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**Date:** September 28, 2021

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Adam Bell, City Administrator  
Matt Kline, Public Works Director  
Laura Eastman, Police Chief

**Re:** Presentation of speed limit study results conducted by the city's engineering firm SEH

### ***BACKGROUND***

Recently, SEH completed a speed limit study that was authorized by the City Council at the May 3, 2021 meeting. The study is required for the city to proceed with implementing a speed limit reduction on applicable city streets to 20 mph. Essentially, the speed study verifies that slower speeds are safer and would allow for a reduction in the speed limit from 30 MPH to 20 MPH. An in-depth review of the study will be presented by SEH Traffic Engineer Chad Jorgensen at the October 4 City Council meeting.

Following a presentation of the study, City Council action to accept the study results is required. Should the City Council seek to retain the current 30 MPH speed limit or proceed with implementation of a speed limit reduction, a secondary motion shall apply, as follows:

1. Retain the current 30 MPH speed limit;
2. Implement a 25 MPH speed limit and authorize staff to implement required efforts, such as signage, education, and public outreach accordingly;
3. Implement a 20 MPH speed limit and authorize staff to implement required efforts, such as signage, education, and public outreach accordingly.

If the City Council votes to implement a speed limit reduction, staff recommends proactive public outreach and education to make it known that a speed change has occurred. In addition, increased enforcement within the first few months should be implemented to educate drivers and make the speed limit change credible.

### ***RECOMMENDATION***

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a motion to accept the speed limit study results, followed by a motion to retain the current 30 MPH speed limit or proceed with implementation of a speed limit reduction.