

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:** SPEED LIMITS ALONG GRAND AVENUE (U.S. HIGHWAY 69)

**BACKGROUND:**

In the month of October, the Ames Police Department contacted Public Works staff regarding an inconsistency between the speed limits along Grand Avenue (US 69), which are established by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), and the speed limits shown in Section 26.39 (1)(g) of the Municipal Code. The difference was discovered while writing a speeding citation to a motorist. The ticket needed to be issued under State of Iowa Code, rather than referencing the Municipal Code.

In order to correct this inconsistency, staff contacted District 1 staff at the Iowa DOT to confirm the most current speed limits along U.S. Highway 69. In response, the City Attorney has drafted the attached ordinance that will correct any discrepancies found in the Municipal Code so that local code matches State of Iowa established speed limits.

The attached map highlights the proposed changes.

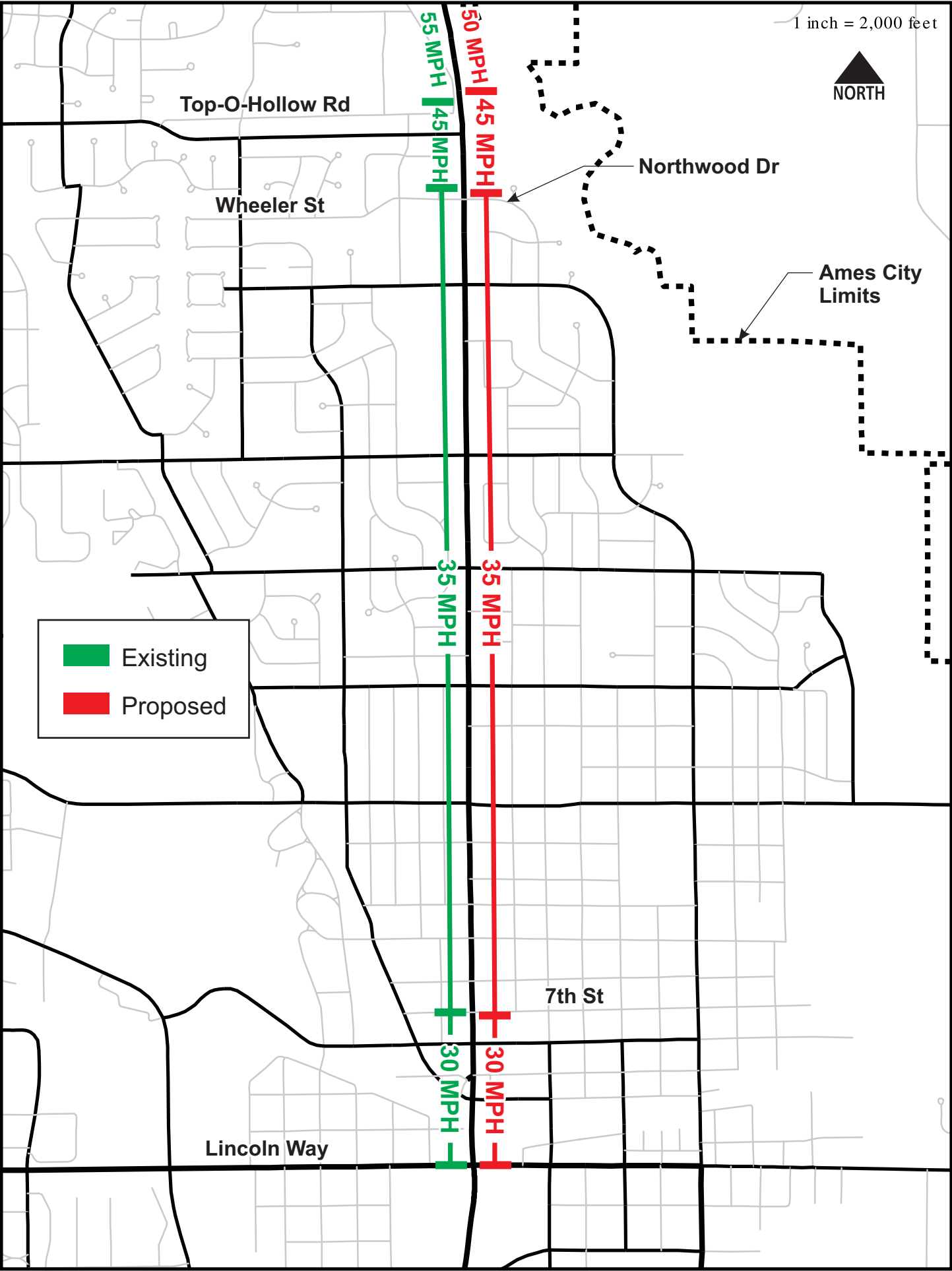
**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the attached ordinance establishing speed limits along Grand Avenue.
2. Reject the proposed ordinance.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approving this ordinance will ensure consistency when writing speed related citations by the Ames Police Department, thereby also having a consistent associated fine under the Municipal Code.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the attached ordinance establishing speed limits along Grand Avenue.



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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY REPEALING SECTION 26.39(1)(g) AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 26.39(1)(g) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE SPEED ZONES ON GRAND AVENUE; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by repealing Section 26.39(1)(g) and enacting a new Section 26.39(1)(g) as follows:

**Sec. 26.39. SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS.**

(1) No person shall operate a vehicle in excess of the following designated speed limits on the following streets or portions of streets:

...

“(g) **Grand Avenue:** thirty (30) miles per hour from Lincoln Way to a point fifty feet south of Seventh Street; thirty-five (35) miles per hour from a point 50 feet south of Seventh Street to a point 100 feet north of Wheeler Street; forty-five (45) miles per hour from a point 100 feet north of Wheeler Street to 350 feet north of Top-O-Hollow Road; fifty (50) miles per hour from a point 350 north of Top-O-Hollow Road to the north corporation limits.”

Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor



# Iowa Department of Transportation

## STAFF ACTION

<b>Number</b>	05-0322	<b>Date</b>	11/15/04
<b>Contact</b>	Steve Gent / Tim Crouch		
<b>Created By</b>	537000 - Office Of Traffic & Safety		
<b>Created For</b>	537000 - Office Of Traffic & Safety		
<b>Title</b>	Speed Zone on U.S. 69 in Ames, Iowa (Story County)		

### Discussion/Background:

District 1 requested a Speed Study on U.S. 69 just north of Ames due to the number of public complaints and incident reports received since the opening of Ada Hayden Park, which has an ingress/egress to U.S. 69.

The existing 55 speed zone (area reviewed north of Ames) was set by statute.

The collected data and review of this area along with additional factors discussed at a District 1 meeting with the Office of Traffic and Safety support a change to the 50 mph zone as shown on the attached Staff Action map.

The zones south of this area, through Ames, were established by Staff Action 01-0580 dated January 9, 2001. The existing staff action will be rescinded and replaced with this Staff Action-there will NOT be any changes to the locations of these existing zones.

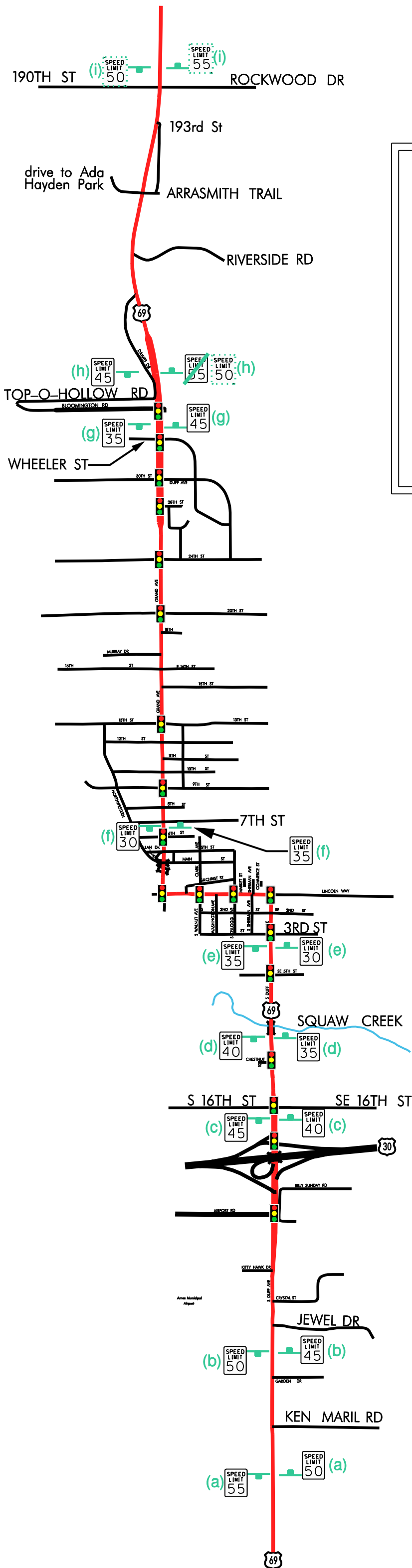
All parties involved concur with the recommended speed zones.

### Proposal/Action Recommendation:

It is recommended that Staff Action 01-0580 be rescinded and replaced by this Staff Action.

### Activity Log:

Initiated by LMCBRID on 11/15/04 AT 12:58 PM  
NTRY Approval applied by LMCBRID on 11/15/04 AT 1:02 PM  
OFFC approval now pending  
NOTE SENT TO SGENT  
OFFC Approval applied by LMCBRID on 11/18/04 AT 2:17 PM  
DHWY approval now pending  
NOTE SENT TO BSMITH  
NOTE SENT TO MDILLAV  
NOTE SENT TO VSTAMPE  
DHWY Approval applied by VSTAMPE on 11/19/04 AT 3:14 PM  
NOTE SENT TO LMCBRID  
NOTE SENT TO CWILLIA



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STORY COUNTY  
US 69  
NOT TO SCALE

Proposed  
SPEED  
LIMIT

Existing  
SPEED  
LIMIT

ZONE LENGTHS	
(h) - (i)	= 7900'±
(g) - (h)	= 1320'±
(f) - (g)	= 9660'±
(e) - (f)	= 5660'±
(d) - (e)	= 2320'±
(c) - (d)	= 1790'±
(b) - (c)	= 5730'±
(a) - (b)	= 2560'±

SIGN LOCATIONS	
(i)	= 400'± n. of 190th St ☐
(h)	= 350'± n. of Top of Hollow Rd. ☐
(g)	= 100'± n. of Wheeler St ☐
(f)	= 50'± s. of 7th St ☐
(e)	= 200'± s. of 3rd St ☐
(d)	= s. end of Squaw Creek Bridge
(c)	= 100'± s. of S. 16th St ☐
(b)	= 300'± s. of Jewell Drive ☐
(a)	= 350'± s. of Ken Maril Rd ☐

This map displays the terminus of existing and proposed zones with a single-post sign symbol: ☐

The interval placement of speed limit signs within the zones is not displayed.

PROPOSED zones will supercede EXISTING zones.