



Meeting: Petition Panel
Time: 2.15 pm
Date: Wednesday, 21 February 2018
Venue: S3.3, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT11 1XJ

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1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Petition - (Reducing the Speed Limit on the Portland Beach Road)

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To consider a report in relation to the petition and to ask the Panel to make a decision based on the options available, and in accordance with the Petitions Scheme.

Outcome of the Panel Discussion

In addition to taking part in the meeting, the outcome of the discussion and decision made by the Panel will be sent to the lead petitioner within 5 working days of the date of the meeting.

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Petitions Panel

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	Wednesday 21 February 2018
Officer	Andrew Martin – Head of Highways.
Subject of Report	Procedure for Petitions – Petition requesting a reduction on the speed limit on the Portland Beach Road.
Executive Summary	A petition has been received (in accordance with the County Council's published petitions scheme) in relation to requesting a reduction on the speed limit on the Portland Beach Road.
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: Not applicable
	Use of Evidence: Site investigations and latest available five years worth of road traffic collision data (September 2012 to August 2017) Latest speed and traffic data survey (May 2017)
	Budget: The cost of introducing a Traffic Regulation Order would likely to be between £6500 and £7500 – costs are for context only and do not represent actual costs, they include officer time and costs of the signing and lining as well as costs associated with the legal process.
	Risk Assessment: Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk LOW
	Other Implications: None

Procedure for Petitions – Petition entitled Reducing the speed limit on the Portland Beach Road

Recommendation	The Panel is invited to note the receipt of this petition and decide how to respond to it.
Reason for Recommendation	In order to comply with the County Council's published scheme for responding to petitions and so as to enable local people to connect with local elected decision makers.
Appendices	Appendix A - Copy of petition Appendix B - Plan of Portland Beach Road Appendix C – Overview of speed survey data
Background Papers	Dorset County Council Petitions Scheme
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1. Background to the Petition Scheme

- 1.1 The County Council's Petitions Scheme was adopted on 29 April 2010 and came into effect on 15 June 2010. The Scheme was subsequently updated by the County Council on 21 July 2016.
- 1.2 If a petition is supported by 50 or more signatories then it will be dealt with by a small customer focussed panel. If a petition is supported by 1,000 or more signatories it will be scheduled for a debate at the next meeting of the full County Council.

2. Petition – Request for a speed reduction on Portland Beach Road.

- 2.1 The County Council received a petition organised by Ms Tracy Ballentine in early November 2017. This reads as follows:

"We the undersigned are concerned residents who urge Dorset County Council to act now to lower the speed limit on the Portland Beach Road making it a safe place for all".

- 2.2 As this petition contains more than 50 signatures, the Panel are invited to note and discuss. A copy of the petition can be found at Appendix A and the petition contains 282 signatures.
- 2.3 This discussion should conclude with a decision as to how to respond to the petition. This may include one or more of the following:
 - taking the action requested in the petition
 - considering the petition at a council meeting
 - holding an inquiry into the matter
 - undertaking research into the matter
 - holding a public meeting
 - holding a consultation
 - referring the petition for consideration by the council's Audit and Governance Committee
 - calling a referendum
 - writing to the petition organiser setting out the Panel's views about the request in the petition.
- 2.4 Alternatively, the Panel may determine a combination of the options above, or decide on another course of action as appropriate.

3. Context

- 3.1 A map can be found at Appendix B showing the extent of the existing speed limits on Portland Beach Road. The County Council adopts Department for Transport guidelines for setting speed limits as policy. There are various criteria that need to be satisfied in order for a speed limit to be reduced. In short, speed limits should be set at a level that is "self enforcing" and where there is an evidenced need for a reduced risk or if a discernible difference in driver behaviour could/would be achieved. The speed of traffic is an important consideration when reviewing speed limits. Speeds should be close to the requested/proposed lower limit in order for it to be "self enforcing".

- 3.2 The latest available traffic survey to be completed on Portland Beach Road was in May 2017. Table 1 shows a summary of the traffic flows and Table 2 speed.

Table 1 – Average daily traffic flows, A354 - Portland Beach Road

A354 - Portland Beach Road - Average daily traffic flows 8 May to 14 May 2017		
	7 day average	Weekday average
All directions	19157	18055
Northbound	9594	9057
Southbound	9563	8998

Table 2 – Traffic speed, A354 – Portland Beach Road

A354 - Portland Beach Road - traffic speed 8 May to 14 May 2017		
	85th%ile	Mean average
All directions	52.2mph	44.5mph
Northbound	51.5mph	44mph
Southbound	52.8mph	45mph

- 3.3 A series of tables and charts providing an overview of traffic flows and speeds recorded during the May 2017 survey can be found at Appendix C
- 3.4 Collision data available to the County Council is provided and validated by Dorset Police. It includes collisions that occurred on public highway reported to the police that resulted in personal injury to any person(s) involved.
- 3.5 It is accepted that this data is not the complete picture of collisions that have occurred however, it is the most robust and reliable data available to the County Council.
- 3.6 It is standard practice to assess the most recent five-year period of collisions when considering/identifying safety schemes.
- 3.7 Between September 2012 and August 2017 there has been 20 collisions along the Portland Beach Road, 1 fatal, 8 serious and 11 slight.
- 3.8 If a speed limit reduction were to be supported it is important to consider that this request is one of close to 120 other requests for a new Traffic Regulation Order across the Dorset County area.
- 3.9 The 2018/19 Traffic Regulation Order Programme has been set. However, if the speed limit on Portland Beach Road is to be reduced there is a degree of flexibility and it is likely that it could be included within the programme.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 The Panel is invited to note the receipt of this petition and decide how to respond to it, possible options are available in paragraph 2.3.

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Andrew Martin

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Reducing the speed limit on the Portland Beach Road!

We the undersigned are concerned residents who urge Dorset County Council to act now to lower the speed limit on the Portland Beach Road, making it a safe place for all.

	Name	Address	Phone No.	Signature
1	Cullum Edge	109 Portland Road	01305 773107	
2	Rocum 7424	1 Oak Tree Court	07971 196987	
3	Denise Tarrar	109 Portland Road W Nyle Roger		
4	Sharon Best	Dover R.d		
5	Kate Gaver	DT5 2DA 83		
6	G Stone	DT4 9XW 34	01305 771595	
7	N Hallett	DT4 7NA N°11	01305 855885	
8	M Lucas	DT4 - 9BS	01305 781517	
9	J McDONALD	DT4 - 9BS	07827 691469	
10	D RICHARDS	DT4 93E	079574 2254	
11	R. MILLS	DT4 7QF		
12	G. Tarrar	DT4 9XZ		
13	P ANDREW	DT4 9AF		
14	L. CLEMMY	DT5 4JT	07920559064	
15	W Archer	DT4 9XZ		
16	D. L.	DT4 9GL		
17	C. SAUNER	DT5 2DB	07450021659	
18	J. RIDLER DUTTON	DT4 9DQ		
19	S BUCHLEY	DT4 9LY		
20	D. COPPIN	DT4 8QP		
21	A.S. MORGAN	DT4 8NU		
22	ANDY PETER	DT5 2AB		
23	PAUL MILLS	DT4 9JD	07809364576	
24	E HAYES	DT5 1AW	01305 820650	
25	E LANG	DT4 9XZ		
26	J. WHITES	DT4 0BN		
27	N. WATERS	DT4 0RX		
28	KMELLIS	DT4 9ES	01305 766009	
29	KEITH EWIS	DT4 9ES	" "	
30	TOM HARKIN	UN0 9NX 16 - Not a resident, a windsurfer who has to dodge rough traffic while carrying equipment	0757958316	

Many thanks for your support.
 Cy Ballentine
 Meadow Road

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60mph limit starts

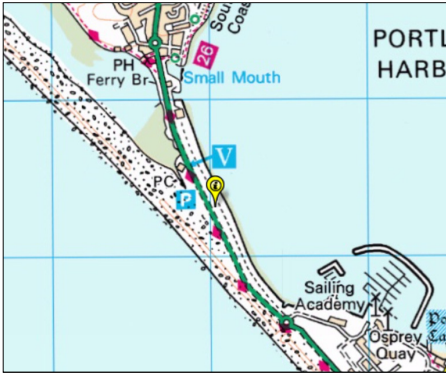
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40mph limit starts

