

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2011-387

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Mr. Kostandaras

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5 DATE September 19, 2011 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 **Southern 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 Southern Road (CH 194), from Everett Road (CH 47) to  
17 the Village of Richfield Corporation Line, may be greater than is reasonable or safe under the  
18 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 Southern Road would result in a consistent 45 mph speed limit for a distance of 1.20 miles; and

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23 WHEREAS, Section 4511.21 (I) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the County  
24 may by Resolution request that the Director of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation  
25 determine and declare reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limits on the basis of engineering  
26 and traffic investigations; and

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

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

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34 SECTION 1

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36 Upon the basis of engineering and traffic investigations with respect to the local  
37 conditions for traffic on Southern Road (CH 194) from Everett Road (CH 47) to the Richfield  
38 Corporation line, in Richfield Township, Council District 1, it is determined that the permitted  
39 speeds may be greater than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist at such  
40 location, and further, that such speed should be reduced to a reasonable and safe prima-facie  
41 speed limit as may be determined.

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45 The Director of the State of Ohio Department of Transportation is hereby requested  
46 pursuant to Section 4511.21 (I)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code to review engineering and traffic  
47 investigation reports and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit  
48 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

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35 ADOPTED September 19, 2011

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40 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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45 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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47 APPROVED September 21, 2011

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51 EXECUTIVE

52 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 21, 2011

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54 Voice Vote:11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras  
55 Lee, Kurt, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro