



January 16, 2018

State Traffic Engineer
Oregon Department of Transportation
355 Capital Street NE, Fifth Floor
Salem, OR 97301-3871

Re: Central Point Road Corridor – Speed Recommendation from local Residents

At our June 2017 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting a request was made to lower the speed limit on Central Point Road. In order to get a better idea what the adjacent communities concerns were with the speed limit on Central Point Road, staff created a Webform asking the neighbors what speed they recommended for the corridor and why they recommended that speed. The Webform received 175 unique submissions, over 50% of the respondents recommend the speed limit of the corridor be 35 mph.

Following is a summary of the reasons provided in the 'Why do you recommend this speed limit?' section of the Webform:

- Increase in development along the corridor, more homes & traffic.
- Increase in pedestrians in the corridor as the area has developed, and safety of children waiting for school buses.
- Number of side streets & driveways along corridor.
- Long straight corridor is often used as a drag strip.
- Difficulty in getting out of driveways on Central Point Road.
- Narrow pavement in areas.
- Limited sidewalks and some intermittent paved shoulders, requires pedestrians & bicycles to use vehicle travel lanes.
- Safety of bicyclists along the corridor as there is not a consistent bike lane.
- Lack of street lighting along entire corridor.
- Safety concerns at Partlow/McCord offset intersection.
- Safety concerns for vehicles being rear-ended when slowing to turn into adjacent neighborhoods.

- Sight distance pulling out from side streets, especially in areas with on-street parking.
- Poor pavement conditions.
- A few requests for 25 mph, which was not an option in the survey.

On January 16, 2018 the TAC met and reviewed the information collected by staff, as well as the results of the online Central Point Road Speed Limit Citizen Input Webform. Based on this information, the Oregon City Transportation Advisory Committee recommends, on behalf of the local residents, a posted speed limit of 35 mph along the entire Central Point Road within city limits.

Sincerely,

Bob LaSalle
TAC Chair