

ORDINANCE NO. 2376

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A SPEED OF 20 MPH ON NW HARMON BOULEVARD WHEN POSTED

Findings

A. The 2019-2021 Biennial Budget, adopted by Council by Resolution 3156, includes the Neighborhood Street Safety Program.

B. The Neighborhood Street Safety Program is a new program for small-scale, residential street projects to address safety for walking and bicycling, safe routes to schools, access to parks, speed management and intersections. The City solicited and received more than 360 applications for projects from the community. From these applications, Bend's Neighborhood Associations assisted City staff in evaluating and prioritizing projects within available funding. NW Harmon Boulevard was one of the top projects selected through this process.

C. With community input, City staff has designed safety improvements for NW Harmon Boulevard that include signs, markings, and other features to encourage safe sharing and crossing of the street by people of all ages and abilities who are walking, bicycling, and driving. An important component to this is lower speed limits.

D. Local streets with lower speed limits have reduced incidences of crashes involving people walking and bicycling; furthermore, crashes that do occur tend to be less severe than crashes on arterial and collector roadways which typically have higher speeds and more traffic. This is primarily due to the slower speeds and lower volumes of traffic on these local streets.

E. By statute, the City Council is the road authority for the City of Bend. While the City Council has delegated some of its authority to the City Manager, it retains road authority over any matter within the jurisdiction of a road authority, and is exercising that authority by adopting this ordinance. ORS 810.180(10) allows the road authority to establish by ordinance a speed for certain residential streets that is five miles per hour lower than the speed designated by state statute when

- a. The street is located in a residence district,
- b. Has an average volume of less than 2,000 vehicles per day with an 85th percentile speed of less than 30 mph, and
- c. Has a traffic control device that indicates the presence of pedestrians or bicyclists.

Exhibit A

