

City of Sanibel Speed Limit Reduction Discussion



Sanibel City Council

August 18, 2026

Road	Current Speed Limit	Proposed Speed Limit
Palim Ridge Rd.	35	35
Periwinkle Way (westerly) from Causeway Blvd. to Tarpon Bay Rd.	35	35
Sanibel-Captiva Rd. (westerly) from Tarpon Bay Rd. to the Santiva area near Pine Ave.	35	35
Periwinkle Way (easterly) from Skiff Place to Lighthouse Beach Park	35/30	30
Birdie View Point – The Beachview Subdivision	30	25
Par View Dr. – The Beachview Subdivision	30	25
Periwinkle Way (easterly) from Causeway Blvd. to Skiff Place	35	25
Sanibel-Captiva Rd. in Santiva	25	25
Albatross Rd. – The Dunes Subdivision	20	20
Atlanta Plaza Dr.	20	20
Baltusrol Ct. – The Sanctuary Subdivision	20	20
Sand Castle Rd. – The Dunes Subdivision	20	20
Troon Ct. – The Sanctuary Subdivision	20	20
Wulfert Rd. (northerly) from Wildlife Dr. to the cul-de-sac – The Sanctuary Subdivision	20	20
Buell Creek bridge on Bay Dr.	10	10
All Other Publicly Owned Roads	30	30

Sec.66-121. - Speed Limits~~Thirty-five mile per hour speed limit.~~

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 66-121(i), any amendment to an existing speed limit on a publicly owned roadway shall be established by ordinance and adopted in accordance with applicable provisions of state law, including, but not limited to, section 316.189(1), Florida Statutes, and any required traffic engineering studies.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of the speed limits established herein on publicly owned roadways.

This section states that speed limits shall be established by Ordinance.

This approach aligns with the City Council's direction by ensuring that residents, business owners, and property owners have an opportunity to provide public comment as part of the decision-making process.

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(b) No public roadway shall have a speed limit exceeding thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

This section states that roadway speed limits shall not exceed 35 mph.

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(c) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be thirty-five (35) miles per hour:

- (1) Palm Ridge Road;
- (2) Westerly along Periwinkle Way, from Causeway Boulevard to Tarpon Bay Road; and
- (3) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from the intersection with Tarpon Bay Road to a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Pine Avenue.

This section states the speed limit on Palm Ridge Rd., Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Tarpon Bay Rd., and Sanibel Captiva Road shall be of 35 mph, except for the Santiva area where the existing speed limit is 25 mph.

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(d) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be thirty (30) miles per hour:

- (1) Easterly along Periwinkle Way from the intersection with Skiff Place to Lighthouse Beach Park.

This section reflects the City Council's direction.

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(e) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour:

- (1) Birdie View Point
- (2) Par View Drive
- (3) Easterly along Periwinkle Way, from the intersection with Causeway Boulevard to the intersection with Skiff Place; and
- (4) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Pine Avenue to the western boundary of the City of Sanibel's corporate limits on the bridge at Blind Pass.

This section reflects the City Council's direction.

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(f) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be twenty (20) miles per hour:

- (1) Albatross Road;
- (2) Atlanta Plaza Drive
- (3) Baltusrol Court;
- (4) Sand Castle Road;
- (5) Troon Court; and
- (6) Wulfert Road, from Wildlife Drive to its cul-de-sac terminus.

This section reflects the existing speed limit of 20 mph on roads within the Dunes and Sanctuary subdivisions, and Atlanta Plaza Dr.

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- (g) The speed limit on the bridge at Buell Creek on Bay Drive (formerly known as Old Bayshore Road) shall be ten (10) miles per hour.
- (h) Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 66-121(c) through (g), and (i), the speed limit on all publicly owned roadways within the City shall be thirty (30) miles per hour.
- (i) The city manager, or the city manager's designee, is authorized to install, maintain, replace, relocate, and remove traffic advisory signs on public roadways within the City when deemed necessary to promote the safe and efficient movement of traffic. Such signs may include, but are not limited to, curve warning signs, advisory speed signs, pedestrian warning signs, and other traffic control devices authorized by the Florida Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Advisory signs shall not establish a regulatory speed limit unless otherwise provided by ordinance.

This section:

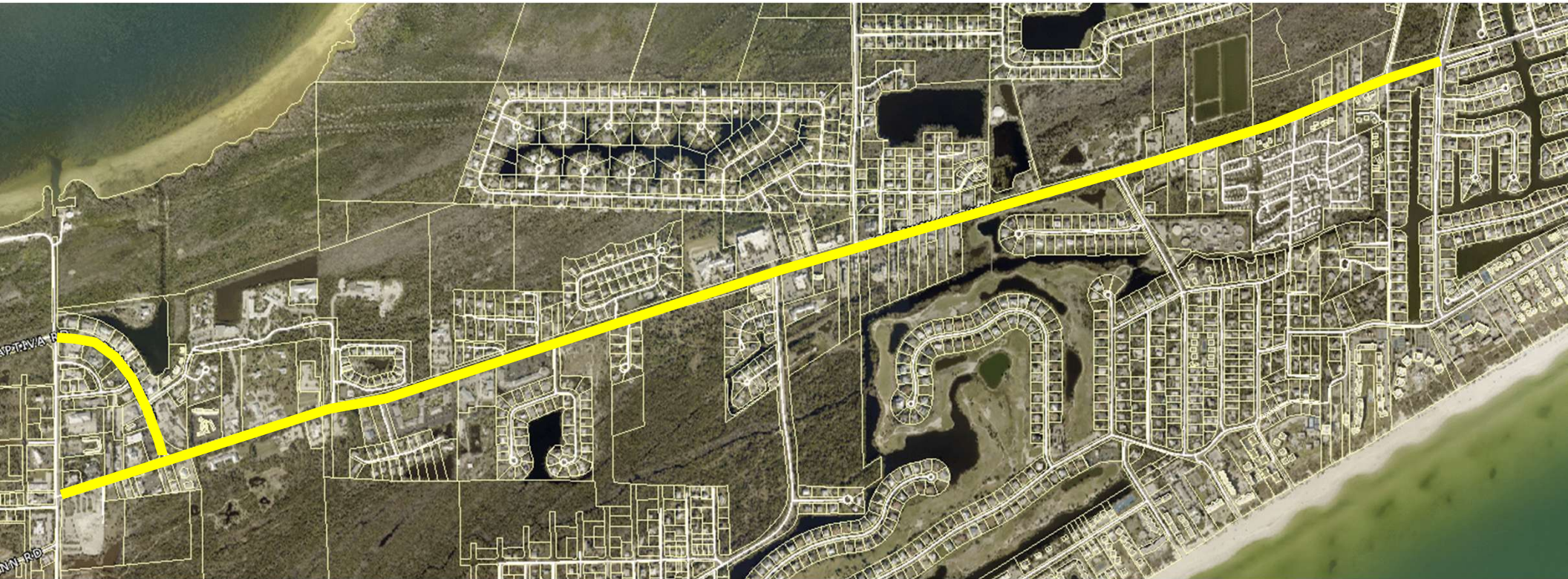
- Reflects the existing speed limit of 10 mph on the Bay Dr. bridge.
- Establishes a speed limit of 30 mph on all roadways not otherwise specified in the Ordinance.
- Authorizes the City Manager to designate speed limits for road sections whether temporary or permanent.



Advisory Signs, etc.

- Sample of advisory sign that may be approved by the City Manager.
- Legion's Curve, Sanibel-Captiva Rd.
- East Gulf Dr.

Periwinkle Way and Palm Ridge Rd. - Existing Posted Speed Limits



- At its June 16, 2026, meeting, the City Council reached consensus to maintain the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Tarpon Bay Rd., and on Palm Ridge Rd.

