

# City of Sanibel Speed Limit Reduction Discussion



## Sanibel City Council

June 16, 2026

**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 clearly 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 clearly states that speed limits shall not exceed 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.

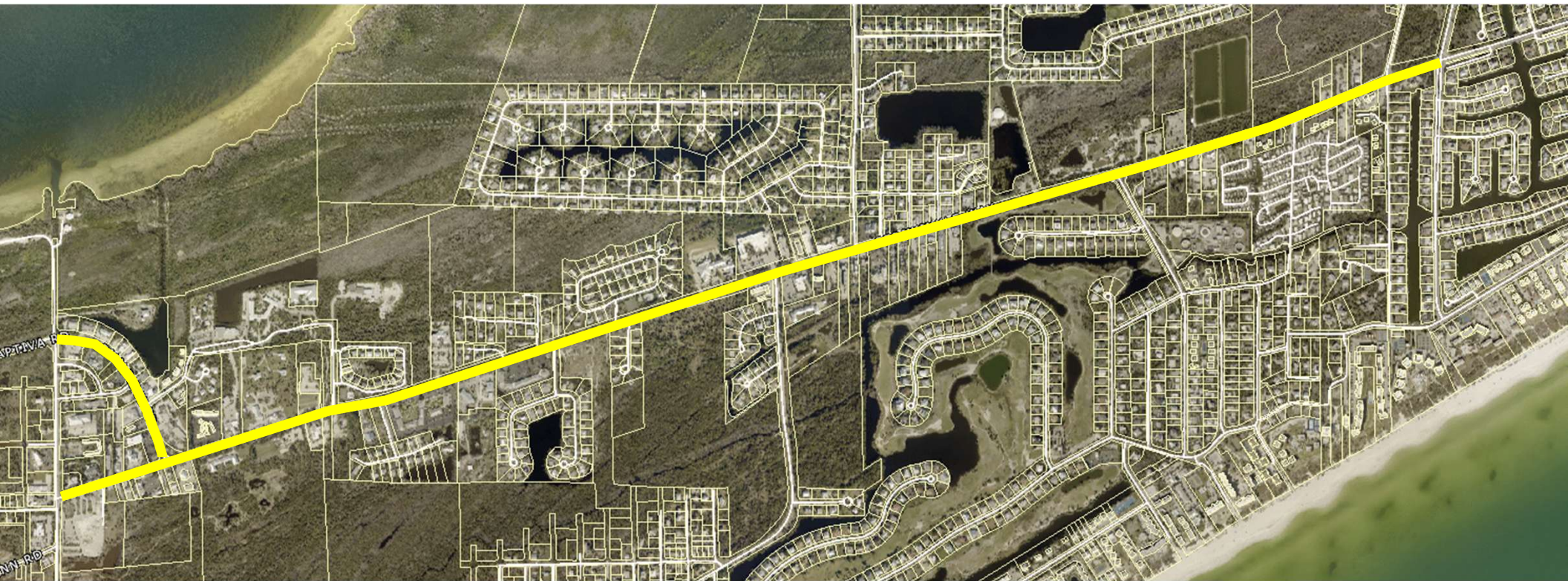
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(c) The maximum lawful speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be thirty-five (35) miles per hour:

(1) 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 reflects the existing speed limit of 35 mph on Sanibel Captiva Road, except for the Santiva area where the existing speed limit is 25 mph. Per the City Council's direction, there are no changes proposed to the speed limit on Sanibel Captiva Road.

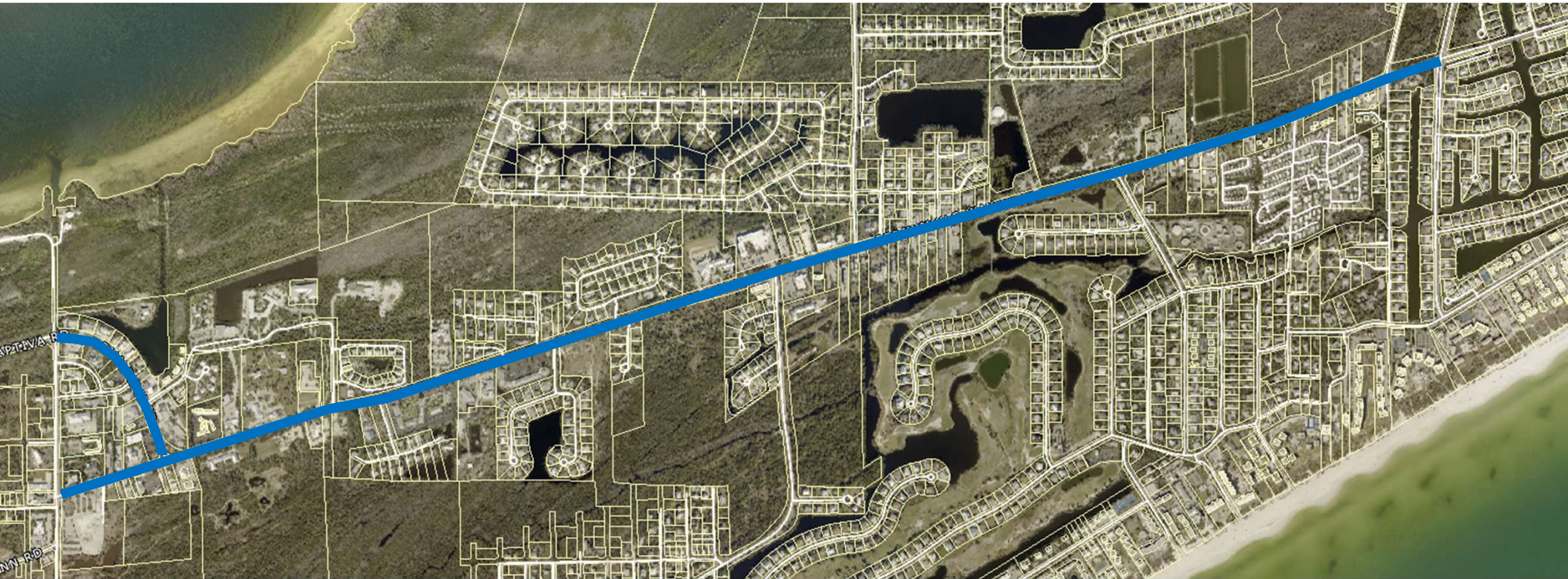
# Periwinkle Way and Palm Ridge Rd. - Existing Posted Speed Limits



35 mph

## Periwinkle Way – Proposed Speed Limit

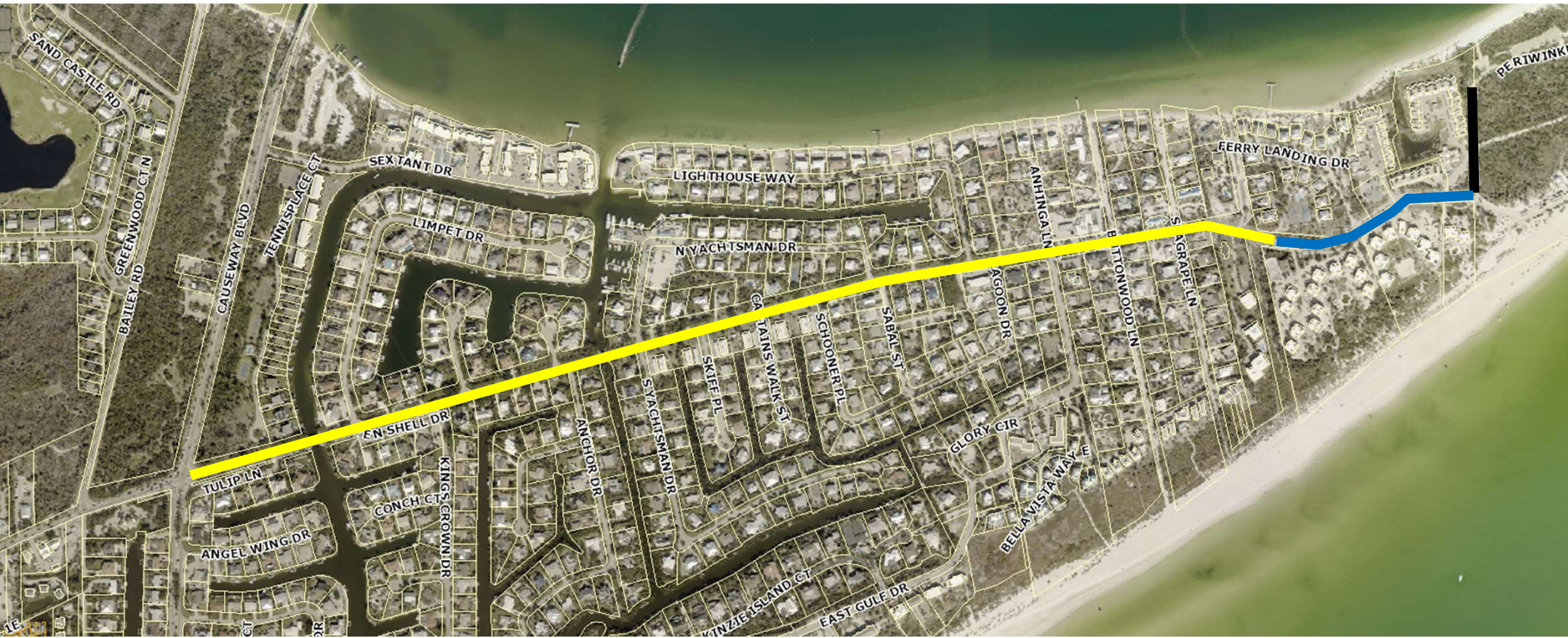
Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Tarpon Bay Rd., and Palm Ridge Rd.  
Change Speed Limit From 35 mph to 30 mph



- At its May 5, 2026, meeting, the City Council reached consensus (3-2) to reduce the speed limit on Periwinkle Way between Causeway Blvd. and Tarpon Bay Rd., and on Palm Ridge Rd., from 35 mph to 30 mph.

