1		PROPOSED BY: Public Works - Engineering		
2 3		INTRODUCTION DATE: <u>9/29/2020</u>		
4	ORDINANCE NO			
5 6 7	ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON MARINE DRIVE WHEREAS, the County Council is authorized under RCW 46.61.415 to establish speed limits on certain County roads; and			
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10 11 12 13	WHEREAS, a petition to lower the speed limit on Marine Drive has been received by the County Engineers' Office from local residents; and			
14 15	WHEREAS, the County Engineer conducted an engineering study of Marine Drive, and			
16 17 18	<b>WHEREAS</b> , the County Engineer has agreed that it is necessary to formally establish the new speed limits; and			
19 20	<b>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED</b> by the Whatcom County Council that the speed limits be established as follows:			
21 22	40-MPH 35 MPH on Marine Drive, from 1000 feet east of Locust Avenue to Old Marine Drive, Sections 15, 22, and 23, Township 38 North, Range 2 East, W.M.			
23 24 25	40-MPH 30 MPH on Marine Drive, from Old Marine Drive to Bancroft Road, Sections 15 and 16, Township 38 North, Range 2 East, W.M.			
26 27 28 29 30	<b>BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED</b> , that the County Engineer is hereby directed to install the appropriate signs and the Whatcom County Sheriff and the Washington State Patrol be notified by a copy of this ordinance.			
31 32	Provisions of this ordinance are hereby added to Whatcom County Code, Sections 10.04.050 and 10.04.040.			
33 34 35	ADOPTED this day of,	2020.		
35 36 37 38 39	ATTEST:	WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON		
39 40 41 42	Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council	Barry Buchanan, Council Chair		
42 43 44 45	APPROVED AS TO FORM:	WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON		
46 47	Approved via email Christopher Quinn,	Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive		
48 49 50	Sr. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Civil Division	() Approved () Denied		
51		Date Signed:		

### Exhibit A - Whatcom County Code Amendment

10.04.040 Thirty miles per hour.

MARINE DRIVE. On Marine Drive from Old Marine Drive to Bancroft Road

10.04.050 Thirty-five miles per hour – Maximum generally.

MARINE DRIVE. On Marine Drive from 1,000 feet east of Locust Avenue to Old Marine Drive

10.04.060 Forty miles per hour. MARINE DRIVE. Marine Drive from 1,000 East of Locust Road to Hoff Road.

## Vicinity Map

## New 35 MPH Speed Limit



## Vicinity Map

New 30 MPH Speed Limit





From: Whatcom County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Co-Chairs: Stephen Zylstra (zmanpdx@gmail.com) Sonja Max (max.sonja@gmail.com)

To: James P. Karcher, County Engineer 322 N. Commercial St., Suite 301 Bellingham WA 98225

June 16, 2020

Re: Marine Drive Bridge Petition

Dear Mr. Karcher,

The Whatcom County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee supports the petition of Marine Drive residents to lower the speed limit across the Marine Drive Bridge (Bridge no. 172) over the railroad tracks just east of Wynn Road.

It has been brought to the Committee's attention multiple times that this bridge does not facilitate safe passage for people walking, biking or using other micromobility devices, as there are no shoulders and just one narrow elevated walkway on the north side of the bridge. Vehicles routinely pass people walking and biking at 40+ mph in a no passing zone with limited visibility and not enough space. This creates a high level of traffic stress for all bridge users, including those in vehicles.

Additionally, there are no crosswalks at either end of the bridge to allow people walking on the south side to access the walkway on the north side. Lowering the speed limit would make crossing the roadway safer.

Roughly 400 people work at Smith Gardens, which is accessed from the west side of the bridge. Many of those employees are ethnic minorities and not all may have access to a vehicle. Ensuring the safety of those who walk, take the bus or ride a bike to their place of work should be a priority. Residents of Marine Drive, the Lummi reservation and the Lummi peninsula should also be able to traverse the bridge safely by foot or bicycle.

The committee supports lowering the speed limit to 25 mph to provide a safer roadway for all bridge users.

Sincerely,

Stephen Zylstra, Co-Chair

Sonja Max, Co-Chair

#### March 20, 2020

We, the members of the community near the Marine Drive Bridge are concerned for the safety of people who walk and bike on across this bridge. There are no sidewalks and no bike lanes. This area of Marine Drive has a speed limit of 40 MPH. The bridge has limited sight lines and creates a dangerous situation when drivers cross the double yellow lines into oncoming traffic to pass people walking and biking. There is not an alternative to cross the railway unless one ventures over the I-5 corridor at Slater Road, 3 miles north.

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