



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**H-3**

For the meeting of: May 12, 2015

Date: April 29, 2015


To: Board of Supervisors

From:  Thomas K. Mattson, Director of Public Works

Subject: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: AMENDING SECTION 422-10 RELATING TO THE SPEED LIMIT ON MILL STREET, AND ADDING SECTION 422-14 RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS NEAR SCHOOLS, TO TITLE IV OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduces the attached ordinance by title and waives the first reading;
2. Sets the ordinance for adoption on May 19, 2015, or at least one week from that date;
3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to publish the pre-adoption summary of the ordinance and to post a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance in the office of the Clerk of the Board, both the publication and posting to be done at least five (5) days prior to the board meeting at which the ordinance will be adopted. [Government Code Section 25124 (b)(1)];
4. Directs the Clerk of the Board, within 15 days after adoption of the ordinance, to publish a post-adoption summary of the ordinance with the names of the Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance, and to post in the office of the Clerk of the Board, a certified copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance and amendments along with the names of those Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance [Government Code Section 25124 (b)(1)]; and

Prepared by Art Reeve 

CAO Approval 

REVIEW:

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel Sm Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Lovelace

- Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Fennell, Bohn, Bass
- Nays \_\_\_\_\_
- Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
- Absent \_\_\_\_\_

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: May 12, 2015

By:   
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

5. Directs Humboldt County Public Works to file the attached Notice of Exemption with the Humboldt County Clerk in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Road Fund (1200325)

DISCUSSION:

The proposed ordinance amends the speed limit on Mill Street in Fortuna, and creates an ordinance for the revision of speed limits near schools within county jurisdiction. (Attachment 1)

The proposed speed limit amendment for Mill Street in Fortuna, is because the original ordinance was written for the section starting at Rohnerville Road and ending four-tenths (0.4) of a mile from that point; this section now belongs to the City of Fortuna. The remaining section of Mill Street did not have an approved speed limit. County staff recently performed an engineering traffic study on the county's portion of Mill Street and the eighty-five (85) percentile speed was identified as thirty-six (36) miles per hour (mph).

The Caltrans Traffic Manual states:

“The speed limit normally should be established at the first five mile per hour increment below the 85 percentile speed. However, in matching existing conditions with the traffic safety needs of the community, engineering judgment may indicate the need for a further reduction of five miles per hour.”

Therefore staff recommendation is to post the speed limit at thirty-five (35) mph and also post it radar enforced.

The proposed speed limit ordinance near schools is based on California Vehicle Code 22358.4 (or AB321) authorizing local jurisdictions to decrease the prima facie speed limit to fifteen (15) mph in a residential district where the posted speed limit is thirty (30) mph or slower, when approaching or passing within five hundred (500) feet from a school building or the grounds of a school building, or while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during the noon recess period. It also, states that a prima facie speed limit of twenty-five (25) mph in a residential district where the posted speed limit is thirty (30) mph or slower, when approaching, at a distance of five hundred (500) to one thousand (1000) feet from a school building or the grounds of a school building, or while children are going to or leaving school, either during schools hours or during the noon recess period.

The request for the creation of this ordinance came from the Safe Routes to School Task Force (Attachment 2). The task force is made up of members from California Highway Patrol, Humboldt County Public Health Department, Redwood Community Action Agency, Humboldt County Association of Governments, Humboldt State University, several school districts, several community groups, and Humboldt County Department of Public Works. Their request is based on the idea that should a person be hit by a car at fifteen (15) mph the severity of the injury is far less than being hit at twenty-five (25) mph or greater.

Based on prior engineering traffic studies the following schools have been identified as eligible for implementation of the proposed ordinance:

- The Freshwater Elementary School

- The Garfield Elementary School
- Cutten Elementary School
- The Grant Elementary School
- The Lafayette Elementary School
- The Pine Hill Elementary School
- The South Bay Elementary School
- The Kneeland Elementary School
- The Dow's Prairie Elementary School
- The Morris Elementary School

As additional engineering traffic studies are performed on other county roads, more schools can be added to the list.