30 mph

# East Periwinkle Way - Existing Posted Speed Limits



35 mph

30 mph

20 mph



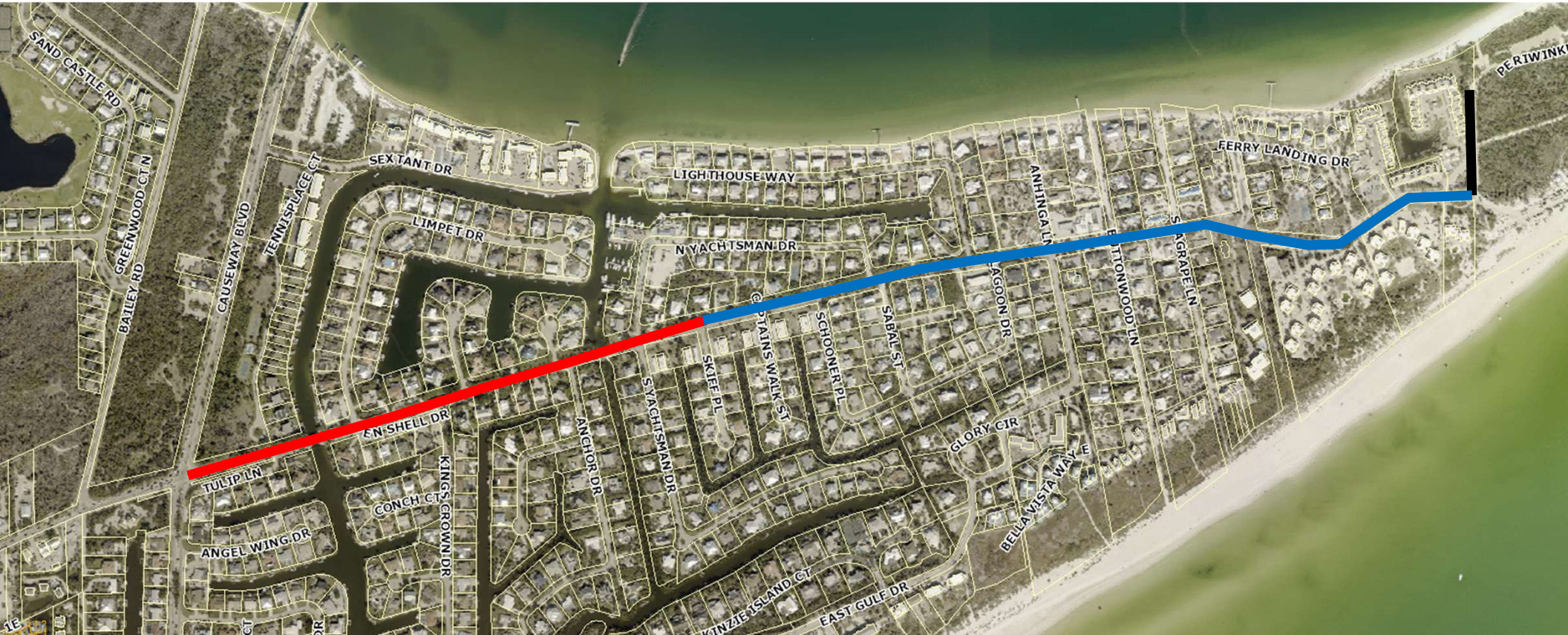
E. Periwinkle Way @ Sanibel Island Beach Club



E. Periwinkle Way @ Lighthouse Beach Park Access Rd.

# 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

- Yellow 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.





25 mph

# The Dunes Subdevelopment

- Yellow 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

- Yellow 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



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

- (1) Palm Ridge Road ;
- (2) Westerly along Periwinkle Way, from Causeway Boulevard, west to Tarpon Bay Road;
- (3) Easterly along Periwinkle Way from Skiff Place to Lighthouse Beach Park.

This section reflects the City Council's consensus (3-2).

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(e) The maximum lawful 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 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 (Santiva area).

This section reflects the City Council's consensus:

- (3-2) for E. Periwinkle Way
- (5-0) for the Santiva area
- Beachview Subdevelopment was not previously discussed

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

- (1) Albatross Road;
- (2) Baltusrol Court;
- (3) Sand Castle Road;
- (4) Troon Court: and
- (5) Wulfert Road.

This section reflects the existing speed limit of 20 mph on Sanibel roads within the Dunes and Sanctuary subdivisions.

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- (g) The maximum lawful 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 maximum lawful speed 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.