

ORDINANCE NO. 2330

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING SPEEDS OF 20 MPH ON NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAYS WHEN POSTED

Findings

A. The 2017 Capital Improvement Program Budget, adopted by Council by Resolution 3078, includes the Bicycle Greenways project. Bicycle Greenways are also known as Neighborhood Greenways.

B. Neighborhood Greenways are local streets that serve as a more comfortable and safe route for walking and biking than nearby busier streets. They have signs, markings, and other features that encourage safe sharing and crossing of the street by people of all ages and abilities who are walking, bicycling, and driving. Lower speed limits can be an important component of Neighborhood Greenways.

C. 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.

D. Neighborhood Greenways can provide safe and comfortable access routes to and from housing, parks, and schools while also connecting people to services and jobs. They can be used in conjunction with off-street trails, side-paths, and select bike lanes on busier streets to provide adequate coverage and connectivity.

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.

Based on these finding, THE CITY OF BEND ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based on a review of traffic data, the City Council as road authority establishes the designated speed of 20 mph, 5 miles per hour lower than the statutory 25 mph, on the following street segments:

- a. SW/NW 15th Street from SW Simpson Avenue to NW Galveston Avenue
- b. NE 6th Street from Greenwood Avenue (US 20) to NE Majesty Lane
- c. NE Majesty Lane from NE 6th Street to NE Keats Drive
- d. NE Keats Drive from NE Majesty Lane to NE Shelley Way
- e. NE Shelley Way from NE Keats Drive to NE Longfellow Court
- f. NE Longfellow Court from NE Shelley Way to NE Butler Market Road

Section 2. These residential streets are authorized by ORS 810.180(10) to be designated 20 mph streets because they are currently statutory 25 mph local streets, have fewer than 2,000 vehicles per day, have 85th percentile speeds lower than 30 mph, will have traffic control devices indicating the presence of pedestrians and bicyclists, and upon approval of this resolution will have regulatory 20 mph signs installed.

Section 3. A map of street sections listed in Section 1, designated as Neighborhood Greenways, and for which the designated speed of 20 miles per hour is established, is attached as Exhibit A.


Section 4. City staff are directed to install 20 mph regulatory speed signs designating the reduced speed on the Neighborhood Greenways in compliance with ORS 810.180. Signs shall be posted at each end of the routes and additional signs may be placed as determined by the Streets Department to inform the public of the speed.

First Reading: March 20, 2019

Second Reading and Adoption by Roll Call Vote: April 3, 2019

YES: Sally Russell, Mayor
Bruce Abernethy
Barb Campbell
Bill Moseley
Justin Livingston
Gena Goodman-Campbell
Chris Piper

NO: none


Sally Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robyn Christie, City Recorder


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary A. Winters, City Attorney

Exhibit A

