

Siskiyou County DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORT (Confidential)

Jurisdiction: Siskiyou County

Road Name: Eastside Road 4G05

Road Segment Studied: PM 0.00 TO 11.74

Type of Study: Speed Limit

Existing Signage: 55 MPH (Prima Facie)

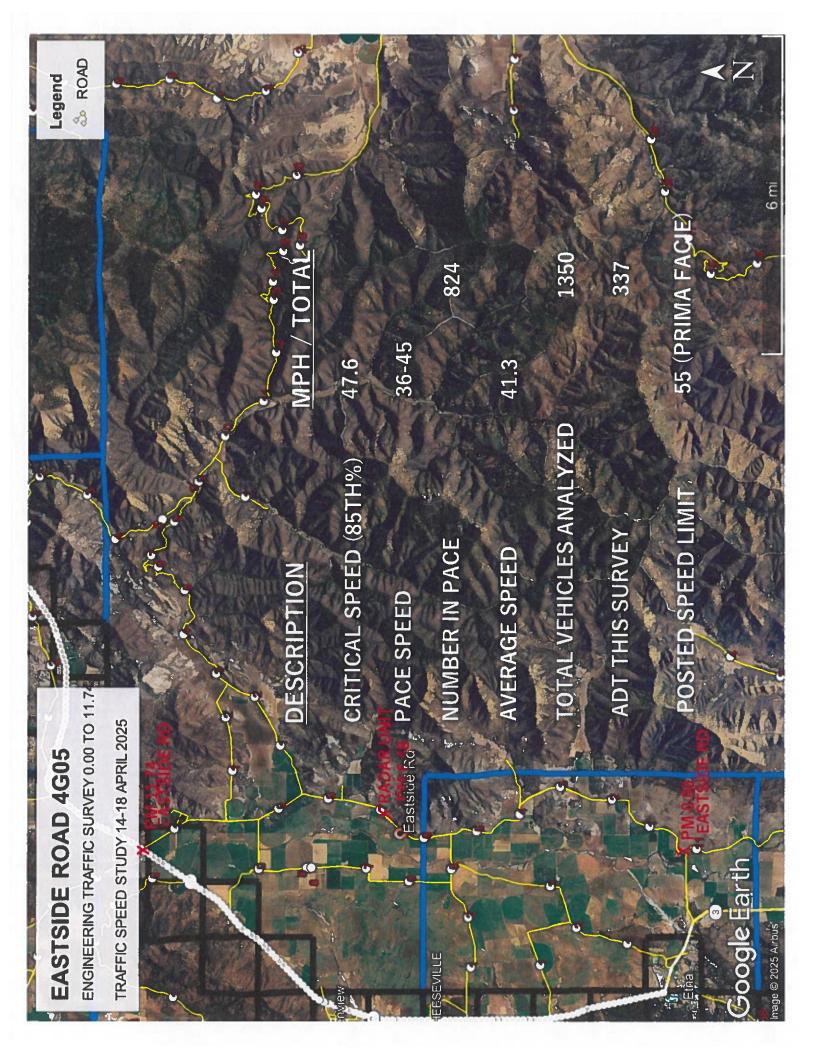
Study Results: 1. Speed Survey (85% Percentile): 47.6 MPH

2. Traffic Accident Summary: Three (3) CHP Accident Reports were located for this section of roadway within the past six (6) years. One accident was the result of an unsafe pass, the other two (2) were a result of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol.

Summary: This section of roadway has been evaluated by the undersigned and there are no significant changes in land use, the roadway, or traffic within the past five (5) years.

Recommendations: The results of the attached Speed Study, in accordance with CVC 21400, will allow for setting the speed limit at the-five-mph increment below the 85th percentile speed (Critical Speed) which would allow a speed limit of forty-five (45) mph. This report will allow the use of radar enforcement of speed limits in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 40802 until August 2030.

Terry E. Smith, ROE 25056



1.2.2 Prima Facie Speed Limits by Statute

CVC Section 22352 sets the prima facie speed limits in California. The term "prima facie", as used in the CVC, is a speed limit that applies when no other specific speed limit is posted. It is a Latin term meaning "at first face" or "at first appearance". It sets two speed limits covering six classes of location. The first speed limit is 15 mph; and it is applicable to uncontrolled railway crossings; blind, uncontrolled intersections; and alleyways. The second speed limit is 25 mph; and it is applicable to business and residential areas without other posted speed limits; school zones, and areas immediately around senior centers.

Speed Limits Requiring an Engineering and Traffic Survey

When an engineering and traffic survey (E&TS) shows that the statutory or prima facie speed limits are not applicable for the existing conditions, the speed limits can be altered with the posting of a different speed limit which must be determined according to the findings of the E&TS. Section 22356 of the CVC addresses increasing freeway speeds to 70 mph. CVC Section 22354 covers decreasing highway speeds from 65 mph and CVC Section 22358 addresses decreasing local speed limits. The CVC does not address decreasing the speed limit below 55 mph on undivided highways; however, the CA MUTCD states that speed zones (other than statutory speed limits) shall only be established on the basis of an E&TS that has been performed in accordance with traffic engineering practices. Even though it is not codified in the CVC, Caltrans has established the practice of using an E&TS for any reduction below a statutory 55 mph speed limit. Law enforcement agencies and courts are accustomed to seeing surveys for these areas and it may be difficult to defend a speed violation citation without one.

1.2.4 Authority to Set Speed Limits

Caltrans has authority to set speed limits on the State Highway System. Roadways outside of the state highway system fall under the responsibility of the respective city or county. Some roadways may fall under the jurisdiction of National Parks, tribal governments, or private properties. Although not mandated, the CA MUTCD should be followed by these jurisdictions as well.

1.2.5 Speed Traps

The CVC prohibits the use of speed traps (Section 40801) as well as the use of any evidence obtained by use of a speed trap (Section 40803) for the purpose of prosecution.

A speed trap as defined in CVC Section 40802 is either:

- A section of highway marked so that an officer can calculate speed based on the time it takes a vehicle to travel the marked distance
- The use of radar or other electronic devices that measure the speed of a moving object on a section of highway which does not have a current E&TS as required under CVC.

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M.P. 6.48 4/14/25

> Latitude: 41.532829 Longitude: -122.839729

Combined Lanes 4/14/2025 to 4/18/2025

Pace Speed - MPH

Classes Excluded From Pace: None

Speed

Number

Percent

36 - 45

824

61.0%

Percentile Speeds

Percentile 5th 10th 15th 20th 25th 30th 35th 40th 45th 50th 55th 60th 65th 70th 75th 80th 85th

Speed - MPH 30.9 34 35.6 36.6 37.6 38.4 39.5 40 40.9 41.6 42.2 42.9 43.8 44.5 45.4 46.5 47.6

Vehicles Traveling Greater Than 50.0 MPH

Total Volume 1,350 Total Greater Than 50.0 97 Percent Greater Than 50.0 7.2%

Mean, Median, and Mode Averages

Mean: 41.3 Median (50th %): 41.6 Mode: 41.0

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Averaged Daily Totals

Latitude: Longitude:

41.532829 -122.839729

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SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

Location



4/14/25

Latitude: 41.532829 Longitude: -122.839729

Analysis Time



Start 4/14/2025 12:29 PM End 4/18/2025 1:26 PM

Vehicles Analyzed



1,350

Total Enforceable



14

% Enforceable



1%

Enforcement

LOW

Speed Limit



55

Average Speed



41

Fastest Speed



65

Slowest Speed



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85th Percentile

10 MPH Pace





36-45