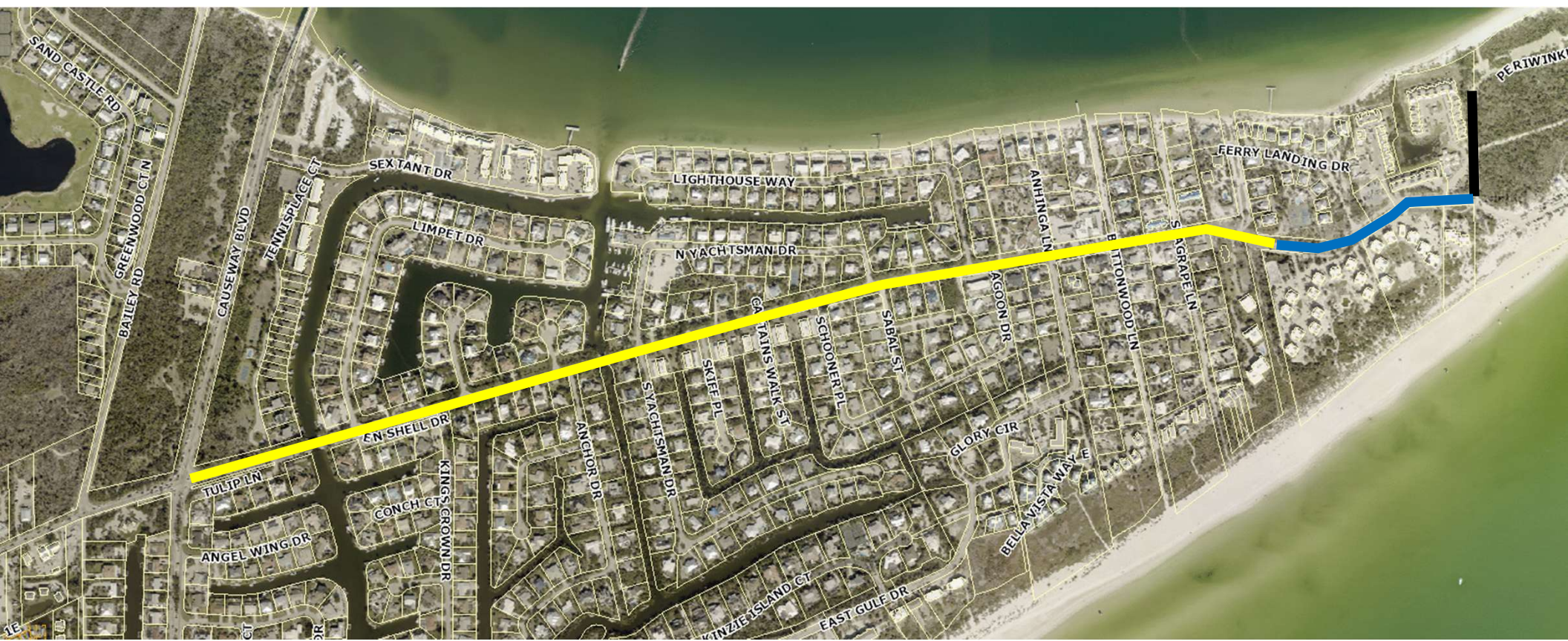
35 mph



Sanibel Captiva Rd.

- Yellow line illustrates where the existing roadway speed limit is 35 mph. **35 mph**
- Red line illustrates the where existing roadway speed limit is 25 mph in the Santiva area. **25 mph**
- At its May 5, 2026, meeting, the City Council reached consensus to maintain the existing speed limit on San-Cap Road.

