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Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:17 PM
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: NO ON AGENDA ITEM #27 - POSTED SPEED LIMITS DESERVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Hello City Council -

I have already submitted supplemental communications about this agenda item previously, but since it was rightfully removed from a previous council meeting due to the demands of the oil spill emergency, I am reaching out again.

Agenda Item #27 requests amending of Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 10.12 relating to speed limits on Atlanta Avenue between Huntington Street and Beach Boulevard. Essentially this is a request to increase the posted speed limit along Atlanta Ave from 35mph to 40mph.

I often discuss our public rights-of-way and how we could greatly improve the quality of life in HB by proactively re-shaping these public spaces to be more accommodating for people. And while we often focus on better bike lanes, more crosswalks, and other highly visible infrastructure improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, vehicle speeds are frequently overlooked.

As a frequent walker and cyclist, I simply can't emphasize this point enough: Vehicle Speeds, more than any other single factor, are both what make pedestrians and cyclists feel unsafe and are statistically are an ever-present contributor to vehicle crashes and pedestrian/cyclist injuries and deaths. The thought that we would ever willingly increase a posted speed limit seems extremely counterproductive.

I have corresponded with HB Public Works about this issue, and while I understand they feel bound by various state-wide standards to make this request, I don't believe, those in Public Works or anyone else actually feels that increasing posted speed limits is ever in the best interest of residents whether behind the wheel, on a bike or traversing our streets on foot.

I respectfully request that this agenda item be tabled and that an alternative motion be made focused on engaging in further discussion and study of posted speed limits both at this location but also throughout Huntington Beach.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
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**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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