

ITEM#: 41  
DATE: 02-23-21

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT FOR NEW SOUTH FIFTH STREET EXTENSION**

**BACKGROUND:**

In December 2020, the City completed the South Fifth Street extension, which connects South Grand Avenue east to South Duff Avenue. That project was the first phase of the overall South Grand Avenue improvement program.

To promote the safe and efficient traffic flow along the street, staff conducted an initial speed study (during dry pavement conditions). It determined that the appropriate speed limit should be 35 MPH on the new portions of South Fifth Street and 25 MPH beginning west of the Boys and Girls Club of Story County to South Duff Avenue (same as current speed in this area). Boys and Girls Club has been contacted and agrees with these speed limits.

The City's Legal Department has drafted an ordinance setting the new speed limits per staff's recommendations (attached).

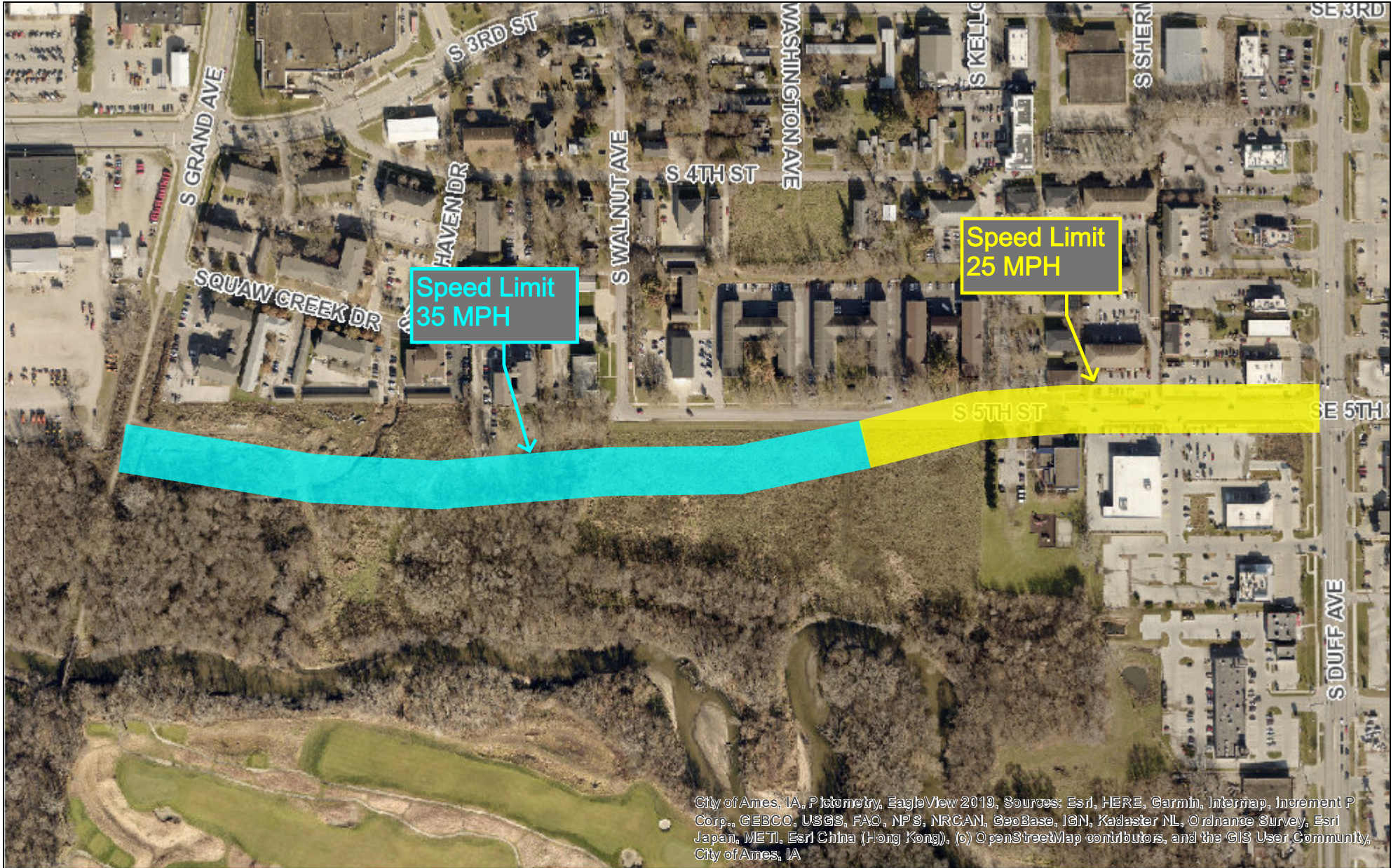
**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the first reading of the speed limit ordinance for the new South Fifth Street extension.
2. Direct staff to conduct another speed study and modify the ordinance.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is important to establish appropriate speeds and good driving habits for the public soon after opening any new roadway. Setting the proper speed limit will help further this goal.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.



### Proposed Speed Limits: South 5th Street Extension



1 inch = 450 feet

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 26.39(kk) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON SOUTH 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING A PENALTY; 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 enacting a new Section 26.39(kk) as follows:

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

**(kk) South Fifth Street:** thirty-five (35) miles per hour from South Grand Avenue to a point 1,100 feet west of South Duff Avenue and twenty-five (25) miles per hour from a point 1,100 feet west of South Duff Avenue to South Duff Avenue.”

Section Two. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal infraction punishable as set out by law.

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

Section Four. 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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John A. Haila, Mayor