January 23, 2018

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Ordinance Establishing Speed Limit on a Portion of Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Conduct the merit hearing; and 2) adopt the ordinance.

SUMMARY: In response to residents’ concerns regarding speeds on Eliseo Drive between Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Bretano Way, Public Works staff reviewed these requests in coordination with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and determined that establishment of a radar-enforceable speed limit on Eliseo Drive would aid in their enforcement of the speed limit and help address residents’ concerns with speed on this roadway.

Although a Collector Road, many residences front Eliseo Drive on each side. There is also substantial bicycle traffic along this roadway with bicycles that often weave in and out of the through lane to pass parked vehicles. Many pedestrians, including children, cross Eliseo Drive at the uncontrolled Parkside Way intersection to access Greenbrae School Park. In addition, Eliseo Drive periodically experiences substantially increased traffic volumes due to regional traffic using Eliseo Drive to bypass periodic traffic congestion on US 101. We believe that these conditions warrant establishment of a radar-enforceable speed limit.

The procedure to set radar-enforceable speed limits is specified in the California Vehicle Code (CVC). Local jurisdictions must set a speed limit based upon the prevailing speed (85% of drivers surveyed). State regulations require that the speed limit be based upon an Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS). We have conducted an E&TS pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 627 and recommend that the speed limit on Eliseo Drive, between Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Bretano Way, be established at 25 mph. The proposed speed limit was reviewed and supported by the California Highway Patrol. A first reading of the ordinance was conducted by your Board on January 9, 2018.
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FISCAL IMPACT: This action will result in the installation and ongoing maintenance of signs and markings. Existing funds are budgeted and available in Road Org 21625531. There is no impact to the General Fund.

REVIEWED BY:  [ ] County Administrator  [ X ] N/A
[ ] Department of Finance  [ X ] N/A
[ ] County Counsel  [ X ] N/A
[ ] Human Resources  [ X ] N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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