The proposed ordinance revision is considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines, and the application of this categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption is included in Attachment 3.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost for the manufacturing and installation of the regulatory signs are estimated at \$130.00 per sign and is covered in the Road Fund budget. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

The requested action conforms to the Board of Supervisors core roles of providing for and maintaining infrastructure and creating opportunities for improved safety.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Highway Patrol, which enforces traffic laws on county roads

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not adopt the ordinance; however, this action would not improve traffic safety in these locations.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Ordinance
2. Letter from the Safe Routes to School Committee
3. Notice of Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT AMENDING SECTION 422-10 RELATING TO THE SPEED  
LIMIT ON MILL STREET, AND ADDING SECTION 422-14 RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS  
NEAR SCHOOLS TO TITLE IV OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 422-10 of Chapter 2 of Division 2 of Title IV of the Humboldt County Code is amended as shown on the attached page.

SECTION 2. Section 422-14 of Chapter 2 of Division 2 of Title IV of the Humboldt County Code is amended as shown on the attached pages.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage. A summary shall be published at least five (5) days before the date set for adoption and again fifteen (15) days after passage of this ordinance. It shall be published once with the names of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Humboldt, State of California.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

AYES: Supervisors--  
NOES: Supervisors--  
ABSENT: Supervisors--

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt

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## **SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

(The summary shall be published and a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance shall be posted in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at least five (5) days prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting at which the proposed ordinance is to be adopted.)

### **SUMMARY**

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, at its regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will consider for adoption a proposed ordinance amending Section 422-10 relating to the speed limit on Mill Street, and by adding Section 422-14 relating to speed limits near schools to Title IV of the Humboldt County Code

The text of the proposed ordinance is available from the Clerk of the Board, Room 111, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA.

## 422-10. THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR (55 KM/H) SPEED LIMIT.

The speed limit for the highways or portions thereof designated as follows, except for the portions thereof which lie within business and residence districts as defined in the Vehicle Code, is determined and declared to be thirty-five (35) miles per hour (55 km/h):

- (1) Airport Road (County Road No. C4M200) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 1.02 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 1.64). (Ord. 1198 § 1, 2/28/78)
- (1.5) Alderpoint Road (County Road No. F6B165) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 1.0 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 1.61). (Ord. 2310, § 1, 10/21/2003)
- (2) Azalea Avenue (County Road No. 4L810) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 1.39 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 2.24). (Ord. 1198 § 1, 2/28/78)
- (3) Baird Road (County Road No. 4M250) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 0.53 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 0.85). (Ord. 1198 § 1, 2/28/78)
- (4) Balboa Road (County Road No. 4M230) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 0.07 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 0.11). (Ord. 1198 § 1, 2/28/78)
- (4.5) Bald Hills Road (County Road No. F4R300) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 2.00 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 3.22) and P.M. 3.00 to P.M. 7.00 (P.K. 4.82 to P.K. 11.27). (Ord. 2489, § 2, 10/02/2012)
- (5) Blue Lake Boulevard (County Road No. F5L016) - from its intersection with Glendale Drive (County Road No. 4L765) at P.M. 0.00 (P.K. 0.00) to its intersection with Blue Lake-Maple Creek Road (County Road No. F5L100) at P.M. 1.53 (P.K. 2.46). (Ord. 1032 § 4, 6/17/75)
- (6) Blue Lake-Maple Creek Road (County Road No. F5L100) - from its intersection with Blue Lake Boulevard (County Road No. FL016) at P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 1.45 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 2.30). (Amended by Ord. 1809, § 1, 10/6/1987).
- (7) Briceland Thorn Road (County Road No. F5A010) - from a point 100 feet (0.03 km) west of its intersection with Briceland Road (County Road No. 6B005), thence southwesterly along said Briceland Thorn Road a distance of 2,000 feet (0.61 km). (Ord. 332 § 1, 10/3/55)
- (7.5) Briceland Thorne Road (County Road F5A010) - from P.M. 10.15 to P.M. 10.68. (Ord. 2409, § 1, 01/06/2009)
- (8) Bush Avenue (County Road No. 4M235) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 0.13 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 0.21). (Ord. 1198 § 1, 2/28/78)
- (9) Buttermilk Lane (County Road No. C4L220) - from a point 6,000 feet (1.83 km) easterly of its intersection with Old Arcata Road to a point 9,500 feet (2.90 km) easterly of its intersection with Old Arcata Road. (Ord. 504 § 1, 12/9/64)
- (10) Central Avenue (County Road No. A4L800) - from a point 750 feet (0.23 km) south of its intersection with Bella Vista Road (County Road No. 4L850) to a point 100 feet (0.03 km) north of its intersection with Murray Road (County Road No. C3M020). (Ord. 569 § 2, 7/12/66)
- (11) Elk River Road (County Road No. F3J300) - beginning 1.5 miles (2.41 km) south of Highway 101 and continuing in a southerly direction for a distance of 0.8 mile (1.29 km). (Ord. 346 § 1, 9/23/57)