30mph limit starts

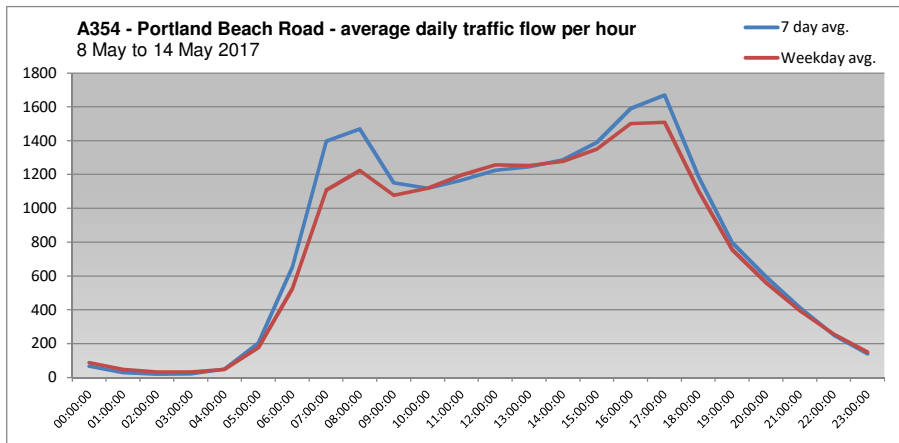
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A354 - Portland Beach Road - Traffic flow survey - 8 May to 14 May 2017

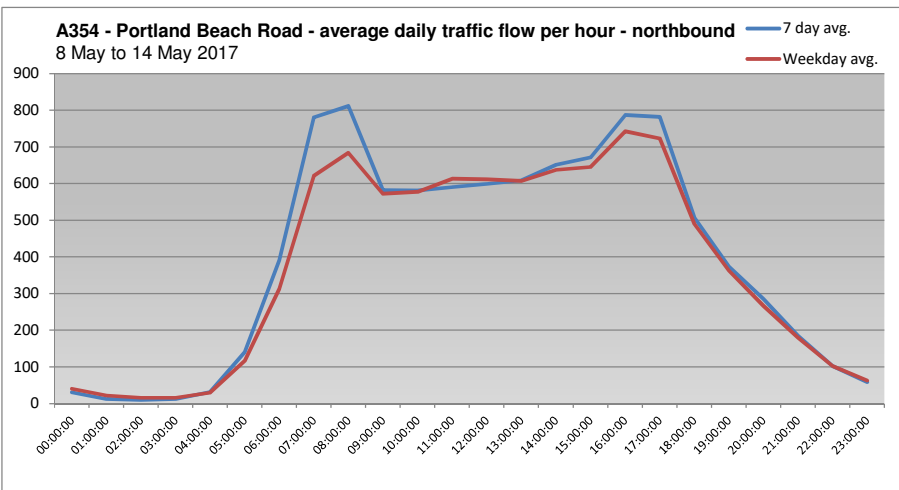


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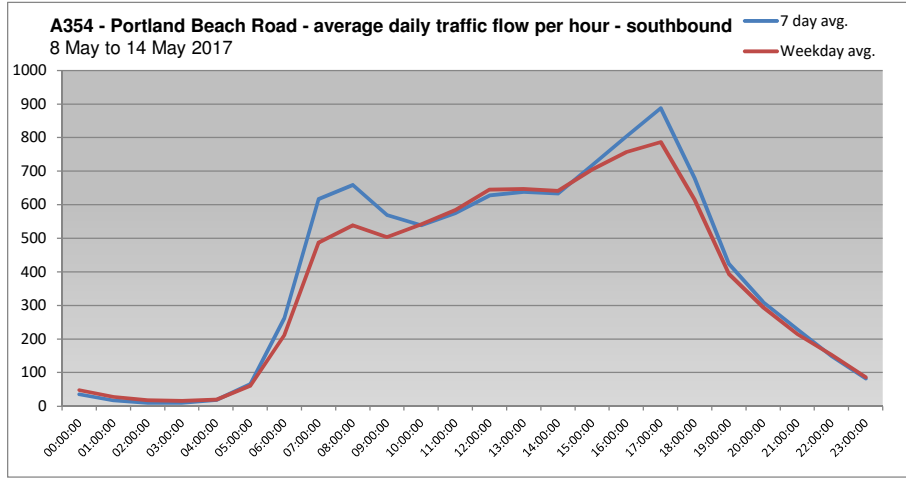
All directions		
	7 day avg.	Weekday avg.
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01:00:00	30	49
02:00:00	20	33
03:00:00	22	32
04:00:00	51	49
05:00:00	206	178
06:00:00	655	525
07:00:00	1398	1109
08:00:00	1470	1223
09:00:00	1152	1077
10:00:00	1119	1119
11:00:00	1166	1198
12:00:00	1226	1257
13:00:00	1246	1254
14:00:00	1287	1279
15:00:00	1390	1351
16:00:00	1591	1501
17:00:00	1670	1509
18:00:00	1187	1104
19:00:00	798	757
20:00:00	596	562
21:00:00	414	395
22:00:00	252	256
23:00:00	142	150



Northbound		
	7 day avg.	Weekday avg.
00:00:00	31	41
01:00:00	13	22
02:00:00	10	16
03:00:00	13	16
04:00:00	32	30
05:00:00	140	117
06:00:00	391	313
07:00:00	781	621
08:00:00	812	684
09:00:00	582	572
10:00:00	581	578
11:00:00	591	613
12:00:00	599	612
13:00:00	609	607
14:00:00	652	638
15:00:00	672	646
16:00:00	787	743
17:00:00	782	723
18:00:00	508	490
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23:00:00	59	63

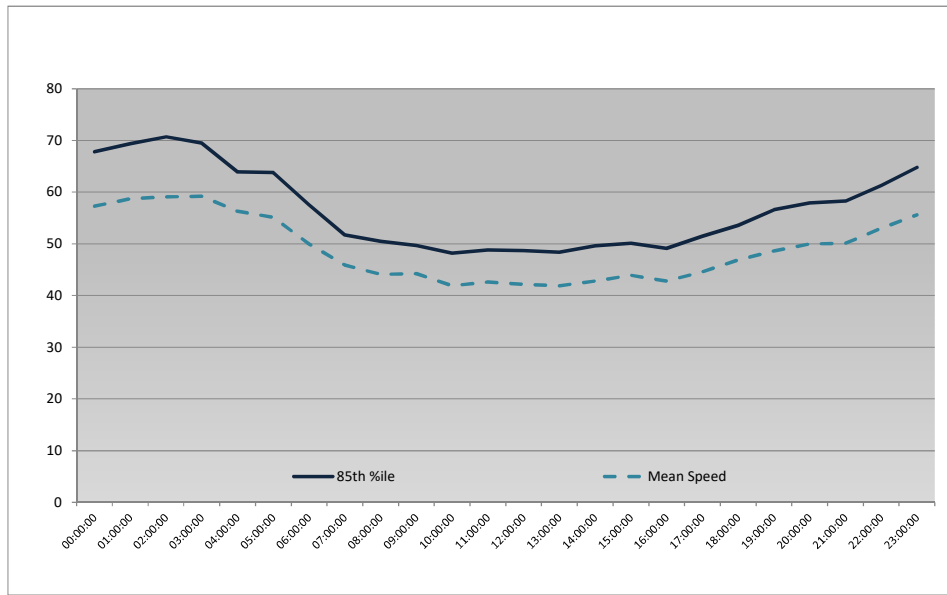


Southbound		
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01:00:00	17	28
02:00:00	10	17
03:00:00	10	16
04:00:00	18	19
05:00:00	66	61
06:00:00	263	212
07:00:00	617	488
08:00:00	659	539
09:00:00	570	504
10:00:00	539	542
11:00:00	575	585
12:00:00	628	645
13:00:00	638	647
14:00:00	634	641
15:00:00	718	705
16:00:00	804	758
17:00:00	888	787
18:00:00	679	614
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20:00:00	310	295
21:00:00	229	215
22:00:00	149	153
23:00:00	82	86

