

## Legislation Text

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### State Route 500 (SR-500) Posted Speed Revision

Details: The Camas School District is preparing to construct a northern access on NE Garfield Street to Camas High School. The intent is to have this access opened by the start of the 2017-2018 school year. The high school traffic will enter and exit SR-500, also known as NE Everett Street, at NE Everett Drive just south of SE 8th Street. The current posted speed at this intersection is 50 miles per hour. With the increase in school traffic at this location, staff recommended at the July 3, 2017, workshop that the 35 mile per hour posted speed limit boundary be moved to just north of SE 8th Street. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is responsible for setting the posted speed on this state route. The southwest region of WSDOT conducted a study and found the reduced speed is warranted. In order to forward this request to the state traffic engineer for approval, Council must adopt an ordinance in support of this reduced speed limit. Since the workshop of July 3, 2017, a concern was brought forward by a citizen regarding the limited sight distance available at SE 5th Street, due to a vertical curve on SR-500. After review of the roadway characteristics, WSDOT can justify moving the 35 mile per hour speed zone boundary to the north of SE 5th Street. Staff recommends this speed zone alteration. Attached is a map depicting the area of the recommended speed limit change and the proposed Camas High School access location.

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Recommended Action: An ordinance has been placed on the August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration.