved speaking until Item #9.

Resident Jackson Temple signed up to be heard but reserved speaking until Item #6.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. Approval of the February 5, 2025 Regular Transportation Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes**

MOTION: Made by Chris Doepke, seconded by Denise Fortenberry, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: 5 - 0, Motion Passed

### **CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **5. Consideration and possible action on a request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn (west) to 30 mph**

MOTION: Made by Chris Doepke, seconded by Denise Fortenberry, to recommend City Council direct the staff to move the radar feedback signs from Noble Lark and Kalkallo Drives to the portion of Dietz Elkhorn Road between Old San Antonio Road and Square Gate and that public works collect traffic volume and speed data until 30 April 2025 and present it to us (the TSAC) at our meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2025.

**AGENDA**

February 26, 2025

VOTE: 5 - 0, Motion Passed

**6. Consideration and possible action on adding a stop sign at the intersection of Battle Intense and High Eschelon**

MOTION: Made by Chris Doepke, seconded by John Wall to direct the staff to install a fourth stop sign and appropriate all way stop plaques at the off-intersection of Battle Intense, High Eschelon, and Hansel Drive.

VOTE: 5 - 0, Motion Passed

**7. Consideration and possible action on adding a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Keeneland Drive, Venturer, and Battle Intense**

MOTION: Made by Chairperson Al Schmidt, seconded by Denise Fortenbery to recommend that the City Council consider adding caution signs on Keeneland indicating an intersection ahead.

VOTE: 3 - 2, Motion Passed

Nay votes: Chris Doepke, and John Wall

**8. Consideration and possible action on reducing the speed limit to 25 or 20 mph, adding speed bumps at the blind curve, and creating a three-way stop at the intersection of No Le Hace and Sumpter**

MOTION: Made by John Wall, seconded by Chairperson Al Schmidt to recommend lowering the speed limit on No Le Hace (between Dietz Elkhorn and the Parkway) to 25 mph due to the curves on the roads and adding a stop sign instead of a yield sign on Sumpter.

MOTION: Made by Josh Cooke, seconded by Chris Doepke to divide the question

VOTE: On Speed Limit: 4 - 1, Motion Passed

Nay vote by Chris Doepke

VOTE: On Stop Sign Replacing Yield Sign: 2 - 3, Motion Failed

Nay votes: Chris Doepke, Denise Fortenbery, and Josh Cooke

**9. Consideration and possible action on closing Noble Lark at Dietz Elkhorn, creating a right turn from Noble Lark onto Dietz Elkhorn, designate walking lanes, or perform a street expansion**

MOTION: Made by Chris Doepke, seconded by Denise Fortenbery to recommend Council direct the staff to install a no left turn sign with appropriate hours and days plaque at the north bound intersection of Noble Lark Drive and Dietz Elkhorn Road and to install a no right turn with appropriate hours and days plaque at the east bound intersection of Dietz Elkhorn and Noble Lark Drive.

VOTE: 2 - 3, Motion Failed

Nay votes: Al Schmidt, John Wall, and Josh Cooke

AGENDA

February 26, 2025

10. **Consideration and possible action on implementing a no left turn onto Kalkallo from Fair Oaks Parkway from 7-9 AM Monday through Friday and no right-hand turn onto Noble Lark from Dietz Elkhorn from 2 – 4 PM Monday through Friday**

No motion made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM.

ATTEST:

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Al Schmidt, Chairperson

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Christina Picioccio, TRMC,  
City Secretary




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**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CONSIDERATION ITEM  
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

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AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on a request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn Road west to 30 mph

DATE: May 7, 2025

REQUESTER: Geri Pieper, Resident

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Request received: January 2025 – previous meeting documents found in Exhibit A

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**ORIGINAL REQUEST**

**Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns**

This request is for lowering the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn west to 30 mph, between Fair Oaks Parkway and Old Fredericksburg Road, making this portion consistent with the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn east.

With the reduction in the speed limit, our hope is to keep drivers traveling at a safer speed to protect themselves as well as the wildlife in this area. It would also assist those of us on this stretch of road when exiting our property during peak hours

**Desired Outcome/Resolution**

Lower the speed limit to reduce speeds.

**STAFF REPORT**

1. The previous TSAC documents related to this request are attached as **Exhibit A**, in summary:
  - a. February 5 – TSAC recommended postponement of the request and asked the Police Chief to bring existing data concerning the number of citations and speed on Dietz Elkhorn Road west.
  - b. February 26 – Document was provided. TSAC requested collection of speed and traffic counts until April 30, 2025 utilizing radar feedback devices and present results at May 7 meeting.
2. At the time of the above request, Ms. Pieper submitted a second request for placement of radar feedback signs on the western end of Dietz Elkhorn Road. At the February 5 meeting, TSAC recommended placing the two budgeted radar feedback signs on Dietz Elkhorn Road west. On February 20 the City Council concurred with the recommendation. To determine the appropriate locations, the City conducted an in-house study March 11 – April 15. The details of the captured data as shown in **Exhibit B**; which includes average daily vehicle counts, average speeds, and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile at which 85% of drivers will operate at or below under free-flowing conditions. Traffic and Transportation

Engineers use the 85th percentile speed as a guide to set the speed limit at a safe speed, minimizing crashes and promoting uniform traffic flow along a roadway.

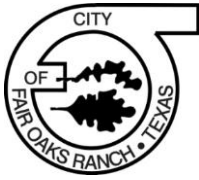
Below is a summary of the speed data:

- a. Total average speed per location:
  - i. Western end 33.2 mph                      Eastern end 35.3 mph
- b. 85th percentile of speed per location:
  - i. Western end 40.2 mph                      Eastern end 41.9 mph
- 3. The data results suggest no change in the speed limit and continuing to allow for golf carts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

I move to recommend..... based on .....

## EXHIBIT A



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**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CONSIDERATION ITEM  
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

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AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on a request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn(west) to 30 mph

DATE: February 26, 2025

REQUESTER Geri Pieper, Resident

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Request received: November 30, 2024

**REQUEST**

**Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns**

This request is for lowering the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn west to 30 mph, between Fair Oaks Parkway and Old Fredericksburg Road, making this portion consistent with the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn east.

With the reduction in the speed limit, our hope is to keep drivers traveling at a safer speed to protect themselves as well as the wildlife in this area. It would also assist those of us on this stretch of road when exiting our property during peak hours. s provided by submittal

**Desired Outcome/Resolution**

Lower the speed limit to reduce speeds.

**STAFF REPORT**

**Public Works Comments**

Dietz Elkhorn (west) was reduced to 35 mph to allow for golf carts. Note that once Dietz Elkhorn (east) is reconstructed with wider shoulders to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and space for golf carts to pull over and let vehicles pass, the City Council may consider raising the Dietz Elkhorn (east) speed limit to 35 mph to match Dietz Elkhorn (west). **The City Council has had no discussion on this option.**

**Public Safety Comments**

This road is one of the heaviest patrolled and speed enforced in the City. There have been no reported collisions because of excessive speed.



## EXHIBIT A

## COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

**February 5, 2025 – TSAC Meeting**

At the podium, Ms. Pieper stated consistency on Dietz Elkhorn Road would be appreciated. Members discussed:

1. State speed limit requirements for golf carts.
2. State recommends speed limits be set at the 85% percentile (speed study in FY2020/21, the 85% percentile was reported to be 37-38 mph).
3. Police confirmed no accidents reported due to excessive speed. Acceleration of the downhill driving was monitored to be roughly 41-42 mph.
4. The curve on Dietz Elkhorn before Van Raub Elementary School.
5. Having speed limit consistency on Dietz Elkhorn.
6. Requesting police staff to provide speed limit and vehicle number data at a future meeting.

*Recommend amending the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn from Old Fredericksburg Road and the Parkway to 30 mph. (No second)*

*Recommend to City Council the speed limit remain the same at 35 mph. (Failed; 2-3)*

*Recommend revising the speed limit from Old Fredericksburg Road and Van Raub Elementary School to 30 mph. (No second)*

***Recommend the Committee postpone the item and request the Police Chief to bring existing data concerning the number of citations and speed. (Passed; 4-1)***

**February 26, 2025**

On February 6, a follow up email (below) sent by Ms. Pieper was received by staff amending the location placement of the radar feedback devices. Chairperson Schmidt requested inclusion in this agenda.

The Committee's requested data from February 6 meeting is provided below.

***Recommend City Council direct staff to move the radar feedback signs from Noble Lark and Kalkallo Drives to the portion of Dietz Elkhorn Road between Old San Antonio Road and Square Gate and that public works collect traffic volume and speed data until 30 April 2025 and present results to TSAC on May 7, 2025.***

**EXHIBIT A**  
**FEBRUARY 6 EMAIL**

From: geri pieper

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 2:51 PM

Subject: Amendment to Tabled Agenda Topic Item 2 "Consideration and possible action on a request to reduce the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn (west) to 30mph"

With the above agenda item being tabled, I would like to provide clarification and additional information for the Committee's consideration when this item is brought up at the next meeting.

It appeared my initial request to reduce the speed on Dietz Elkhorn Road from Old Fredericksburg Road to Fair Oaks Parkway was too cumbersome or vague. Accordingly, I amend the request for lowering the speed limit on Dietz Elkhorn west to 30 mph, between the 4-way stop at Old Fredericksburg Road and the 4-way stop at Square Gate. This stretch of road is only 7/10th of one mile.

Currently, along this 7/10th of a mile, there are two yellow caution signs suggesting 30 mph for an upcoming curve. There are 18 points of ingress/egress. Additionally, new apartments are scheduled to begin construction this summer which will add one or two points of ingress/egress directly across the road from my next door neighbors' home. There is also the Spring Creek United Methodist Church where the City and HOAs hold meetings, the soccer field with lights for night use, the Vantage apartments, and the "back gate" to Front Gate.

Just past the 4-way stop at Square Gate/Dietz Elkhorn west is Van Raub Elementary School. And just past the 4-way stop at Old Fred Road/Dietz Elkhorn west is the newly built H-E-B which I'm sure a high percentage of Fair Oaks Ranch residents have visited by way of Dietz Elkhorn Road. This road is shared not only with daily (twice, thrice, etc.) passenger vehicles, but also with large commercial vehicles, golf carts, cyclists, runners and walkers, and Wildlife. I would like to see all these users live in harmony with each other and protect the does and their fawns which will be born beginning April, and all wildlife.

As a comparison and for your information, the default speed limit in San Antonio is 30mph. District 7 council member Marina Alderete Gavito released a council consideration request Jan. 29, 2025, to reduce the default speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph, especially in neighborhoods within a quarter-mile radius of schools, community centers, and parks.

We all know this is a highly trafficked area. It is common sense not to wait for an accident to happen. It is also common sense to be proactive, not reactive. I trust in this Committee's common sense in their understanding 30mph is not unreasonable. Slower traffic saves lives. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Kind regards, Geri Pieper

**EXHIBIT A****Traffic Stops****Aug. 1, 2024 – Feb. 6, 2025****8000-9200 Blk Dietz Elkhorn Rd**Speeding (In School Zone)

Total Stops: 19

Citations: 9

Warnings: 10

Speeding (Outside School Zone)

