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**To:** [Paula Perotte](#); [James Kyriaco](#); [Roger Aceves](#); [Stuart Kasdin](#); [Kyle Richards](#)  
**Cc:** [City Clerk Group](#); [Charlie Ebeling](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on Today's City Council Agenda item D-2  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:01:11 AM  
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Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council members,

On behalf of COAST and SBBIKE, we would like to comment on item D-2: *"Updated and New Speed Limits at Various Locations"*. We **support lowering speed limits** in the two locations, Calle Real from Valdez Ave to Fairview Ave and Cathedral Oaks from Calle Real to Winchester Canyon Rd, but take **strong opposition to raising the speed limit to 35mph** on Calle Real between Winchester Canyon and Brandon Drive. We are aware that the 85% rule would point to raising the speed limit even further to 40mph and that staff is calling 35mph "lowering", but the fact is they are still proposing to raise it from 30 to 35. There is no requirement that they do this.

It has been proven that **speed kills**. At 20mph, a pedestrian or bicyclists has as 90% chance of survival in a crash with a motor vehicle. At 30mph, they only have a 50% chance of survival. And at 40mph, they only have a 10% chance of survival. **There is no justification for raising speed limits**. Calle Real, in this location, has sidewalks and houses on both sides of the street; it is very residential. There is a school nearby and thus children cross Calle Real to get to and from school. There are no stop signs and two parks. How does it make sense to raise speed limits in this location where there is the expectation of children crossing the street?

We realize that speed limits cannot be enforced without the changes but that does not justify raising the limits which are only going to make people drive faster. There is no logic to that. The limits can be enforced in other ways.

Please do not approve staff raising the speed limit on Calle Real to 35mph.

Sincerely,

Melissa Cunningham and Heather Deutsch

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**From:** [Alton Green](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#); [Paula Perotte](#)  
**Subject:** 4/6/21 City Council Agenda Item D.3 21-118  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:48:49 PM

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Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council members,

Thank you in advance for reviewing my comment on agenda item D.3 21-118. I apologize for the late comment. This agenda item was just brought to my attention today. My name is Alton Green. I am a parent of two students at Brandon Elementary. I am a PTA president at Brandon Elementary and have volunteered in several other aspects with the school and school district including School Site Council and District Advisory Committee. My family, like many others in our neighborhood, enjoy the outdoor biking and running paths around us. In fact, this quality of outdoor life is what brought us here from Texas in 2016. I strongly oppose increasing the speed limit from 30 to 35 mph on Calle Real between Winchester Canyon and Brandon Drive. This is a residential area with Brandon Elementary nearby and there is a LOT of pedestrian traffic. There are multiple blind spots due to curves and excessive street parking (including tall trailers), especially on weekends and evenings. Please don't come survey at 2 PM on a random weekday. Look at what is going on at 6 PM on a holiday or at 5 PM on a weekend.

I read the agenda item and was surprised to see that the survey was conducted to, "assure that posted speed limits are kept current." So, to be clear, this is a recommendation to increase a speed limit on a stretch of road in a community that has seen a GROWTH in residential population over the previous survey period of 5-10 years (reference student enrollment population at Brandon Elementary) and has multiple parks and cross walks all because 85% of traffic is speeding by 8 MPH. 8 MPH doesn't sound like much when read alone, but 8 MPH in a 30 MPH zone is almost 30% over the speed limit! 85% of traffic speeding past parks in a residential area while driving almost 30% over the posted speed limit is not OK. We know nearby Cathedral Oaks was the site of pedestrian fatalities just last year. I run on this surveyed stretch of road, I bike through it with my kids, and my family takes evening walks down this stretch with our dog. The street we live on is a cross road within this surveyed stretch. I assure you, seeing the increase in speeding vehicles on my residential street and on Calle Real is NOT reassuring. I didn't need a survey to know that. We see it every day and wonder when the city will do something about it. What will it take? Another fatality? I recommend that if traffic is speeding in a residential area with high foot and bike traffic and multiple parks, then the city should patrol and enforce the legal speed limit and keep our community safe! I would rather see the fiscal impact of \$1,500 from our street maintenance budget applied to repairing the fenced off bike and run path on Cathedral Oaks that has been inaccessible for years. I'd even suggest that revenue from Calle Real speeding fines be applied towards that initiative as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Mary Lum](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** speed limit discussion at tonight's meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:32:44 PM

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Dear City Council,

Although I realize that this note is quite late getting to you, I hope you'll take into account my concerns as the speed limit on Calle Real between Winchester Canyon Road and Brandon Drive is discussed.

As someone who walks along this road almost every evening, I'm concerned about raising the speed limit from 30 to 35. The closer you are to Brandon, there are very few safe places to cross the street here as sight lines are limited. I regularly see drivers going well over the posted limit of 30 so I am quite concerned that if the limit is raised to 35 that the new speed will be considered a floor rather than a ceiling by many drivers, making crossing the street even more dangerous. The safety of pedestrians crossing the street is made even more precarious by the number of cars parked on the south/southwest side of the road.

If it's decided that the speed limit will indeed be raised, I hope that the city will better mark the crosswalk at Dartmoor and put up better pedestrian crossing signage, especially for cars headed north on Calle Real.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

Mary Lum

**From:** [Laurie Petrolino](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#); [Paula Perotte](#); [James Kyriaco](#); [Roger Aceves](#); [Stuart Kasdin](#); [Kyle Richards](#); [Charlie Ebeling](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Agenda 4/6/21 Item D.3 21-118  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:39:53 PM

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Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council members,

Please know that I STRONGLY oppose the speed limit being increased between Brandon Dr. and Winchester Canyon.

I initially filed a complaint to the city back in November of 2020 regarding the issue of people speeding on this stretch of Calle Real. I have been working with Dennis Lammers in Public Works for months in order to find a solution to the speeding problem that exists on Calle Real between Brandon and Winchester Canyon.

You see, just before I filed my complaint with the city, I watched with my own eyes, as my son was almost struck by a speeding vehicle while he was crossing Calle Real to go to the park. You can imagine how TERRIFYING the experience was.

About a month ago, I stopped at the same intersection of Jenna Dr. and Calle Real to let a child cross safely into our neighborhood, when a speeding car came up and passed me on the left side, almost striking the child with their car. Since this time, they have added white lines on the street indicating it's a crossing area and Dennis sent in a proposal to have more red curb added in this area. We decided that putting up the speed limit register may help people slow down in the area as a reminder that they were speeding.

Imagine my horror to find out that the council is actually considering increasing the speed limit in this area? I am so confused how this could even be a consideration? I thought if anything the speed limit might be decreased.

This section of Calle Real is located behind my house, I hear people speeding down the street like they are drag racing multiple times a day. The answer is they need to slow down, not be given permission to speed up. Instead of increasing the speed limit, please put patrol in the area to actually get people to slow down. Use the revenue from the tickets to fund the extra patrol to be put in this area.

We live in a large residential area, there are families everywhere, parks everywhere, why would we want to put our residents at risk by raising the speed limit?

When is it enough? We live in an area where there have already been multiple pedestrian fatalities. We do not need more fatalities, and we certainly do not need it to be a child.

I implore you to vote no on increasing the speed limit in this area. Please keep our neighborhood safe. We depend on you to do this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Petrolino

**From:** [John Ugoretz](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda Item D2: Speed Limits  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 3:19:37 PM

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Dear Mayor Perotte and Council Members,

I am writing in regard to Agenda Item D2: Adopt Resolution No. 21- \_ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Establishing Speed Limits at Various Locations throughout the City." I apologize for submitting this comment late as I only learned about the proposed resolution this afternoon.

I was shocked to learn that there was a proposal to raise the speed limit on Calle Real between Winchester Canyon Rd and 300' east of Brandon Drive from 30 to 35 miles per hour. While I understand that many motorists are not presently adhering to the posted speed limit, this area is most certainly not a speed trap and the posted speed is there for a reason - public safety. This part of Calle Real is on a curved stretch of roadway with a grade and only two to three blocks from Brandon Elementary. Children, pedestrians, and bicyclists use this section of road daily on their way to school and work. Just one year ago, a woman on a bicycle was killed by a speeding vehicle with a few blocks of this section of road. If anything, speed limits in this area should be further reduced to enhance public safety.

Your staff report from Mr. Ebeling states "This (85th percentile) speed is the primary guide in determining what the majority of drivers **believe** is safe and reasonable. The speed limit normally should be established at the nearest five mile per hour increment to the 85th percentile speed, although **engineering judgment may indicate the need for a further reduction of five miles per hour**. Such judgment would depend on **accident records, conditions not readily apparent to motorists, density of fronting residential land uses, and/or pedestrian and bicyclist safety**." (emphasis added). It is ridiculous to use driver perception and belief of safe and reasonable speed as a guide. The fact that drivers are either ignorant of, or intentionally in violation of, the law is simply not a reasonable justification to change it. As further noted in the report, reductions in speed should be based on other land uses, "and/or pedestrian and bicyclist safety." Mr. Ebeling's report makes no mention of the April 2020 bicycle fatality nor a variety of other recent fatalities in the surrounding community that were the fault of excessive speeds.

If drivers continue to speed in this area, the Council should consider additional signage and enforcement, marked crosswalks, flashing lights, and other measures, not increased speed limits.

Please take the safety of our children and community in your decision this evening.

Sincerely,  
John Ugoretz  
Goleta Resident  
Brandon School Parent

**From:** Julie Rago <[julierago@me.com](mailto:julierago@me.com)>  
**Date:** April 6, 2021 at 2:55:29 PM PDT  
**To:** Paula Perotte <[pperotte@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:pperotte@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Subject:** Concern for speed limit increase....

Paula,

I would like to put my perspective in for tonights vote. This is in response to the proposed increase in speed on Calle Real between Brandon and Winchester Cyn.

I have deep concerns about this as I live at Mountain View Ranch and have first hand seen the speed at which people drive Calle Real.

The section of Calle Real from Salisbury to Winchester is a narrow path when cars are parked on both sides. There is hardly enough room for a bicycle to also be present. Increased speed with create more road hazards for this area.

When the MTD bus uses this section of road and cars are parked on both sides it really is no longer a two way road. Cars coming at an increase speed in this narrow section will increase the risk of a head on collision.

Even though the MTD bus is not supposed to take breaks at the location on Calle Real and Jenna, they still do occasionally. This creates a blind left turn for those leaving Mountain View Ranch. Making a left on a blind corner with traffic going faster on Calle Real is an accident waiting to happen.

When traveling on Calle Real toward Salisbury during the winter months when the sun is lower in the sky or in the early mornings it is very hard to see people in the cross walk. Increased speeds will make this more dangerous for those trying to use the cross walk to go to school etc.

For homeowners who live on Calle Real near Brandon, they must back out onto Calle Real to leave their driveways. Cars coming faster down the road would increase the risk of collisions. I frequently see near misses and think a higher rate of speed will make collisions more frequent.

Lastly, the park across from Mountain View Ranch is used by many and crossing Calle Real can be a real hazard. Small children on bikes or families can already barely get across without a vehicle encounter. Increase speed would be a deadly mistake.

The real recommendation would be to put speed bumps in this area or lower the speed. Not increase it. Just because people go faster in this area than the speed limit, doesn't make it ok and doesn't mean it should be increased.

Please keep our community and children safe. Please vote NOT to increase the speed along Calle Real.

As always thank you for listening,

Julie Rago

**David Cutaia**

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**From:** Maggie Friedlander <maggiefrie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 07, 2021 8:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Updated and New Speed Limits

RE: Cathedral Oaks.

I don't understand why the fact that people have been driving over the speed limit is justification for increasing the speed limit. Cathedral Oaks is used by pedestrians and bicyclist. We have already had fatalities there. Please don't increase the risk.

Thank you, Maggie Friedlander, 7281 Tuolumne Drive, Goleta, CA. 93117