(12) Elk River Road (County Road No. 3J305) - from its intersection with Ridgewood Drive (County Road No. F3J300) to its intersection with Wrigley Road (County Road No. 3J315) P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 3.38 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 5.44). Ord. 488, § 2, 8/25/64; Ord. 1899, § 3, 5/8/90; Ord. 2510, § 1, 01/14/2014)

(13) Fieldbrook Road (County Road No. 4L760) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 4.15 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 6.57). (Ord. 1170, § 1, 10/11/77)

(14) Glendale Drive (County Road No. 4L765) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 3.02 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 4.78). (Ord. 1965, § 3, 3/24/92)

(15) Greenwood Heights Road (County Road No. 4K160) - from a point 2.4 miles (3.86 km) northerly of its intersection with Freshwater Road (County Road No. F6F060), which said intersection is the westerly terminus of Greenwood Heights Road, to the easterly terminus of Greenwood Heights Road at its intersection with Kneeland Road (County Road No. F6F060). (Ord 404, § 3, 7/11/61)

(16) Harris Street (County Road No. A3K320) - from the city limits of the City of Eureka to its easterly terminus at its intersection with Hall Avenue (County Road No. A3K321). (Ord. 448, § 2, 3/12/63)

(17) Herrick Avenue (County Road No. A3J410) - from the intersection of Elk River Road (County Road No. F3J300) easterly a distance of 0.84 mile (1.35 km) to the westerly city limits of Eureka at Fairway Drive (city street). (Ord. 588, § 1, 2/7/67)

(17.5) Holmes Flat Road (County Road No. 5E020) - from Post Mile 0.25 to Post Mile 1.37 (P.K. 0.40 to P.K. 2.20). (Ord. 2445, § 1, 02/15/2011)

(18) Humboldt Hill Road (County Road No. 3J010) - from the intersection of Humboldt Hill Road with U.S. Highway 101 southward for a distance of 1.50 miles (2.41 km). (Ord. 823, § 1, 1/25/72)

(19) Hunts Road (County Road No. 4L820) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 0.55 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 0.89). (Ord. 1198, § 1, 2/28/78)

(20) Jacoby Creek Road (County Road No. C4K230) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 1.27 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 2.05). (Ord. 1899, § 3, 5/8/90)

(21) Johnson Road (County Road No. 4G060) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 1.30 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 2.09). (Ord. 1145, § 2, 7/19/77)

(22) King Salmon (County Road No. 3J810) - from a point on King Salmon Avenue 100 feet (0.03 km) southerly of the bridge across the slough to the intersection of King Salmon Avenue and Herring Avenue (County Road No. 3J880). (Ord. 346, § 1, 9/23/57)

(23) Loleta Drive (County Road No. A3H200) - from a point 1,000 feet (0.31 km) easterly of its intersection with Perrott Avenue (County Road No. 3H250) to a point 1,600 feet (0.49 km) easterly of its intersection with said Perrott Avenue. (Ord. 447, § 1, 2/26/63)

(24) Lucas Street (County Road No. C3K640) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 0.29 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 0.46). (Ord. 1965, § 3, 3/24/92)

(25) Mattole Road (County Road No. F3C010) - from P.M. 13.94 in the town of Petrolia, to P.M. 16.39 (P.K. 22.34 to P.K. 26.38). (Ord. 346, § 1, 9/23/57; Ord. 2497, § 2, 03/19/2013)

(26) Mattole Road (County Road No. F3C010) - from P.M.0.45 to P.M. 2.55 (P.K. 0.72 to P.K. 4.10), a distance of 2.1 miles (3.38 km). (Ord. 317, § 1, 8/30/54; Ord. 2506, § 2, 10/10/13)

(28) Meridian Road (County Road No. 2G025) - from its intersection with Port Kenyon Road (County Road No. 2H010) to a point 500 feet (0.15 km) south thereof. (Ord. 1032, § 4, 6/17/75)

(29) Mill Street (County Road No. C3G305) - from ~~its intersection with Rohnerville Road (County Road No. F3G310)~~ at P.M. 0.00 easterly to P.M. 0.40 ~~(P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 0.64)~~ its intersection with Country Club ES Road (County Road No. 4G110) P.M. 0.64 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 1.03). (Ord. 880, § 1, 10/3/72; Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, § \_\_, \_\_/\_\_/2015)

(30) Murray Road (County Road No. C3M020) - from its intersection with Central Avenue (County Road No. A4L800) at P.M. 1.10 (P.K. 1.77) easterly 1,848 feet (0.56 km) to P.M. 1.44 (P.K. 2.32). (Ord. 1032, § 4, 6/17/75)

(30.5) Murray Road (County Road No. C3M020) - from P.M. 0.26 to P.M. 1.12 (P.K. 0.42 to P.K. 1.80). (Ord. 2489, § 2, 10/02/2012)

(31) Murray Road (County Road No. C3M020) - from P.M. 5.27 to P.M. 5.64 (P.K. 8.48 to P.K. 9.08) a distance of 0.37 mile (0.60 km). (Ord. 1032, § 4, 6/17/75)

(32) Myrtle Avenue (County Road No. F3K300) - from a point 0.25 mile (0.4 km) south of its intersection with Freshwater Road (County Road No. F6F060) to a point 0.25 mile (0.4 km) north of its intersection with said Freshwater Road. (Ord. 411, § 3, 10/3/61)

(33) Newberg Road (County Road No. 3H115) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 0.75 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 1.21). (Ord. 1056, § 3, 12/25/75)

(34) New Navy Base Road (County Road No. F3K010) - from Peninsula Avenue to Mad River Slough Bridge. (Ord. 1409, § 3, 6/24/80)

(35) Old Arcata Road (County Road No. F3K300) - from a point 0.25 mile (0.4 km) north of the Jacoby Creek Elementary School to the Arcata city limits. (Ord. 352, § 1, 7/15/58)

(36) Patterson Road (County Road No. 8M130) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 2.18 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 3.45). (Ord. 1361, § 2, 10/2/79)



(11) Myrtle Avenue (County Road No. F3K300) - from its intersection with Hall Avenue (County Road No. A3K321) to a point 0.25 mile (0.4 km) south of its intersection with Freshwater Road (County Road No. F6F060). (Ord. 411, § 2, 10/3/61)

(12) Myrtle Avenue and Old Arcata Road (County Road No. F3K300) - from a point 0.25 mile (0.4 km) north of its intersection with Freshwater Road (County Road No. F6F060) to a point 0.25 mile (0.4 km) south of the Jacoby Creek Elementary School. (Ord. 411, § 2, 10/3/61)

(13) Patricks Point Drive (County Road No. 3N010) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 5.51 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 8.73). (Ord. 1567, § 1, 12/7/82)

(13.05) Red Cap Road (County Road No. 8Q100) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 0.70 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 1.13). (Ord. 2506, § 2, 10/10/13)

(13.07) Tompkins Hill Road (County Road No. A3H050) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 2.77 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 4.46). (Ord. 2510, § 1, 01/14/2014)

(13.1) Waddington Road (County Road No. C3G025) - from P.M. 0.00 to P.M. 2.77 (P.K. 0.00 to P.K. 4.38). (Ord. 2171, § 1, 5/26/1998)

(14) Walnut Drive and Ridgewood Drive (County Road No. F3J300) - from a point 350 feet (0.11 km) south of its intersection with Campton Road (County Road No. A3J620) to its intersection with Elk River Road (County Road No. F3J300). (Ord. 1032, § 5, 6/17/75)

**422-13. FIFTY MILES PER HOUR (80 KM/H) SPEED LIMIT.**

The speed limit for the highways or portions designated as follows is determined and declared to be fifty (50) miles per hour (80 km/h):

(1) Redwood Drive (County Road No. 6B105) - from P.M. 3.20 to P.M. 4.81 (P.K. 5.07 to P.K. 7.62) (Ord. 1999, § 6, 5/25/1993)