Total Stops: 121

Citations: 22

Warnings: 99

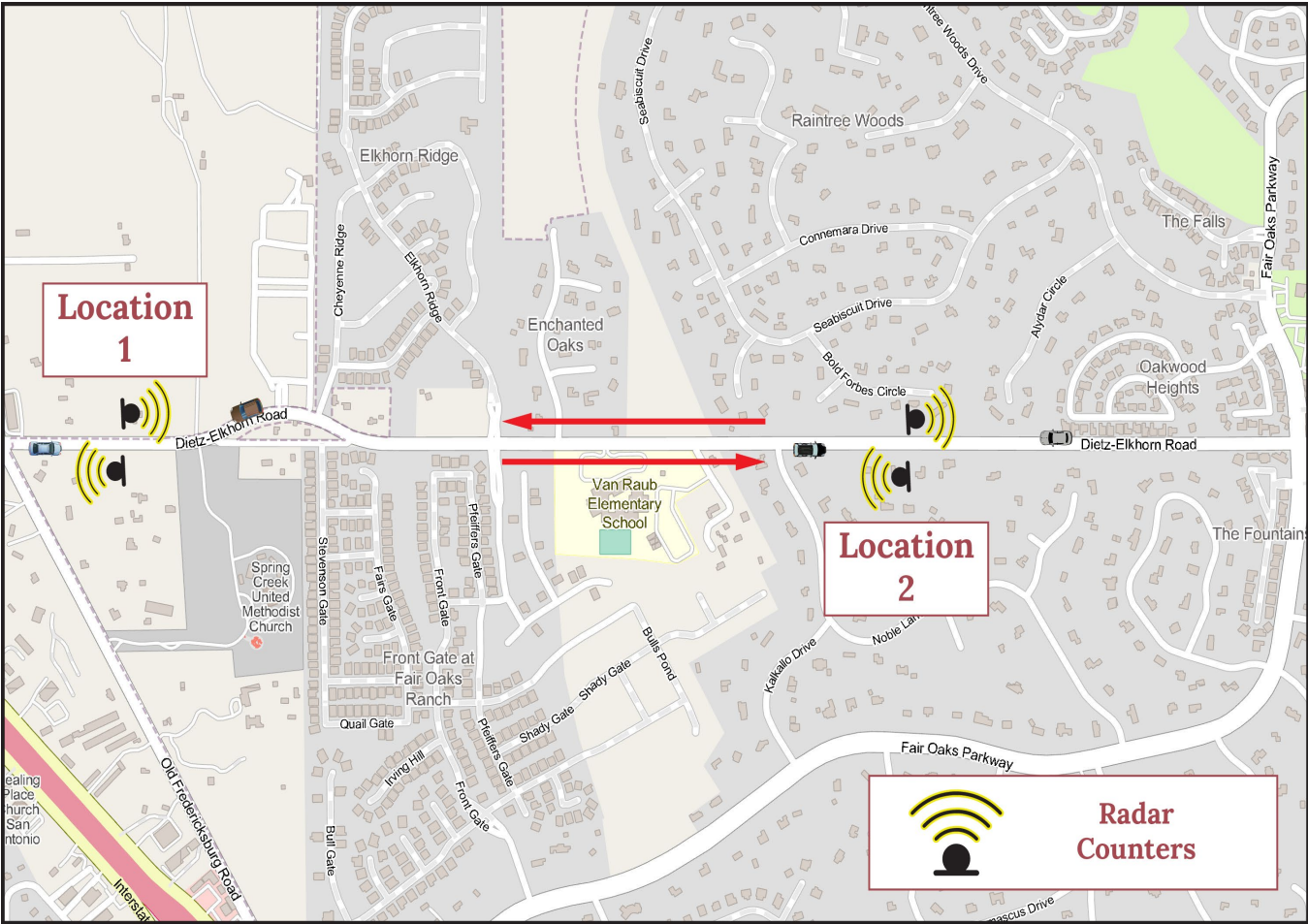
# RADAR COUNTER LOCATIONS

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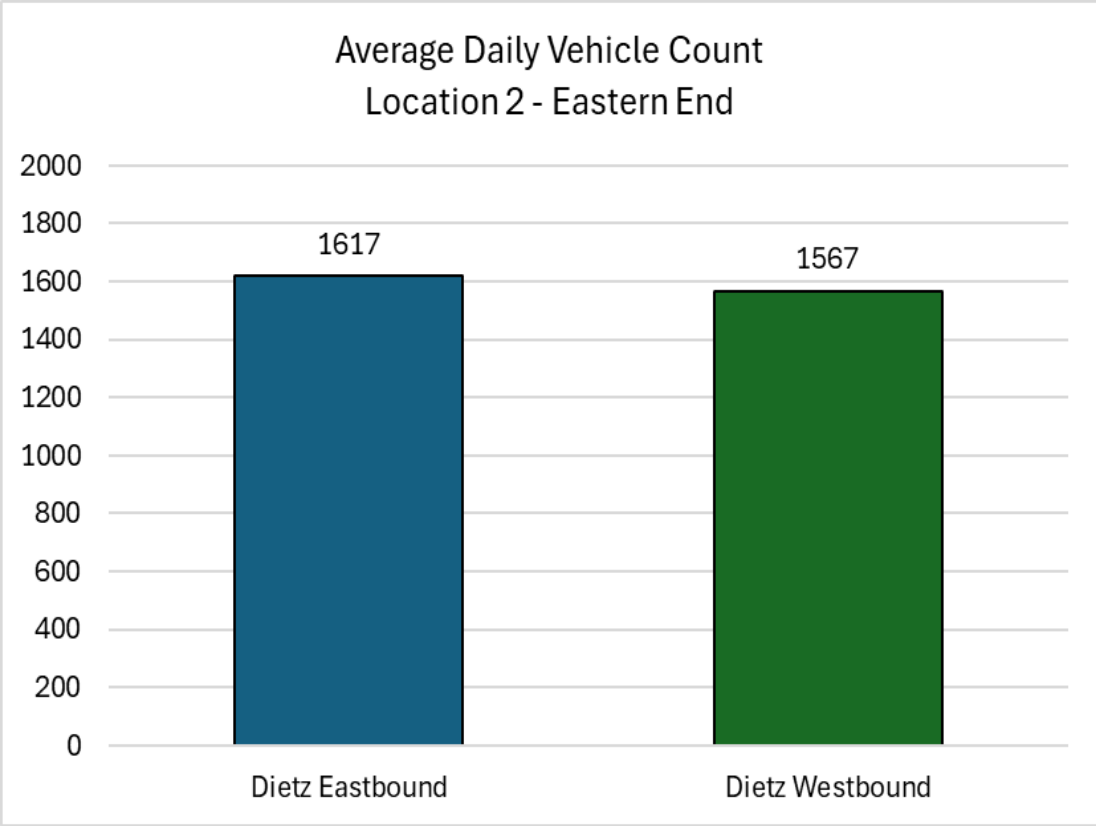
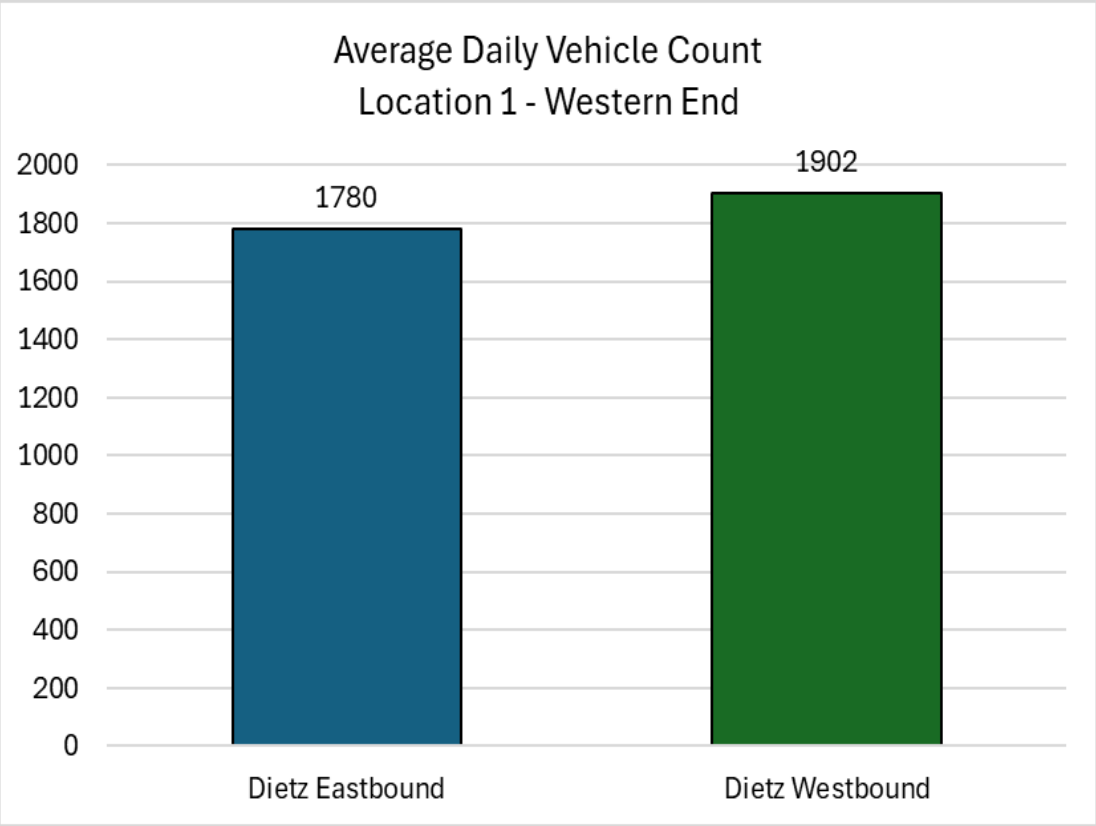