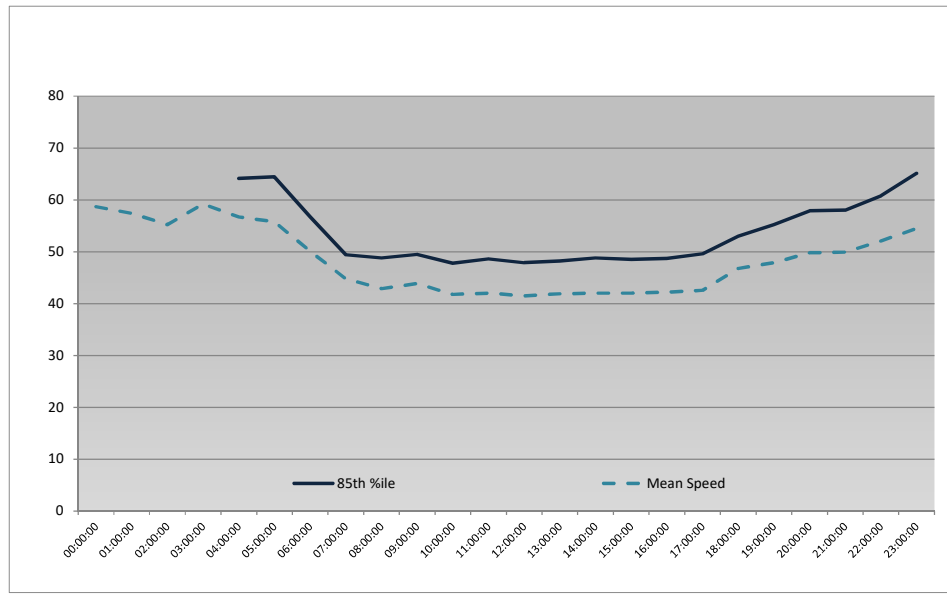


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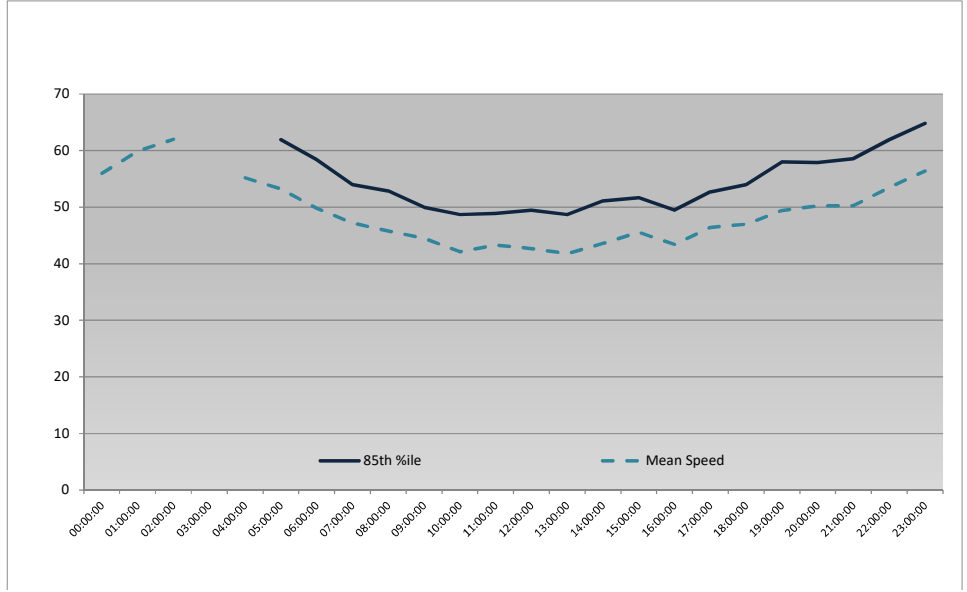
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	85 th %ile	Mean Speed
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02:00:00	70.7	59.1
03:00:00	69.5	59.2
04:00:00	63.9	56.3
05:00:00	63.8	55.1
06:00:00	57.6	50
07:00:00	51.7	45.9
08:00:00	50.5	44.1
09:00:00	49.7	44.2
10:00:00	48.2	41.9
11:00:00	48.8	42.6
12:00:00	48.7	42.2
13:00:00	48.4	41.9
14:00:00	49.6	42.8
15:00:00	50.1	43.9
16:00:00	49.1	42.8
17:00:00	51.5	44.6
18:00:00	53.6	46.9
19:00:00	56.6	48.6
20:00:00	57.9	50
21:00:00	58.3	50.1
22:00:00	61.3	53
23:00:00	64.8	55.6



	Northbound	
	85 th %ile	Mean Speed
00:00:00	71.5	58.7
01:00:00		57.4
02:00:00		55.2
03:00:00		59.2
04:00:00	64.1	56.7
05:00:00	64.4	55.8
06:00:00	56.7	50.1
07:00:00	49.4	44.8
08:00:00	48.8	42.9
09:00:00	49.5	43.9
10:00:00	47.8	41.8
11:00:00	48.6	42
12:00:00	47.9	41.5
13:00:00	48.2	41.9
14:00:00	48.8	42
15:00:00	48.5	42
16:00:00	48.7	42.2
17:00:00	49.6	42.6
18:00:00	53	46.8
19:00:00	55.2	47.9
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22:00:00	60.8	52.1
23:00:00	65.1	54.5

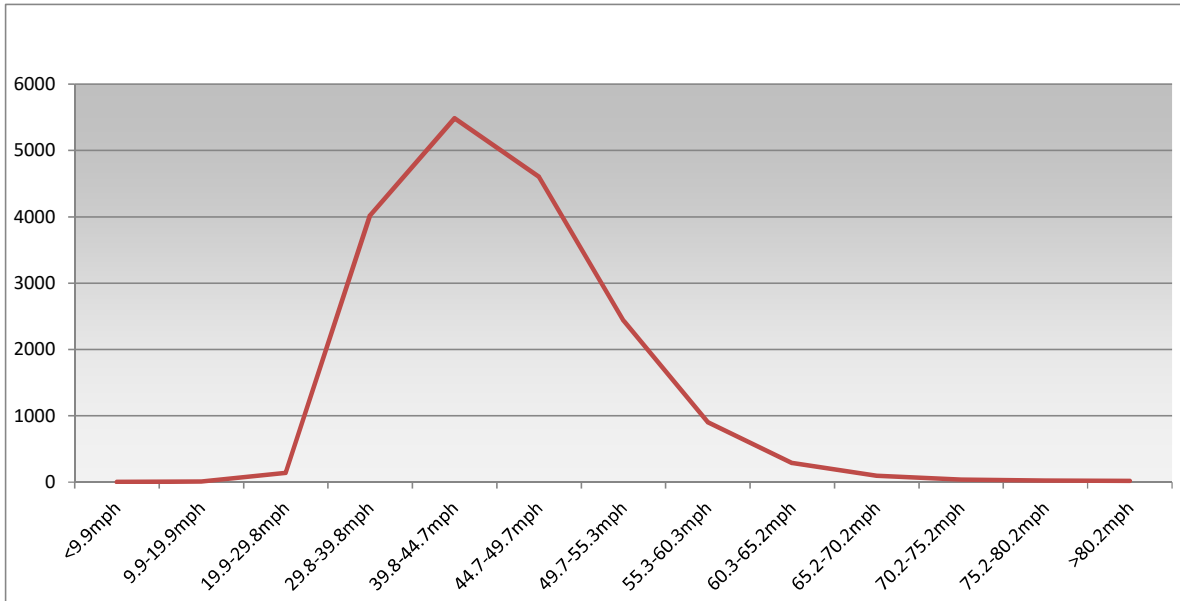


Southbound		
	85 th %ile	Mean Speed
00:00:00	65.6	56
01:00:00		59.9
02:00:00		62
03:00:00		
04:00:00		55.2
05:00:00	61.9	53.2
06:00:00	58.4	49.8
07:00:00	54	47.2
08:00:00	52.9	45.8
09:00:00	50	44.5
10:00:00	48.7	42.1
11:00:00	48.9	43.3
12:00:00	49.5	42.7
13:00:00	48.7	41.8
14:00:00	51.1	43.6
15:00:00	51.7	45.6