**422-14 SPEED LIMITS NEAR SCHOOLS.**

In accordance with Vehicle Code § 22358.4, the Board of Supervisors hereby determines, upon the basis of engineering and traffic surveys, that the following prima facie speed limits are the most appropriate to facilitate the safe and orderly movement of traffic in areas meeting the criteria described in paragraph (c) below. (Ord. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_, \_\_/\_\_/2015)

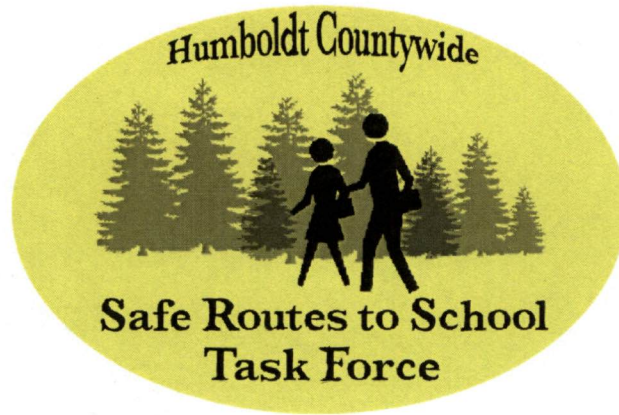
(a) A 15 miles per hour prima facie limit in a residential district, on a county roadway with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or slower, when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, a school building or the grounds of a school building, contiguous to a county roadway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during the noon recess period. The prima facie limit shall also apply when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, school grounds that are not separated from the county roadway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the county roadway is posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour. (Ord. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_, \_\_/\_\_/2015)

(b) A 25 miles per hour prima facie limit in a residential district, on a county roadway with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or slower, when approaching, at a distance of 500 to 1,000 feet from, a school building or the grounds thereof, contiguous to a county roadway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 25 miles per hour, while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during the noon recess period. The prima facie limit shall also apply when approaching, at a distance of 500 to 1,000 feet from, school grounds that are not separated from the county roadway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the county roadway is posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 25 miles per hour. (Ord. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_, \_\_/\_\_/2015)

(c) The prima facie limits established under this section apply only to county roadways that meet all of the following conditions: (Ord. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_, \_\_/\_\_/2015)

(1) A maximum of two lanes. (Ord. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_, \_\_/\_\_/2015)

(2) A maximum posted 30 miles per hour prima facie speed limit immediately prior and after the school zone. (Ord. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_, \_\_/\_\_/2015)



April 30, 2015

Board of Supervisors  
County of Humboldt  
Attn: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisors,

The Countywide Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Task Force urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt AB 321, The Safe School Zone Act, in order to improve safety for students and families traveling between home and school in the unincorporated county.

The Safer School Zone Act, also known as Assembly Bill 321 (Nava), is a state law that went into effect in 2008. The law allows counties and cities to expand 25 miles per hour school zones to 1000 feet and reduce speeds around certain public school locations, where appropriate, to 15 miles per hour. Many counties and cities in California have already adopted AB 321, including the City of Fortuna.

The Countywide Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Task Force works together across sectors to improve transportation safety around schools throughout the county, promote education around safe walking and biking, and encourage more youth to walk and bike to school where it is safe to do so. The Task Force is comprised of school administrators from across the county, law enforcement officers, public works and public health staff, parents, community members, and non-profits.

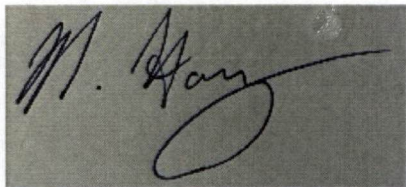
Daily, we witness the challenges families face in safely getting to school throughout the county. Safe Routes to School inventories with nearly every school in the county have yielded consistent concerns about speeding in front of schools. While our task force focuses on education around these issues and law enforcement agencies are great partners with school districts, additional tools are needed and available to increase school safety in Humboldt County.

Reducing traffic speeds is one of the most powerful and effective ways to prevent traffic collisions and reduce the severity of collisions that do occur. And small reductions in traffic speeds really do make a big difference. At 25 miles per hour, the current speed limit of most school zones in California, a third of pedestrians hit will be seriously injured, and over one out of ten will die. At 30 miles per hour, the speed many cars actually travel in 25-mph zones, the risk of death doubles: one out of five pedestrians hit will die, and half will be seriously injured. Meanwhile a far greater percentage of people hit by a car going 15 miles per hour will survive with only minor injuries.

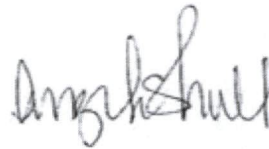
Adoption of AB 321 will provide the County and law enforcement with another tool to improve safety around schools. We, undersigned members of the Countywide Safe Routes to Schools Task Force, encourage the Board to adopt AB 321.

Sincerely,

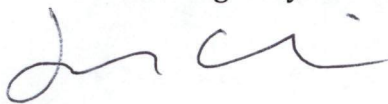
Representatives of the Humboldt Countywide Safe Routes to School Task Force



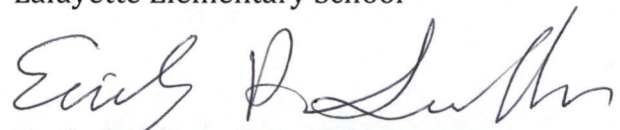
Matt Harvey, Public Information Officer  
California Highway Patrol



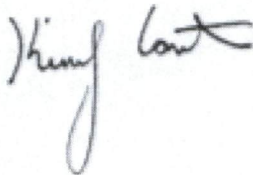
Angela Shull, Principal  
Lafayette Elementary School



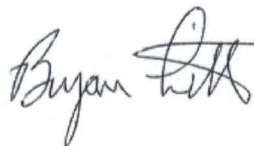
Jenny Weiss, Senior Planner  
Redwood Community Action Agency



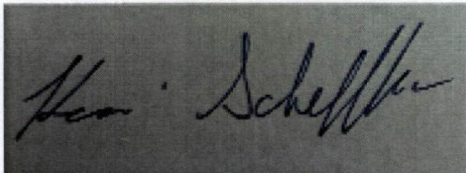
Emily Sinkhorn, Deputy Director  
Redwood Community Action Agency



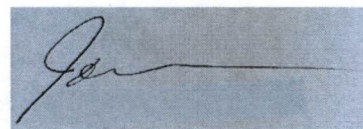
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Humboldt County Dept. of Health and Human Services

HUMBOLDT COUNTY  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary for Resource  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

APPLICANT: Humboldt County Public Works  
1106 Second St.  
Eureka, CA 95501  
707-445-7741

X County Clerk  
County of Humboldt

**Project Title:** An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt is a revision of an existing speed limit ordinance outside the city limits of Fortuna, and the creation of an ordinance to decrease speed limits on various County Roads near schools pursuant to AB321.

**Project Location-Specific:** Speed restriction of 35 miles per hour on Mill Street (County Road No. C3G305) from P.M. 0.00 easterly to its intersection with Country Club Estates Drive.

In accordance with Vehicle Code § 22358.4, a 15 miles per hour speed restriction in a resident district, on a county roadway, with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or slower, when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, a school building or the grounds of a school building, contiguous to a county roadway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during recess periods. Such limit shall be applicable when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet, or passing school grounds that are not separated from the county roadway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the county roadway is posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour.

In accordance with Vehicle Code § 22358.4, a 25 miles per hour speed restriction in a residence district, on a county roadway with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or slower, when approaching, at a distance of 500 to 1,000 feet, a school building or the grounds thereof, contiguous to a county roadway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 25 miles per hour, while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during recess periods. Such limit shall also apply when approaching, at a distance of 500 to 1,000 feet, school grounds that are not separated from the county roadway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the county roadway is posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

**Project Location-County:** Humboldt County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project is a revision to the Humboldt County Code establishing speed limits along designated portions of public roads, as a means of improving safety to persons or property.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Humboldt County Department of Public Works

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)

\_\_\_\_\_ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269[a])

\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269[b] and [c])

X **Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:** Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations)

**Reason why project is exempt:** These projects will not result in direct effects on the environment. The proposed speed limit restrictions will not affect traffic flow or otherwise alter usage of the subject roadways.

**Contact Person:** Art Reeve, Deputy-Director (Road Maintenance)

**Telephone:** 707-445-7205

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Signature of Receiving Party

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Signature of Humboldt Co. Rep.

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Environmental Analyst  
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April 27, 2015

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Date Signed