

## Yolanda Ruiz

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**From:** Denise French  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 4:50 PM  
**To:** Paul Johnson  
**Cc:** Yolanda Ruiz; James Angstadt  
**Subject:** RE: Morningside speed limit  
**Attachments:** Morningside Speed Limit memo 1999-07-16 from PD to Traffic Eng'g.pdf

Paul,

Attached is the memo Jim mentioned in his earlier email.

Denise

**From:** James Angstadt  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** Paul Johnson <PJohnson@cityofpsl.com>  
**Cc:** Denise French <DFrench@cityofpsl.com>; Yolanda Ruiz <YRuiz@cityofpsl.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Morningside speed limit

I think we need to focus on 1999 and before. I tracked down a memo from the PD which was requesting that the section of Morningside north that is 25MPH be raised to match the south side which was 35mph.

**From:** Paul Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** James Angstadt <[jangstadt@cityofpsl.com](mailto:jangstadt@cityofpsl.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Morningside speed limit

Yolanda is continuing to work with Denise on research, but so far no smoking gun or easy answer.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2017, at 12:12 PM, James Angstadt <[jangstadt@cityofpsl.com](mailto:jangstadt@cityofpsl.com)> wrote:

Boy . . . clear as mud . . . .

Thanks . . . I have Denise researching some of the history

**From:** Paul Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** James Angstadt <[jangstadt@cityofpsl.com](mailto:jangstadt@cityofpsl.com)>  
**Cc:** Heath Stocton <[HStocton@cityofpsl.com](mailto:HStocton@cityofpsl.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Morningside speed limit

Although our recent research has not been able to locate a record as to why the posted speed significantly differs between the two sections of Morningside Blvd, existing roadway conditions and adjacent land use appear to be comparable. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed on both sections also appears to be very similar, irrespective of the posted speed. Historical data collected on both sections of this roadway has indicated the following vehicle speeds: 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile = North of PSL Blvd NB 42mph and SB 39mph / South of PSL Blvd EB 43mph and WB 39mph. This data appears to confirm the basis for speed zoning indicating that driver behavior is effected very little by the posted speed and that motorists will travel at speeds at which they feel comfortable based on conditions. Studies have shown that without continuous police enforcement, speed limit violations tend to increase in zones with a

posted speed that motorists feel is unreasonable. This may be one reason why City Code section 71.01 designates the Chief of Police as the authority for determining safe and reasonable speed limits.

The Police Department has requested updated data be collected for the roadway south of PSL Blvd, so we will get this on the schedule.

#### 2017 State Statute 316.189

1) MUNICIPAL SPEED.—The maximum speed within any municipality is 30 miles per hour. With respect to residence districts, a municipality may set a maximum speed limit of 20 or 25 miles per hour on local streets and highways after an investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable. It shall not be necessary to conduct a separate investigation for each residence district. A municipality may set speed zones altering the speed limit, both as to maximum, not to exceed 60 miles per hour, and minimum, after investigation determines such a change is reasonable and in conformity to criteria promulgated by the Department of Transportation, except that no changes shall be made on state highways or connecting links or extensions thereof, which shall be changed only by the Department of Transportation.

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The City's Comprehensive Plan indicates that Morningside Blvd is an Urban Collector for the entire length between Lyngate to Westmoreland.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

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From: James Angstadt

Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 3:42 PM

To: Greg Oravec <[Mayor@cityofpsl.com](mailto:Mayor@cityofpsl.com)>; Cathleen Osier-buchanan <[enc127a@gmail.com](mailto:enc127a@gmail.com)>

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Thank you,

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**From:** Cathleen Osier-buchanan [<mailto:enc127a@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 01, 2017 2:33 PM

**To:** Greg Oravec <[Mayor@cityofpsl.com](mailto:Mayor@cityofpsl.com)>

**Subject:** Morningside speed limit

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Thanks, Cathleen Buchanan  
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# Port St. Lucie Police Department

memorandum

**RECEIVED**

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ENGINEERING

**TO: BRIAN HARRISON  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SECTION**

**FROM: SERGEANT EDMOND KELLEHER *ETK*  
TRAFFIC SECTION SUPERVISOR**

**DATE: JULY 16, 1999**

**SUBJECT: SPEED LIMIT ON S.E. MORNINGSIDA BOULEVARD**

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The speed limit on S.E. Morningside Boulevard from Port St. Lucie Boulevard to Lyngate Drive is currently posted 25 mph, which I believe is too low and should be changed for the following reasons:

- 1) This section of roadway is a divided north/south roadway with a bicycle lane on both sides. The southbound roadway feeds into a similar type roadway south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard, which has a 35 mph speed limit.
- 2) The present speed limit is below the speed limit allowed on most residential streets in our city.
- 3) This section of Morningside Boulevard does have a school zone along its path which is controlled by a "School Zone" flashing signal, as is the section of Morningside Boulevard south of Port St. Lucie Boulevard. The higher speed in that area has not caused any problems.

Attached is a 2-day speed study I had conducted on the roadway in question. Bear in mind traffic officers were in the area during this study which may account for slightly lower speeds.

EJK/fi

Attachment

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**From:** Paul Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 03, 2017 3:58 PM  
**To:** Yolanda Ruiz  
**Subject:** FW: Morningside speed limit

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Can you please begin looking into this please?

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**From:** Paul Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 2:02 PM  
**To:** Kacey Donnell  
**Subject:** RE: Speed limit

No problem it's on the schedule.

Thanks Kacey.

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**From:** Kacey Donnell  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** Paul Johnson <PJohnson@cityofpsl.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Speed limit

Right, we are just looking for a recommendation/study for the Chief to review to make that determination. This is the first I've heard of someone having issue with the speed limit in that location. We have we not had an abundance of accidents so we don't have any plans for changing it at this time. Thanks as always for your help. Hope to talk to you soon!

Kacey

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**From:** Paul Johnson  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 11:28 AM  
**To:** Kacey Donnell  
**Cc:** Heath Stocton  
**Subject:** RE: Speed limit

I'm working on a response to the Mayor regarding this, but I guess we need to know whether the Police Department is considering the possibility of modifying the speed limit and we will of course assist with the speed study if that is the request. The Chief would be the authority to present his recommendations for a safe and reasonable speed to Council.

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**Subject:** Speed limit

Ms. Buchanan,

Thank you for your e-mail. We are aware of your concerns and will address them accordingly. I will forward your request for a change in speed limit in your area to the traffic safety division. They can review the feasibility of altering the speed in your area. This would require a speed survey to determine the proper recommended speed for road conditions. Also, The Police Department will do periodic directed patrols in your area to determine if violators are exceeding the current speed limit and enforce as appropriate.

Thank you,

Lieutenant Kacey Donnell  
Port St Lucie PD

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**From:** City311  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 03, 2017 3:53 PM  
**To:** John Bolduc; Melissa Jungjohan  
**Subject:** City311 Case# 760, has been Referred To Dept for Requestor: Buchanan, Cathleen .

#### Notes

Date	Comment
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#### Item Information

<b>Title:</b>	Morningside Speed Limit
<b>Case #:</b>	760
<b>Status:</b>	Referred To Dept
<b>Department:</b>	Police
<b>Date Received:</b>	8/3/2017 3:39:00 PM
<b>Date Closed:</b>	
<b>Initial Contact Method:</b>	

Preferred Contact Method:	
Project Name:	
Location:	
Zip:	
Cross Street 1:	
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Concern Type:	Other
Concern SubType1:	
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**From:** Linda Bagley  
**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 1:22 PM  
**To:** Heath Stocton; Paul Johnson; Yolanda Ruiz  
**Subject:** RFS - Speed Limit on Morningside

**Categories:** Work Orders

### Port St Lucie - Public Works Dept. Work Request

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<b>Work Request ID:</b> 114512	<b>Work Order ID:</b> 0
Requester: 2481, City 311.City 311.....	
<b>Relationship to Owner:</b>	<b>WR Date:</b> 8/4/2017 12:00:00 AM lb 8/4/2017 1:19:00 PM
<b>PID:</b>	342257001750004
<b>Owner:</b>	Terence H Buchanan
<b>Section:</b>	UNIT 14 Block:190 Lot:4
<b>Phone:</b>	864-354-7195 Work Phone:
# 2543 SE <b>Street:</b> MORNINGSIDE	
Type:BLVD	
<b>Job Request:</b>	
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