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SPEED LIMIT TO BE REDUCED ON SOUTH END OF BROOKS STREET

Dore Lane through 39th Street intersections: 35 mph

The speed limit for drivers on Brooks Street from Dore Lane to just south of 39th Street will be reduced to 35 miles per hour to improve public safety. City of Missoula crews will begin posting new speed limit signs on Thursday, Feb. 14, along Brooks Street.

The change is the result of the Montana Department of Transportation's recent speed limit study on Brooks Street. The study supported local desires for a speed limit reduction. It evaluated the existing speed limits for a possible reduction, with emphasis on the 45 mph zone that extends north of the Reserve Street intersection and encompasses the Dore Lane intersection. Both Reserve Street and Dore Lane intersections with Brooks Street were identified as crash cluster locations in the previous Brooks Street Corridor Safety Audit. The audit included a detailed crash history analysis.

The City of Missoula agrees with MDT's recommendation of revising the speed limit by extending the 35 mph speed zone. The new zone will extend from just north of the Dore Lane intersection south to just south of the 39th Street intersection. The City agrees that the extension of the 35 mph speed zone is prudent. The Montana Transportation Commission, which has jurisdiction over speed limits on Brooks Street, approved the speed study and its recommendations last Thursday.

Drivers should begin to see new 35 mph signs on Thursday. City employees will also set up speed trailers at the locations of the speed change to communicate further to the traveling public.

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