

Subject: FW: Recent speed limit increase West Bay Area Blvd

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Honorable Mayor Nick Long and fellow Council Members,

I would like to bring to your attention the concern of many residents in the Magnolia Creek Neighborhood area regarding the increased speed limit on West Bay Area Blvd between League City Pkwy and its terminus near Magnolia Greens Ln. The speed limit was recently raised to 40 mph from 30 mph. This increase has resulted in both a public safety issue and golf cart legal issue.

First, and foremost, is the public safety issue. With the raised speed limit to 40 mph (which means many now think they can drive 50 mph) vehicles are travelling entirely too fast on this stretch of road. I live in The Estates and have nearly been struck pulling out from the only access from my home, Cedar Brook Ln, from speeding traffic eastbound (difficult to see the eastbound traffic until you are in the middle of the intersection). Additionally, there are several bicycles and low riding tricycles using this roadway. It is only a matter of time before one of them is struck. There has already been at least one bicyclist death at the intersection of League City Pkwy and West Bay Area Blvd, hopefully the recently installed traffic lights will help reduce that type of tragedy.

Second, the golf cart issue. Many residents of Magnolia Creek use this portion of West Bay Area Blvd to access both community pools, the HOA offices, and the Magnolia Creek Golf Club using their golf carts. All those residents now are barred by law from driving a golf cart on that portion of the road (maximum speed allowed to drive a golf cart on a public road by state law and city ordinance is 35 mph).

I suggest a remedy, reducing the speed limit to 35 mph. Those feeling the need for a higher speed limit from the previous 30 mph could be appeased and both the safety and golf cart issues would be addressed. This would also be aligned with the speed limits of similar roads paralleling West Bay Area Blvd that will eventually be throughfares to the upcoming Outer Belt 99 development. Those roads being Maple Leaf, Landing, Butler, Calder and Hobbs, which are all 35 mph or less.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: Magnolia Creek - Neighborhood - Speed Limits

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Ron, I know you have other things to deal with, so I wanted to compile an e-mail that hopefully summarized what we were discussing a few days ago. I appreciate you fielding my questions and listening to my concerns. I have CC'd the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Director of Planning, in hopes that it hits the right desk or gets forwarded to the right person that can help address/fix the problem.

The City's 05/07/25 vote to increase the speed limits on "random" arterial roads in sections of League City was not without detriment. Without notice or allowance for community feedback/input, in one fell swoop, the speed limit increase to 40 MPH on Bay Area Blvd. (South of 96) has effectively isolated an entire neighborhood from being able to use non-motorized vehicles to travel to nearby destinations.

Non-motorized Vehicle Restrictions: Non-motorized vehicles are restricted to traveling on designated cart paths and roadways with speed limits of 35 MPH and below. Such vehicles can only cross roads with speed limits greater than 35 MPH.

Trespassing: There are NO public or neighborhood cart paths in our area. Actually, I don't know that there are any along 96. The Magnolia Creek Golf Course is private and for members ONLY. Contrary to popular belief, residents of Magnolia Creek are NOT defacto members (only some have memberships). It is illegal for non-members to travel or utilize the golf course paths.

Due to the aforementioned restrictions and laws, the following has occurred:

1.) With approximately 9 entrances to the various sections of the Magnolia Creek community, none of the residents can travel to our very own clubhouse (BLUE square in the attachment), legally, via non-motorized vehicles.

2.) The residents located on the West side of the community are even more isolated as they can't simply cross Bay Area Blvd. to the East side, preventing them from also accessing our secondary pool or even picking their children up from Gilmore Elementary.

There are probably more effects that I am overlooking, but those are the largest two that I immediately thought of. Decisions should not be made in a vacuum and input from actual residents surrounding the affected area should carry the most amount of weight.

Possible Solutions:

- Reverse the speed limit increase.
- Reduce the restrictions (allowable speed limit) on which roads non-motorized vehicles can travel.
- Construct designated cart paths.

Please note that excessive speeding on Bay Area Blvd. has always been an issue. Prior to now, even with the speed limit set to 30 MPH, we have had people doing burnouts, street racing and a few even blowing through the safety barriers at the end of Bay Area Blvd. Increasing the speed limit was NOT to improve safety. In fact, it might have the opposite impact.

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