

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORD AMENDING CONCORD MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10 (TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES), CHAPTER 10.20 (OPERATION OF VEHICLES), ARTICLE IV (SPECIAL SPEED ZONES), SECTION 10-20-080 (SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED) TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON FARM BUREAU ROAD FROM WILLOW PASS ROAD TO CLAYTON ROAD FROM 35 MILES PER HOUR TO 30 MILES PER HOUR.

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit on Farm Bureau Road from Willow Pass Road to Clayton Road is 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, upon performing a new engineering and traffic survey (E&TS) in December 2014, the 85th percentile speed of free-flowing traffic on Farm Bureau Road from Willow Pass Road to Concord Boulevard and from Concord Boulevard to Clayton Road was measured at 34 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21400(b) specifies that in cases in which the speed limit needs to be rounded up to the nearest five miles per hour increment of the 85th percentile speed, a local authority may decide to instead round down the speed limit to the lower five miles per hour increment, but no further reductions can be applied; and

WHEREAS, Section 2B.13 of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) 2014 Edition specifies that said CVC criteria may be used to establish posted speed limits on the basis of an E&TS performed after January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 85th percentile speed measured on Farm Bureau Road can be rounded down to 30 miles per hour to establish the speed limit as specified in CVC Section 21400(b) and MUTCD Section 2B.13; and

WHEREAS, the lower speed limit of 30 miles per hour is justified based on prevailing conditions on Farm Bureau Road, including General Plan designation as a “Neighborhood” street serving and connecting to residential areas with destinations such as homes, Wren Avenue Elementary School, and neighborhood retail; General Plan designation as an on-street bicycle facility; medium volume of traffic being served with slow to moderate speeds and significant

1 walking in addition to autos; presence of numerous roadside driveways not readily apparent to the
2 driver; forty-seven (47) traffic collisions reported since January 2010 including 14 injuries and six
3 collisions involving a pedestrian or bicycle; and City plans to establish Complete Streets on Farm
4 Bureau Road to encourage walking and bicycling.

5 **THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONCORD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

6 **Section 1.** Concord Municipal Code Title 10 (Traffic and Vehicles), Chapter 10.20 (Operation
7 of Vehicles), Article IV (Special Speed Zones), Section 10-20-080 (Speed limits established),
8 Subsection (5) *Thirty-five miles per hour*, is hereby amended by deleting “Farm Bureau Road from
9 Willow Pass Road to Clayton Road”.

10 **Section 2.** Concord Municipal Code Title 10 (Traffic and Vehicles), Chapter 10.20 (Operation
11 of Vehicles), Article IV (Special Speed Zones), Section 10-20-080 (Speed limits established),
12 Subsection (6) *Thirty miles per hour*, is hereby amended by adding “Farm Bureau Road from Willow
13 Pass Road to Clayton Road”.

14 **Section 3.** This Ordinance No. 15-2 shall become effective thirty (30) days following its
15 passage and adoption. In the event a summary of said Ordinance is published in lieu of the entire
16 Ordinance, a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance shall be posted in the office of the City
17 Clerk at least five (5) days prior to its adoption and within fifteen (15) days after its adoption,
18 including the vote of the Councilmembers. Additionally, a summary prepared by the City Attorney’s
19 Office shall be published once at least five (5) days prior to the date of adoption of this Ordinance and
20 once within fifteen (15) days after its passage and adoption, including the vote of the
21 Councilmembers, in the Contra Costa Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of
22 Concord.

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Tim Grayson
Mayor

24 ATTEST:

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26 Joelle Fockler
City Clerk

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1 Ordinance No. 15-2 was duly and regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council
2 of the City of Concord held on March 10, 2015, and was thereafter duly and regularly passed and
3 adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Concord on March 24, 2015, by the
4 following vote:

5 **AYES:** Councilmembers -

6 **NOES:** Councilmembers -

7 **ABSTAIN:** Councilmembers -

8 **ABSENT:** Councilmembers -

9 **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly and
10 regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Concord, California.

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Joelle Fockler
City Clerk