

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-209

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE August 4, 2025

COMMITTEE Public Works

A Resolution requesting that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a section of Akron-Cleveland Road under the jurisdiction of the County, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the speed limit is currently 45 miles per hour on a section of Akron-Cleveland Road under the jurisdiction of the County of Summit from a point 0.11 miles north of Seasons Road to a point 0.24 miles north of Seasons Road, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1; and

WHEREAS, said section of Akron-Cleveland Road has a statutory speed limit of 35 miles per hour within the limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls; and

WHEREAS, said section of Akron-Cleveland Road is a split jurisdiction between the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the County of Summit, with the City of Cuyahoga Falls' southbound lane having a statutory speed limit of 35 miles per hour, and the County's northbound lane having a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Section 4511.21(M)(1)(a)(i) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that local authorities may resolve conflicting speed limits in areas where both local authorities share the centerline, provided those authorities mutually agree to adopt one of the legal prima facie speed limits already in effect for the road in the split jurisdiction area, subject to the approval of the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has determined, based upon the aforementioned reasons, the County should request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 35 miles per hour on the section of Akron-Cleveland Road under the jurisdiction of the County of Summit, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1, that is currently posted at 45 miles per hour and is split jurisdictionally along the centerline with the City of Cuyahoga Falls; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined by reviewing all pertinent information that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation declare a prima facie speed limit of 35 miles per hour on the above-described section of Akron-Cleveland Road under the jurisdiction of the County;

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

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SECTION 1

The County of Summit hereby requests, pursuant to Section 4511.21(M)(1)(a)(i) of the Ohio Revised Code, that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation declare a prima facie speed limit of 35 miles per hour on the section of Akron-Cleveland Road from a point 0.11 miles north of Seasons Road to a point 0.24 miles north of Seasons Road under the jurisdiction of the County of Summit, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1, matching the City of Cuyahoga Falls' 35 miles per hour statutory speed limit.

SECTION 2

The Clerk of the Council of the County of Summit is directed to provide a certified copy of this legislation to the Engineer's office, for transmittal to the Ohio Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Summit County and for the further reason to immediately establish a reasonable and safe consistent speed limit on this section of Akron-Cleveland Road, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1.

SECTION 4

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

SECTION 5

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

INTRODUCED August 4, 2025

ADOPTED August 18, 2025

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita S. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED August 18, 2025

Signed by:

Gene Shapiro

EXECUTIVE

August 19, 2025

ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite