



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
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**SUBJECT:** Ordinance establishing the Speed Limit on a Portion of Muir Woods Road in Muir Woods National Monument and Mount Tamalpais State Park

Accounting

Dear Board Members:

Airport

**RECOMMENDATION:** Read ordinance by title only and schedule a merit hearing for November 25, 2014 at 10:30 AM.

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

**SUMMARY:** Muir Woods Road currently does not have an established speed limit. In accordance with the CVC, without a speed limit established by an Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS), the basic speed law applies which states, "no person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway which is greater than is reasonable or prudent..." The specific speed limit is undefined and difficult to enforce.

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Communications Maintenance

County Garage

Due to the large number of roadway users including visitors to Muir Woods National Monument parking along the roadway and pedestrians walking along the edge of the roadway, State and Federal Parks staff requested that an official enforceable speed limit be established. The procedure to set speed limits is specified in the California Vehicle Code (CVC), section 40802. The Marin County Department of Public Works conducted an E&TS pursuant to CVC Section 627 and determined that a 25 mph speed limit between Panoramic Highway (milepost 0.00) to the northerly entrance to Santos Meadow (milepost 3.20) would be appropriate and enforceable. The Muir Beach Community Services District (MBCSD) reviewed and supports the proposed speed limit. The MBCSD requested that no speed limit be established between Santos Meadow and Highway 1 since shoulder parking with pedestrians walking alongside the road does not often occur in this portion of the Muir Woods Road. Establishment of a speed limit is not proposed for this section of road at this time.

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control & Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

The recommended speed limit is the lowest that can be posted and still be legally enforceable. The attached ordinance meets the criteria for radar enforcement as established in Section 40802 of the CVC.

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation & Traffic Operations

Waste Management

**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 20100, Fund Center 4100061000, and Commitment Item #5220500. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Respectfully submitted,



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