

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2366

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF ARIZONA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION FOR NINETEEN (19) DESIGNATED STREET LOCATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PLACE NECESSARY SPEED LIMIT AND OTHER SIGNS TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE RESULTING SUGGESTED SPEED LIMITS; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, the Common Council (Council) of the Town of Prescott Valley (Town) is a "local authority" with jurisdiction over the Town streets and roadways in accordance with ARS §28-101(28); and

WHEREAS, ARS §28-701(A) prohibits all driving on streets and roadways at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, and §28-701(B) sets prima facie speeds (among others) of twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph) in business or residential districts and sixty-five (65) mph in other locations; and

WHEREAS, local authorities may reasonably exercise the police power to alter prima facie speeds along portions of streets and roadways so long as they do so on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and give notice through proper signage [ARS §§28-627(A)(10) & (C) and 28-703]; and

WHEREAS, Town Code §4-01-050 makes it the duty of the Police Department, under the direction of the Police Chief, to recommend to the Town Council the placing of traffic control devices (including fixing speed limits necessary to control traffic flow and to protect life and property); and

WHEREAS, Town Code §11-02-040(A) authorizes the Town Manager (with the approval of the Town Council) to place and maintain traffic control devices, signs and signals when and as required under the traffic regulations of the Town to make effective the provisions of said regulations (and to place and maintain such additional traffic control devices as the Manager may deem necessary to regulate, guide or warn traffic); and

WHEREAS, Town Council approval is generally provided by resolution; and

WHEREAS, soon after incorporation the Town Council adopted Resolution No. 39 (August 16, 1979) declaring the speed limit on all streets within the Town to be 25 mph except on State Route (SR) 69 and SR 89A; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1981, the Council adopted Resolution No. 111 reducing the speed limit on the one-way portion of Manzanita Circle to fifteen (15) mph; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1982, the Council adopted Resolution No. 139 reducing the speed limit on a portion of Ranger Road near the intersection with Outrider Court to 15 mph; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2001, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1013 (a) re-establishing the speed limit on a portion of Robert Road from Manley Drive to SR 89A at 25 mph (from thirty-five (35) mph, and (b) increasing the speed limit on a portion of Glassford Hill Road from Spouse Drive to SR 89A to fifty-five (55) mph (from forty-five (45) mph); and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2002, the Council adopted Policy No. 1-07 "Town Facilities Usage" by Resolution No. 1126 and thereby established a maximum speed of five (5) mph in all Town parks and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2006, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1473 (a) increasing the speed limit on a portion of Antelope Meadows Drive from Pronghorn Ranch to Parkview Drive to thirty (30) mph (from 25 mph), (b) decreasing the speed limit on a portion of Glassford Hill Road from Spouse Drive to SR 89A to 45 mph (from 55 mph); (c) increasing the speed limit on a portion of Lakeshore Drive to 30 mph (from 25 mph); (d) lowering the speed limit on a portion of Old Black Canyon Highway from Stoneridge Drive to Cloud Cliff Pass to 35 mph (from 45 mph); (e) increasing the speed limit on a portion of Robert Road from Roundup Drive to SR 89A to 30 mph (from 25 mph); (f) increasing the speed limit on a portion of Valley Road between Industrial Way and Sarah Jane Lane to 35 mph (from 25 mph); and (g) increasing the speed limit on a portion of Viewpoint Drive from SR 89A to Courage Butte Trail to 35 mph (from 25 mph); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has entered into an agreement with Lee Engineering, L.L.C. to conduct an engineering and traffic investigation on 19 designated Town streets and roadways (including all those then-posted at greater than 25 mph); and

WHEREAS, at the Council study session held March 7, 2024, Town Public Works Department staff presented the results of the study, including (a) 19 Roadway Sections studied, (b) the Existing Speed Limit on each Roadway Section (posted and unposted), and (c) the Suggested Speed Limit on each Roadway Section as determined in accordance with the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) as adopted by the Arizona Department of Transportation pursuant to ARS §28-641 (Exhibit "A" attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof); and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Police Department and the Public Works Department, the Council desires now to formally adopt the Suggested Speed Limit for each Roadway Section listed in Exhibit A, including (but not limited to) those Suggested Speed Limits where either reductions or increases in the speed limit are recommended; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the Suggested Speed Limit for each Roadway Section in Exhibit A complies with the requirements of ARS §28-703 and is otherwise consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further desires to authorize the Town Manager, through his designee, to place speed limit and other necessary signs at appropriate locations in accordance with said finding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona, that:

1. The Suggested Speed Limit for each Roadway Section in Exhibit A hereto be hereby adopted and ratified.

2. The Town Manager (or his designee) be hereby authorized and directed to place appropriate speed limit and any other necessary signs in accordance with the MUTCD and applicable Arizona Revised Statutes to implement and enforce the Suggested Speed Limit for each Roadway Section in Exhibit A. Such signs may include (but are expressly not limited to) necessary warning signs at curves or other locations where speed limits should be temporarily reduced as determined by the Manager upon recommendation by Lee Engineering.

3. This Resolution shall be effective after its passage and approval according to law.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona, this 28th day of March, 2024.

Kell Palguta, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fatima Fernandez, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ivan Legler, Town Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Lee Engineering.
February 2024 Traffic Study Summary
Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona

Roadway	Section	Existing Speed Limit	Proposed Speed Limit
Prescott East Highway	Antelope Lane to Granville Fairway	25	30
Granville Fairway	Santa Fe Loop Road to Tuscany Way	25	30
Santa Fe Loop Road	Jasper Parkway to Glassford Hill Road	25	30
Tuscany Way	Glassford Hill Road to Santa Fe Loop to Glassford Hill Road	25	30