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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council Members

CC: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brian Stineman, Public Works Director

DATE: August 7, 2018

RE: Request to Change Speed Limit on Houser Street from Lucas to Grandview.

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Traffic Committee has discussed traffic safety on Houser Street from Lucas to Grandview Avenue and propose a change in the speed limit from 40 to 30 miles per hour.

BACKGROUND:

With the addition of the Deep Lakes Trail along the west side of Houser Street from Grandview to Bloomington Lane, as well as the proposed parking lot and soccer fields across from the existing soccer complex, and the proposed West Side Trail up Houser Street toward Lucas Street, the Muscatine Traffic Committee feels that pedestrian and bicyclist safety may be in jeopardy with vehicles traveling at the existing 40 mile per hour speed limit.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Staff recommends that council approve this request to lower the speed limit on Houser Street from Lucas Street to Grandview Avenue from 40 to 30 miles per hour. Staff feel that this speed limit is more suitable for the increased trail and parking lot usage that will be experienced once construction is completed.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

N/A