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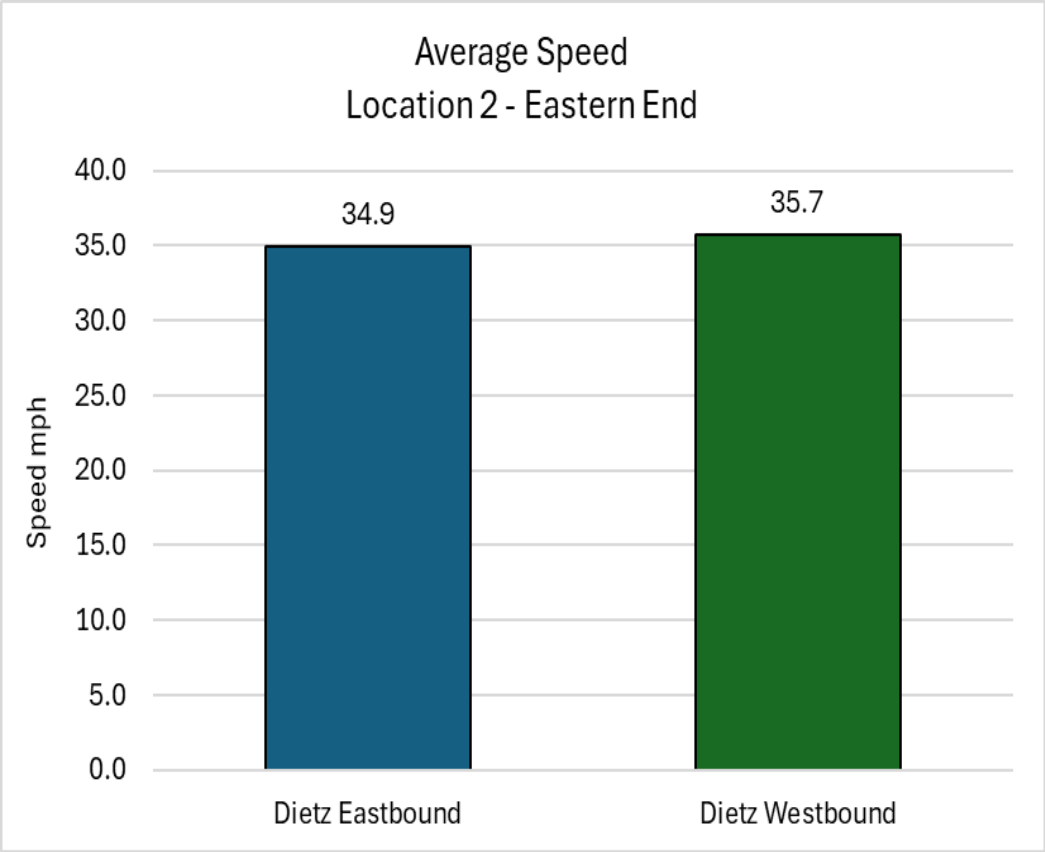
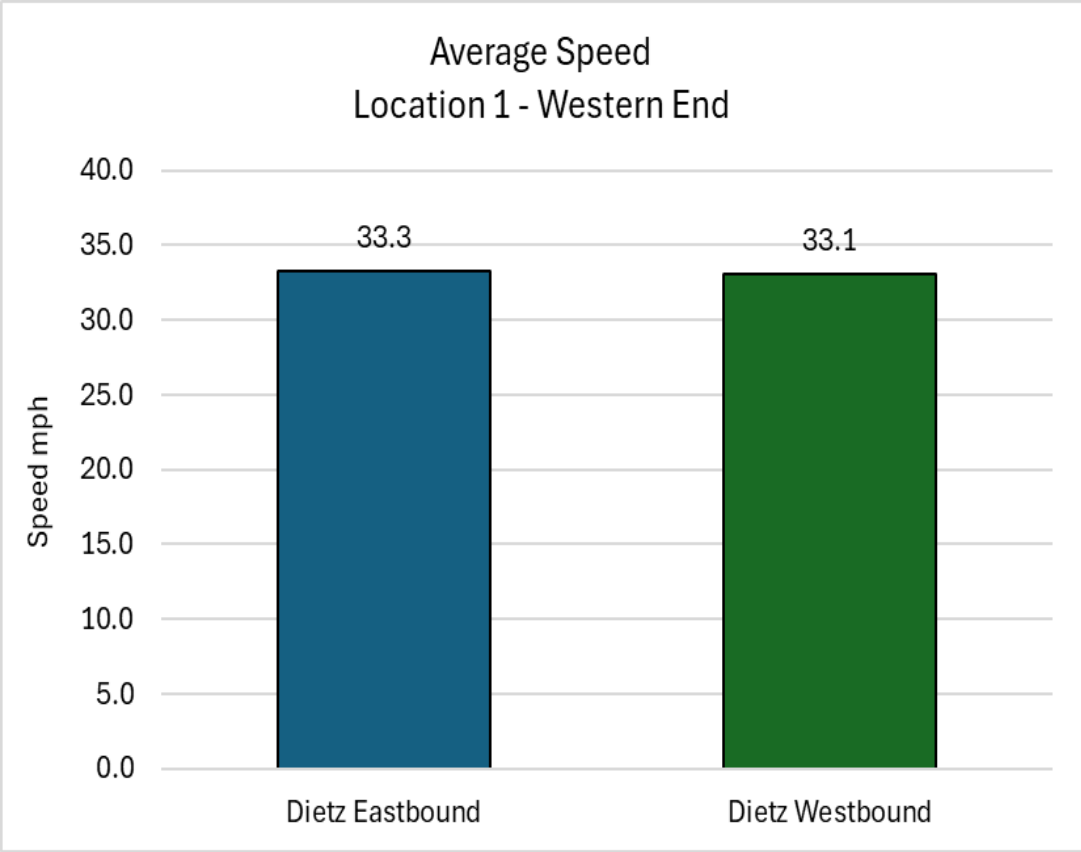
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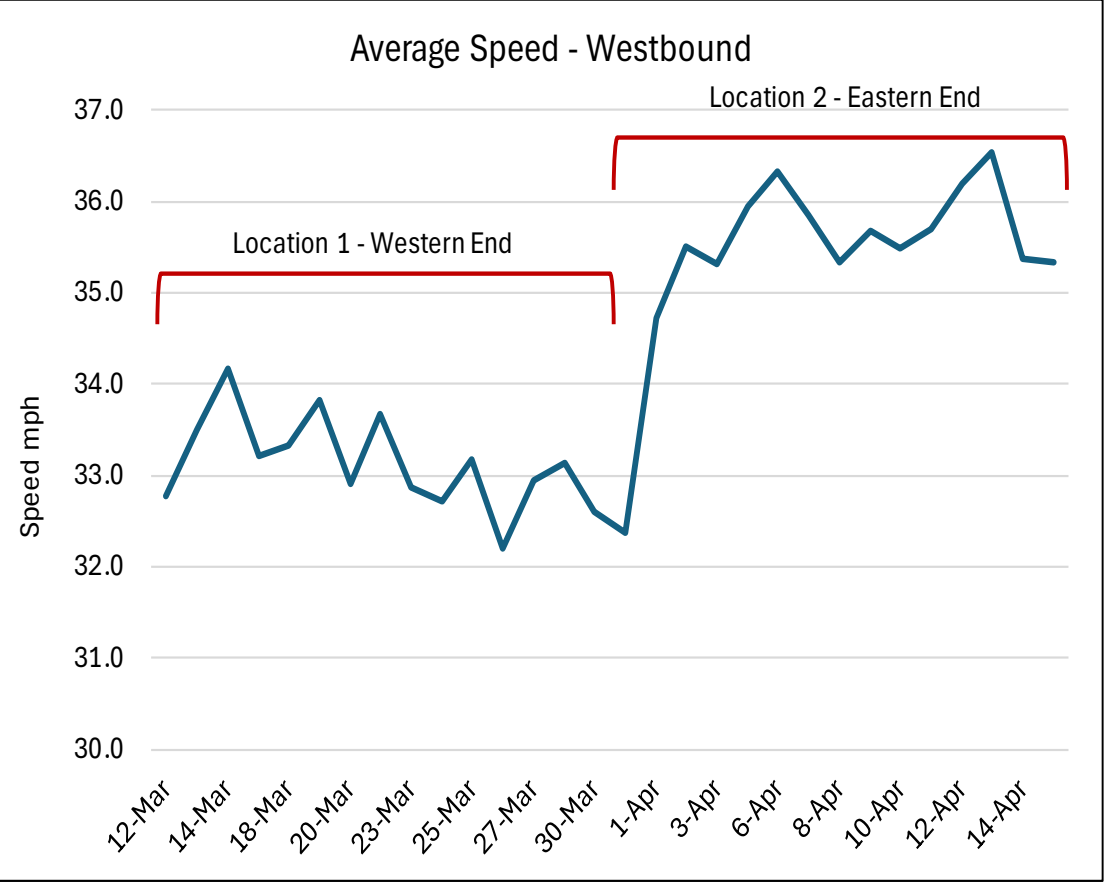
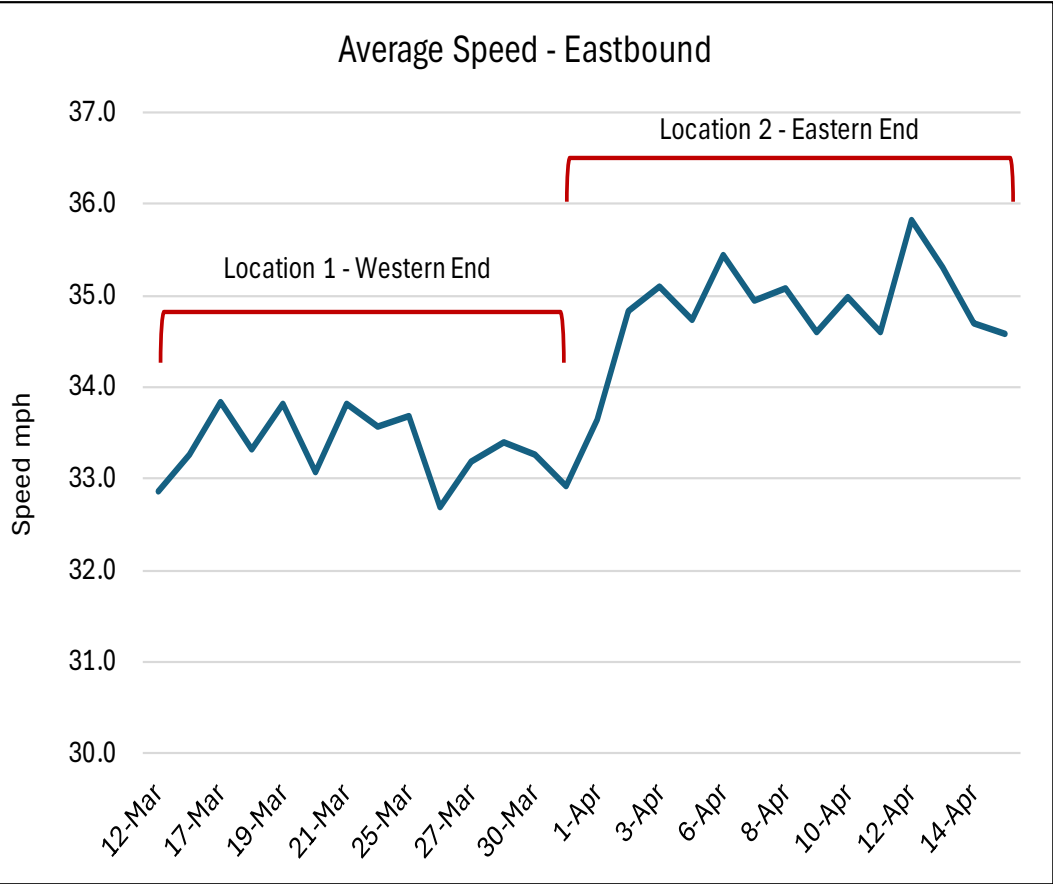
# AVERAGE DAILY VEHICLE COUNTS



# TOTAL AVERAGE SPEEDS

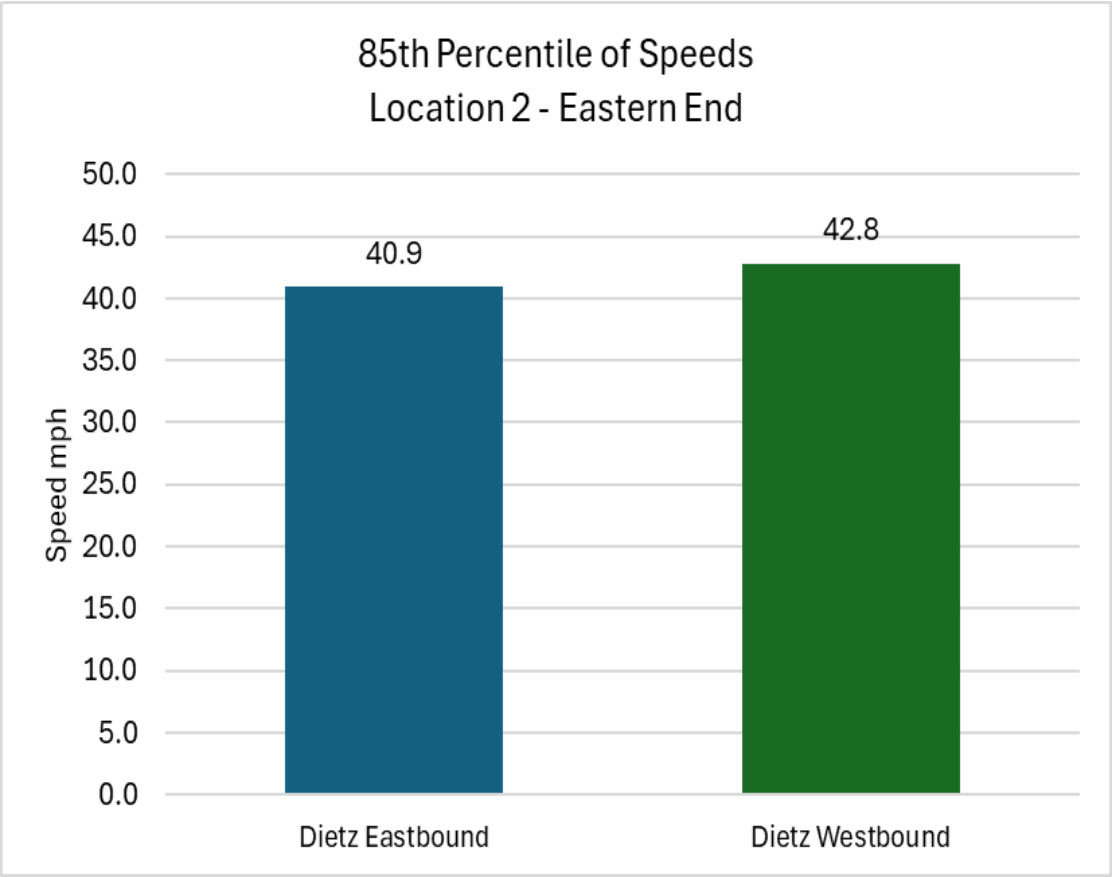
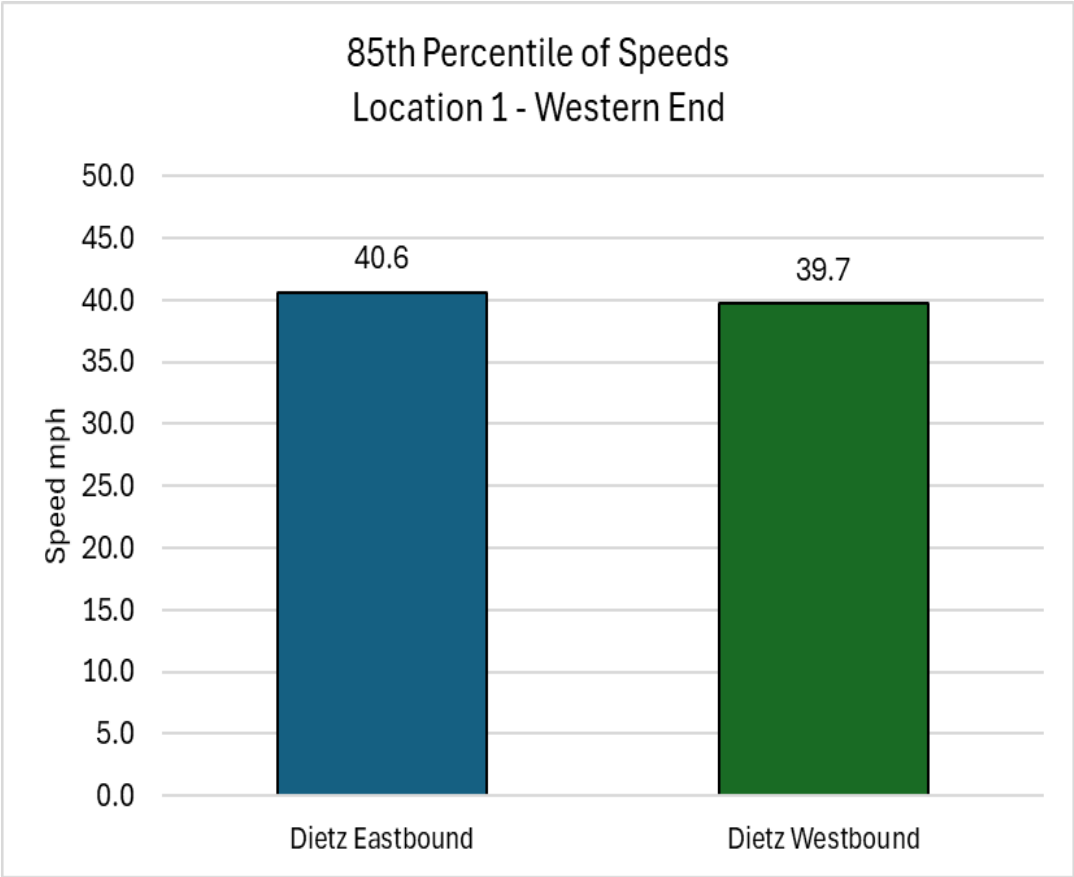


# DAILY AVERAGE SPEEDS





# 85<sup>th</sup> PERCENTILE OF SPEEDS





# IN SUMMARY



- I. Radar counts captured March 11 – April 15
  1. Average daily vehicle counts
  2. Total average speeds
  3. Daily Average speed
  4. 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed
- II. Data shows
  1. More vehicles travel on western end
  2. More drivers travel over the speed limit on **eastern** end
  3. 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of speed is over 35 mph




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## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on placing two caution "Intersection Ahead" signs on Keeneland Drive before the Battle Intense and Venturer intersection

DATE: May 7, 2025

REQUESTER: Rich Nichols, Resident

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Received: March 28, 2025

### REQUEST

#### **Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns**

This is a new request for two caution "Intersection Ahead" signs on Keeneland before the Battle Intense / Venturer intersection. This is a heavily traveled area. There are stop signs on Battle Intense and Venturer. There are curves on both sides of Keeneland before the intersection.

The SAFETY ASPECTS are that cars, school buses, walkers and golf carts crossing Keeneland. Two signs would not be obtrusive or distract drivers. They would be an appropriate warning. Even though there may have been no reported accidents, the potential is there. Caution signs would be a preventive and proactive action.

#### **Desired Outcome/Resolution**

Place two "Intersection Ahead" signs on Keeneland before the Battle Intense and Venturer intersection.

### STAFF REPORT

1. February 26, 2025 – when addressing the request to make the intersection a four way stop on a previous submittal, TSAC passed a motion recommending the City Council consider adding caution "intersection ahead" signs due to increased traffic on Keeneland Drive.
2. March 20, 2025 – The City Council did not concur with the recommendation.
3. In accordance with the TSAC rules of procedure, Section 8.5 once an item has been heard and acted upon by the Committee, it cannot be reheard for a period of 365 days from the day the Committee heard the item, unless **new pertinent safety information** is provided, **as determined by the Committee and/or staff.**

### COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds no new pertinent safety information was provided. If the Committee finds otherwise, please include the new pertinent safety information in the motion:

I move to recommend..... based on .....




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**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CONSIDERATION ITEM  
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

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AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action to not replace the raised crosswalk on Battle Intense

DATE: May 7, 2025

REQUESTER: Lew Spurlock, Resident

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Received: March 28, 2025 (handwritten)

**REQUEST**

**Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns**

“The raised crosswalk is not needed, it’s noisy for the houses next to the road, traffic in the area is generally at the posted speed limit.

A stop sign at this location would be preferable to a raised crosswalk.

The City of Boerne recently removed the speed humps on Bandera Road with no apparent adverse effects.”

**Desired Outcome/Resolution**

“No reinstallation of a raised crosswalk.”

**STAFF REPORT**

TSAC Rules of Procedure, Section 5.1 - the purpose and duties of TSAC is to review transportation (vehicles, bicycles, pedestrian movements, etc.) safety issues related to public transportation infrastructure.

1. Staff does not find any defined safety issue.
2. The scope of the Battle Intense Road project included the re-installation of the raised crosswalk.
3. The City has received numerous requests from area residents to replace the raised crosswalk. No requests are on file to not replace the crosswalk.

**COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

Staff finds no defined safety issue. If the Committee finds otherwise, please include the safety finding(s) in the motion:

I move to recommend..... based on .....




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## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION ITEM

### CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action reducing the speed limit on Rolling Acres Trail from 35 mph to 30 mph

DATE: May 7, 2025

REQUESTER: Doug Miller, Resident

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Received: March 31, 2025

### REQUEST

#### **Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns**

Rolling Acres Trail is a narrow "Back 40" residential road that extends from Ammann Rd to Silver Spur Trail. As indicated by the tire ruts on each side of the road, vehicles often move to the right and off the asphalt to pass each other, making high traffic periods more dangerous for drivers. Portions of Rolling Acres Trail receive very high traffic, especially between Meadow Creek Trail and Ammann Road as drivers cut through to get from 3351 to Ammann. Traffic load is reduced, but still significant, from Meadow Creek to Post Oak.

Despite this narrow road condition and high traffic demand, the current speed limit of 35 MPH is higher than similar residential roads in much better condition. For example, Keenland is a wide, two-lane road with wide shoulders and has a speed limit of 30 MPH, as does Meadow Creek, Fair Oaks Parkway (from 3351 to Dietz Elkhorn), and Dietz Elkhorn (from 3351 to Fair Oaks Parkway). The current Rolling Acres Trail speed limit of 35 MPH increases the risks involved with routine residential tasks such as getting the mail and putting out garbage bins, especially in the highest traffic section between Ammann Rd and Meadow Creek where high two-way traffic necessitates jumping off to the side of the road when two cars pass by in opposite directions. Similarly, walking or walking a dog on Rolling Acres requires frequent jumping off the road to allow two vehicles to pass. Reducing the speed limit to 30 MPH would provide greater time to identify traffic and take evasive measures (such as stepping off the road) and would provide a level of traffic safety consistent with the speed limits on Meadow Creek, Keenland, Fair Oaks Parkway, and Dietz Elkhorn.

#### **Desired Outcome/Resolution**

Reduce the speed limit on Rolling Acres Trail from 35 MPH to 30 MPH to improve safety of drivers, residents, and pedestrians.

### STAFF REPORT

1. The City's Comprehensive Plan - <https://fairoaksranchtx.org/DocumentCenter/View/1963/Ord-2018-06---Complete-Comp-Plan---6-22-18>) identifies types of city streets categorized in five basic groups, designated on the Transportation Map found on page 44.

- a. Rolling Acres Trail is a connector street.
- b. Page 38 defines a connector street as a road for minor circulation within neighborhoods carrying moderate traffic. They collect traffic from larger areas, or from multiple local streets.
- 2. The City has no complaints on file of speeding or volume of cars.
- 3. Other connector streets in this area are posted 35 mph (see attached Road Speed Limits map).
- 4. In 2024 through April 1, 2025, police issued 12 speeding warnings and citations:
  - a. Three in the 7200 block
  - b. Two in the 7400 block
  - c. Three in the 7600 block
  - d. Two in the 7700 block
  - e. Two in the 8000 block
- 5. In October and December 2024 there were two reported accidents – one involving a deer, another involving a mailbox.
- 6. Staff recognizes the sharp curve immediately south of Ammann Road and east of Meadow Creek Trail is a potential safety issue. For awareness, staff suggests placement of two advisory speed signs depicting 30 mph on opposing ends of the curve. The estimated cost for two signs is \$300



**COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

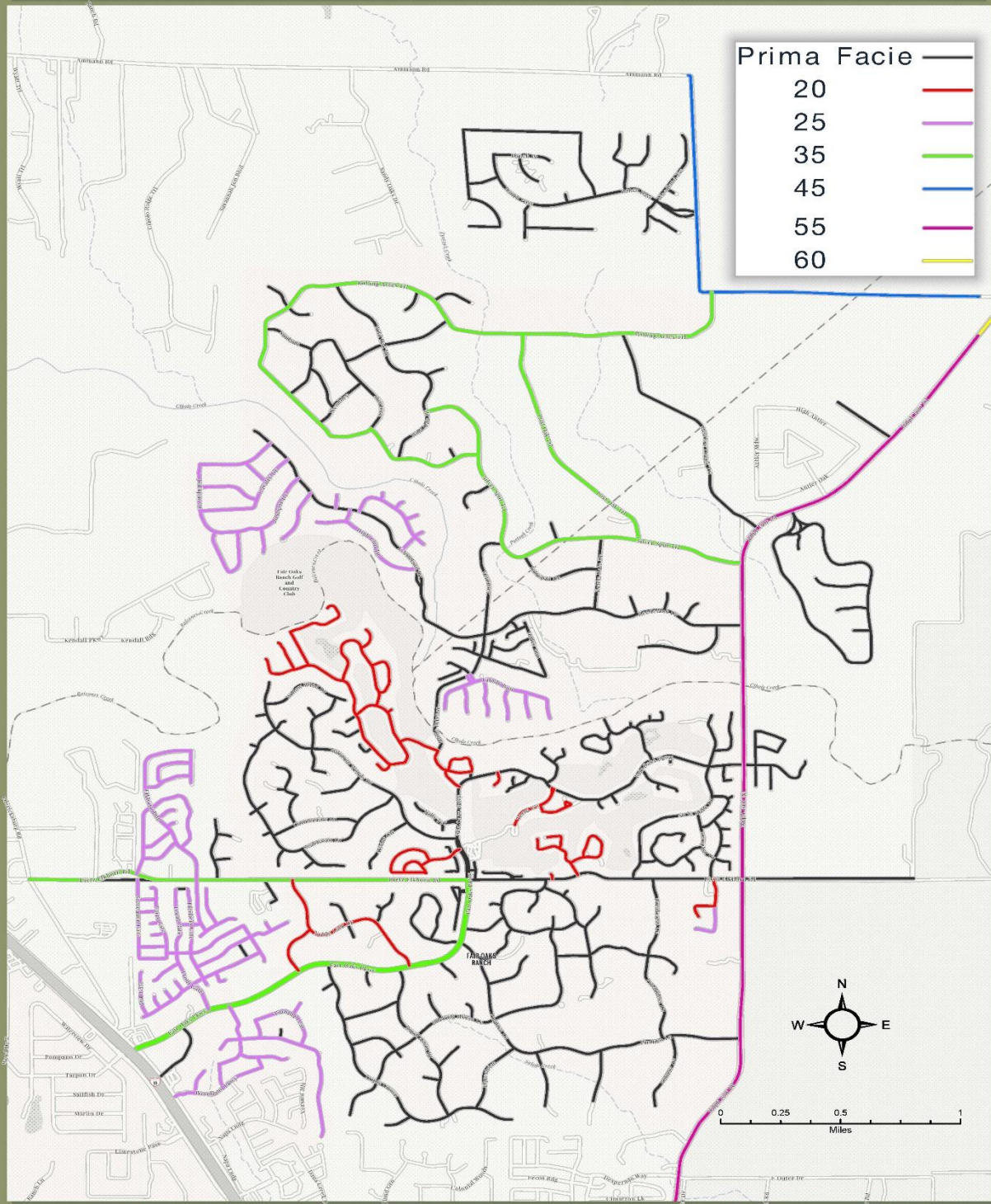
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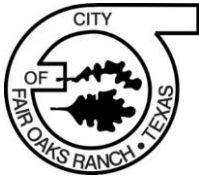


## Road Speed Limits In The City of Fair Oaks Ranch

**Prima Facie:** 30 mph speed limit is the statutory speed that applies when no specific ordinance has been established. They serve as a reasonable and prudent default speed based on general traffic safety principles.

Sec. 12.01.003 in the city's code of ordinances.





**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CONSIDERATION ITEM  
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on reducing the speed limit on FM 3351 (Ralph Fair Road) from 55 mph to 45 mph within the city limits of Fair Oaks Ranch

DATE: May 7, 2025

REQUESTER Doug Miller, Resident

Received: March 31, 2025

**REQUEST**

**Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns**

FM 3351 connects I-10 and Highway 46 through Bexar, Comal, and Kendall counties and passes through approximately 4.2 miles of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. The speed limit is 55 mph. Within the city limits, FM 3351 fronts two churches, an elementary school, a shopping center with a gas station, numerous single-family homes, and numerous residential feeder roads. As traffic loads have increased, a second traffic light within the city limits was added to the Fair Oaks Parkway intersection to allow cross traffic to merge onto FM 3351.

However, all the residential feeder roads have experienced reduced merging and turn safety, as vehicles attempt to merge onto or exit FM 3351 as traffic has increased and vehicles attempting to merge into smaller traffic windows, causing motorists on FM 3351 to slow down and/or brake aggressively to adjust to the merging traffic.

Reducing the speed limit to 45 MPH within the city limits would improve the safety of merging and exiting FM 3351. With the current 45 MPH speed limit posted through the current bridge construction area, improved merging and exiting safety margin has been demonstrated within the construction zone at Keeneland Drive and Silver Spur. This improvement in vehicle safety should be permanently implemented within the city limits on FM 3351.

While traveling on state highways and Farm to Market roads through other Texas towns, a reduction in speed limit provides additional vehicle safety. Fair Oaks Ranch will also benefit from increased public safety with a lower speed limit where increased merging and exiting on FM 3351 occurs due to the increased population density and commercial activity in this area.

**Desired Outcome/Resolution**

Reduce the speed limit on FM 3351 from 55 mph to 45 mph within the city limits of Fair Oaks Ranch.

## STAFF REPORT

1. The City's Comprehensive Plan - <https://fairoaksranchtx.org/DocumentCenter/View/1963/Ord-2018-06---Complete-Comp-Plan---6-22-18> identifies types of city streets categorized in five basic groups, designated on the Transportation Map found on page 44.
2. FM 3351 is an arterial street. Page 38 of the Comp Plan defines an arterial street as a road serving to connect the region, or connect major highways, with higher speeds and heavy traffic.
3. FM 3351 is in TxDot's jurisdiction.
4. The TxDot regional engineer advised the City the following:
  - a. Our district consists of 12 counties.
  - b. Requests to reduce speed limits on their roads are placed in a queue.
  - c. A study of speed reduction is performed. It includes the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed while considering any conflicts and safety issues in the area such as driveways.
5. Mr. Miller also submitted his request to TxDot.
6. The City has no complaints on file of speed limit issues or entering/exiting onto local streets.
7. There are two existing stop lights in the city limits and two immediately positioned outside the city limits.

## COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

If the Committee desires for City Council to authorize an official submittal to TxDot to consider reducing the speed limit on FM 3351 (Ralph Fair Road) from 55 mph to 45 mph within the city limits of Fair Oaks Ranch, please include the safety finding(s) in the motion.

I move to recommend..... based on .....





## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION ITEM CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action to replace the Battle Intense raised crosswalk and lower speed limit to 25 mph on Battle Intense from Fairway Valley and Keeneland Drive

DATE: May 7, 2025

REQUESTER Shirley Wold, Resident

Received: April 30, 2025

### REQUEST

#### **Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns**

Battle Intense @ Cibolo Trails & Trailside entry/exits.

This intersection has become more dangerous since the raised crosswalk was removed in early March 2025. The speeds along Battle Intense have increased a lot! Sight lines (especially for Trailside) are difficult already. Exiting both subdivisions has become more dangerous as speeds have increased. This spot is also a bus stop during the school year with congestion on both sides of Battle Intense. Situation is often exacerbated by drivers who "run" the bus stop.

A poll of residents reflected their desire for:

1. A permanent speed bump to replace the removed raised crosswalk OR reinstall the raised crosswalk ASAP.
2. A consistent speed limit of 25 mph between Fairway Valley & Keeneland. Currently the 20/30/20/30 speed signs (suggestions) are confusing and 30 mph is definitely too fast traveling north on the curve just before the creek.
3. Other suggestions are:
  - a. Making the intersection a 4-way stop (awkward on the northbound side)
  - b. Adding additional raised crosswalk or permanent speed bump at entry side to Cibolo Trails. This would definitely slow traffic.

#### **Desired Outcome/Resolution**

Items 1 & 2 as described above would be the preferred outcome to this issue.

### STAFF REPORT

Item 1

Note: Depending on the outcome of Mr. Spurlock's request, this item may be resolved.

1. The scope of the Battle Intense Road project includes the re-installation of the raised crosswalk. Re-installation is planned unless directed otherwise.

- 2. No written requests are on file at the City to not replace the crosswalk.

Item 2

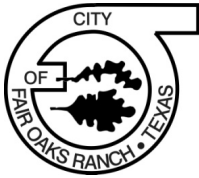
Note: Due to the short turnaround of this request, Staff has not had the appropriate time to vet this submittal for recommendation but provides the following facts:

- 1. The posted speed limit is 30 mph on Battle Intense.
- 2. Existing calming devices include:
  - a. Two radar feedback signs.
  - b. Posted cautionary 20 mph speed limit signs for intersection and curves.
  - c. Posted crosswalk ahead and intersection ahead signs.
- 3. Battle Intense is defined as a connector street on the City’s Transportation Map (a road for minor circulation within neighborhoods carrying moderate traffic. They collect traffic from larger areas, or from multiple local streets.)
- 4. Keeneland Drive is a 30-mph connector street.
- 5. Submitter noted a poll of area residents was performed.

**COMMITTEE ACTION/RECOMMENDATION**

Item 1 - I move to recommend..... based on .....

Item 2 – I move to recommend ..... based on .....



## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT ITEM CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Create a second fire lane on Terra Vista and other suggested items  
DATE: May 7, 2025  
REQUESTER: Randy Hurwitz, Resident

Received: February 26, 2025

### REQUEST

#### Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns

1. Fair Oaks Ranch Golf and Country Club patrons parking along the east side of Terra Vista impeding emergency vehicle access and parking.
2. Unsafe and difficult access to the Club tennis courts, fitness center, tennis shop, and pavilion due to cars parking in unmarked spaces in the Country Club parking lot.
3. Speeding on Terra Vista, which is posted at 20 mph.

#### Desired Outcome/Resolution

1. Create a fire lane on the east side of Terra Vista from the exit of the FORGCC's parking lot to Terra Manor.
2. Compel the Country Club to designate non-marked parking spaces in their parking lot with NO PARKING signs, paint areas red, and enforce towing for violators.
3. Ongoing police enforcement to ensure the 20-mph speed limit is complied with. Placement of a traffic count device on Terra Vista to get daily vehicle counts. A temporary or permanent placement of a radar feedback sign.

### STAFF REPORT

No further action needed as the following has been addressed:

1. The City repainted the existing fire lanes per the residents' request.
2. The International Fire Code Appendix D 103.6 and City Ordinance 174 provides for the city's fire code official to recommend designated fire lanes where such areas must be free of parked vehicles and other obstructions to provide access to buildings or other structure or premises, in case of fire or other emergencies. In March, staff met with the fire code official who determined the existing fire lane on the west side was sufficient and meets Code requirements as it provides adequate ingress/egress for emergency vehicles.
3. The City's fire code official has discussed Mr. Hurwitz's concerns with the Country Club regarding club parking. The City has no authority to enforce parking on private property.
4. In addition to the posted 20 mph speed limit sign, there is a speed hump in the subdivision to slow drivers. A consideration of an electronic radar feedback sign will be added to the priority location list to be presented to City Council at a budget workshop in this fiscal year.
5. Police will continue to monitor and enforce the speed limit.

## Status Report - Ongoing Transportation Safety Tasks

TSAC Meeting Date	Location Safety Concern	Task to be Performed	Council Meeting Date	Owner	Status
5-Feb	Fair Oaks Parkway/Square Gate	Median-double yellow line, reflectors; intersection warning signs; move crossbar on Front Gate	6-Mar		Completed
5-Feb	Fair Oaks Parkway/Square Gate	Monitor for one month to evaluate the effectiveness of the new measures.	6-Mar	Asst Director of PW; Manager of Engineering	CC directed staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the completed mitigations and report back them. Staff is determining best method to evaluate.
5-Feb	Fair Oaks Parkway/Square Gate	Evaluate the feasibility of creating a northbound left-turn lane from FOP onto Front Gate w/o widening the pavement	Pending	Director of PW; Mgr of Engineering	Staff opines left turn lane cannot be done without widening both sides of FOP. Next step: CC presentation and direction for consideration of a full left turn lane analysis by GC (min. \$5000) and for placement in the roadway CIP.
5-Feb	Dietz Elkhorn West	Install two radar feedback signs on Dietz Elkhorn W	1-May	City Council	Pending May 1 CC meeting authorizing placement of the two signs.
26-Feb	Battle Intense, High Eschelon, Hansel Drive	Establish a 4-way stop	1-May	City Council	Pending May 1 CC meeting - 1st reading passed Apr 17
26-Feb	Dietz Elkhorn West	Obtain traffic volumes/speeds data for 30 days	7-May	Maintenance Supervisor	Study completed. Pending presentation at TSAC May 7 mtg
26-Feb	No Le Haze	Reduction of speed limit to 25 mph	6-Aug	Staff/Submitter	Apr 17-CC returned item to TSAC for public input and radar count study. Staff will present study at Aug 6 TSAC meeting. Chairman Schmidt discussed with submitter regarding public input.
		Mar 6 - City Council requested staff present a priority list of radar feedback sign locations at upcoming budget workshop.		Director of PW	Ongoing task.
		Mar 20 - CC mentioned clarifying what submittals go to City Council vs City Manager		Staff	Ongoing task.