16:00:00	49.5	43.4
17:00:00	52.7	46.4
18:00:00	54	47
19:00:00	58	49.4
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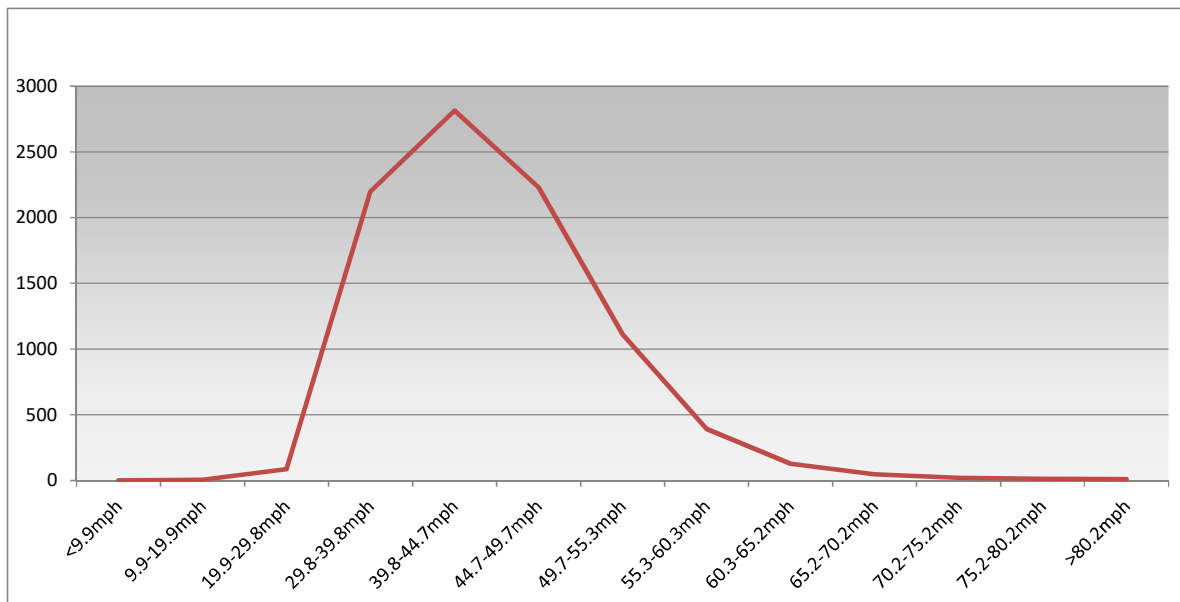
All Directions

<9.9mph	9.9-19.9mph	19.9-29.8mph	29.8-39.8mph	39.8-44.7mph	44.7-49.7mph	49.7-55.3mph	55.3-60.3mph	60.3-65.2mph	65.2-70.2mph	70.2-75.2mph	75.2-80.2mph	>80.2mph
2	8	138	4020	5485	4599	2435	904	286	95	39	22	20



Northbound

<9.9mph	9.9-19.9mph	19.9-29.8mph	29.8-39.8mph	39.8-44.7mph	44.7-49.7mph	49.7-55.3mph	55.3-60.3mph	60.3-65.2mph	65.2-70.2mph	70.2-75.2mph	75.2-80.2mph	>80.2mph
1	6	85	2197	2814	2232	1110	393	128	46	21	12	11



Southbound

<9.9mph	9.9-19.9mph	19.9-29.8mph	29.8-39.8mph	39.8-44.7mph	44.7-49.7mph	49.7-55.3mph	55.3-60.3mph	60.3-65.2mph	65.2-70.2mph	70.2-75.2mph	75.2-80.2mph	>80.2mph
2	1	54	1823	2671	2367	1325	511	159	49	18	9	9

