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**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Establishing Speed Limit on Portions of Point Reyes-Petaluma Road, Nicasio

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Read ordinance by title only and schedule a Merit Hearing for October 18, 2016, at 10:30 AM.

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**SUMMARY:** In response to residents' concerns regarding speeds on Point Reyes Petaluma Road in the vicinity of its intersection with Laurel Canyon Road, Public Works staff conducted speed surveys and reviewed the speed limits on Point Reyes Petaluma Road. Point Reyes Petaluma Road is a two lane undivided highway between Nicasio Valley Road and Platform Bridge; a distance of approximately 3 miles. Per California Vehicle Code (CVC) section 22349, the prima fascia speed limit for a two lane highway is 55 miles per hour (mph). This section of Point Reyes Petaluma Road is currently posted 55 mph.

The CVC also establishes procedures to set radar-enforceable speed limits less than the prima fascia speed limit when warranted. Laurel Canyon Road/Point Reyes-Petaluma Road intersection has limited sight distance. In addition, Point Reyes-Petaluma Road comes to an all way stop controlled intersection approximately 1/2 mile west of the Laurel Canyon Road/Point Reyes Petaluma Road intersection. We believe that these conditions warrant consideration of a lower speed limit.

In these cases, the local jurisdiction must set a speed limit based upon the prevailing speed (85% of drivers surveyed). We have conducted an E&TS pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 627 and recommend that the speed limits on Point Reyes Petaluma Road, as established in Ordinance 3568 be adjusted as shown in the following table:

Begin Segment Milepost	End Segment Milepost	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed Speed Limit
10.90 (Platform Bridge Road)	10.68 (Laurel Canyon Road)	55	40
10.68 (Laurel Canyon Road)	10.15 (access to Dam Road)	55	50
10.15 (access to Dam Road)	7.87 (Nicasio Valley Road)	55	55

The proposed speed limits were reviewed and supported by the California Highway Patrol.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** This action will result in the installation and ongoing maintenance of signs and markings. Existing funds are budgeted and available in Road Fund org code 21605531 and object code 523310. There is no impact to the General Fund.

<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,



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