East Periwinkle Way - Existing Posted Speed Limits



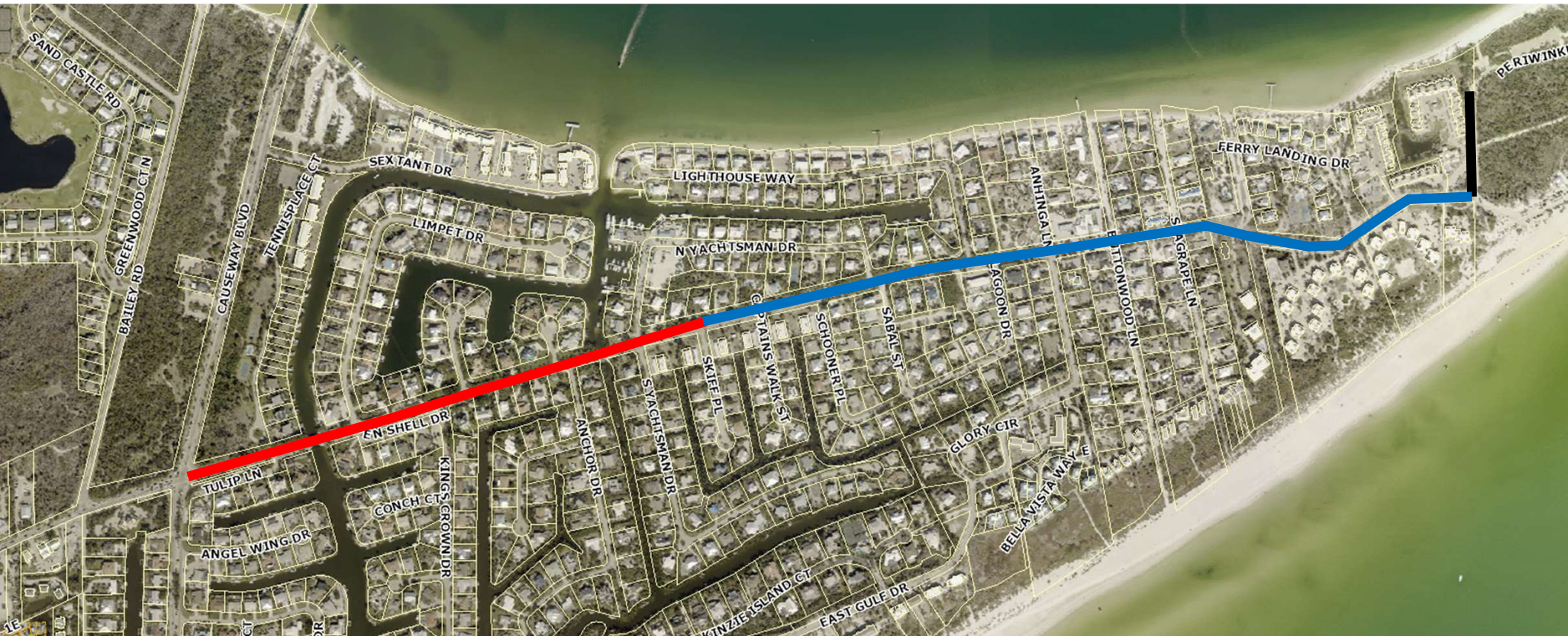
35 mph

30 mph

20 mph

East Periwinkle Way – Proposed Speed Limits

E. Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Skiff Place 25 mph, Skiff Place to Lighthouse Beach Park 30 mph.



25 mph

35 mph

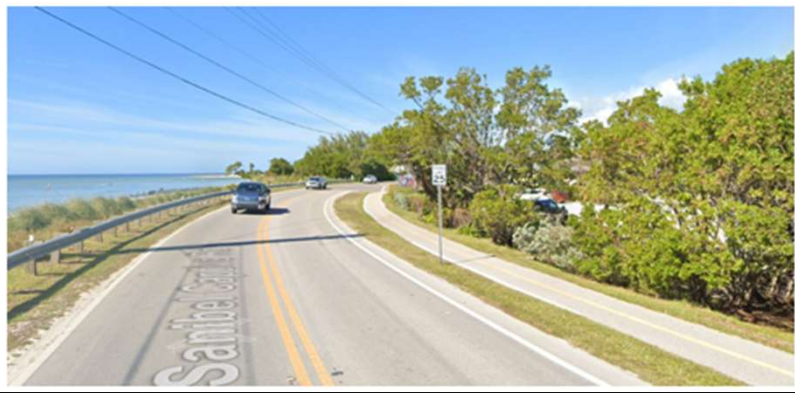
30 mph

20 mph

Sanibel Captiva Rd. - Santiva

- Red line shows existing roadway speed limit is 25 mph.

25 mph



Beachview Subdevelopment

- Yellow line shows existing roadways within the subdevelopment which have an existing speed limit of 30 mph.
 - Birdie View Point
 - Par View Dr.
- On May 2nd, the City Council and administration received a letter from the Beachview Neighborhood Association petitioning the City to reduce the speed limit on the subdevelopment roadways from 30 mph to 25 mph.



Beachview Subdevelopment

- Red line proposed speed limit of 30 mph on Birdie View Point, and Par View Dr.



Subdevelopment

- Black line shows existing roadway speed limit of 20 mph.
 - Albatross Rd.
 - Sand Castle Rd.
- Established January 6, 2015, by the City Council.



20 mph



The Sanctuary Subdevelopment

- Black line shows existing roadway speed limit of 20 mph.
 - Baltusrol Ct.
 - Troon Ct.
 - Wulfert Rd.
- Established April 1, 2025, by the City Council.



20 mph



Atlanta Plaza Dr.

- Black line shows existing roadway speed limit of 20 mph on Atlanta Plaza Dr.
- Established September 16, 2014, by the City Council.



20 mph