

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-386

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Mr. Kostandaras

4 September 19, 2011
5 DATE _____ COMMITTEE Public Works
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7 **A Resolution requesting the Director of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation to**
8 **determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit for a section of**
9 **Townsend Road, located in Richfield Township, Council District 1, for the Engineer, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, road safety is promoted by enacting consistent speed limits along continuous
13 road sections located in similar terrain; and

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15 WHEREAS, engineering and traffic investigations performed by the County Engineer
16 indicate that the present speed limit on Townsend Road (CH 177), from the Village of Richfield
17 corporation limit to the Cuyahoga County line, may be greater than is reasonable or safe under
18 the conditions found to exist at such locations; and

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20 WHEREAS, a speed limit reduction to 45 miles per hour (“mph”) along said section of
21 Townsend Road would result in a consistent 45 mph speed limit for a distance of 1.26 miles;
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24 WHEREAS, Section 4511.21 (I) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the County
25 may by resolution request that the Director of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation
26 determine and declare reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limits on the basis of engineering
27 and traffic investigations; and

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29 WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that the
30 aforementioned request is necessary and in the best interest in the County Summit;

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
33 of Ohio, that:

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35 SECTION 1

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37 Upon the basis of engineering and traffic investigations with respect to the local
38 conditions for traffic on Townsend Road (CH 177) from the Village of Richfield corporation
39 limit to the Cuyahoga County line, in Richfield Township, Council District 1, it is determined
40 that the permitted speeds may be greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found
41 to exist at such location, and further, that such speed should be reduced to a reasonable and safe
42 prima facie speed limit as may be determined.

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44 SECTION 2

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46 The Director of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation is hereby requested
47 pursuant to Section 4511.21 (I)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code to review engineering and traffic
48 investigation reports and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit
49 for said County highway.
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4 SECTION 3

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6 In the event the Director of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation determines
7 that reduction of the presently declared speed limit is necessary, reasonable, and safe, as
8 requested herein, then the County Engineer is authorized to erect appropriate signs giving notice
9 thereof, and the speed limit declared by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation
10 shall become effective when such signs are erected.

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12 SECTION 4

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14 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
15 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it will
16 immediately promote safety on County highways.

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18 SECTION 5

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20 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
21 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
22 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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24 SECTION 6

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26 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
27 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
28 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
29 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including
30 Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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33 INTRODUCED September 19, 2011

34 ADOPTED September 19, 2011

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39 CLERK OF COUNCIL


40 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

41 APPROVED September 21, 2011

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45 EXECUTIVE

46 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 21, 2011

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Voice Vote:10-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras
Kurt, Prenice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro ABSENT: Lee