

October 2, 2012

Ms. Katherine E. Hite, Division Traffic Engineer
NC Department of Transportation
5501 Barbados Boulevard
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

Re.: Request for Speed Limit Reduction on SR 1177 (Main Street) Sunset Beach and SR 1172 (Sunset Boulevard South)

Dear Ms. Hite:

The Sunset Beach Town Council formally requests NC Department of Transportation to re-consider a speed limit reduction on SR 1177 (Main Street) and SR 1172 (Sunset Blvd. South).

The Council acknowledges the study completed in the summer of 2011 in which the results showed that the 85th percentile speed on Main Street was 32mph and on Sunset Boulevard it was 36mph within the 35mph zone, indicating that this is the speed that most drivers consider reasonable. However, the study did not take into consideration the volume of pedestrians, includes large numbers of children walking and bicycling, utilizing both streets.

The Council feels that a 35 mph speed limit is unsafe for pedestrians and is convinced that if this study was conducted in July, 2013 with the emphasis being placed on the pedestrian traffic that NC Department of Transportation officials would also agree and lower the speed limit on both streets to 25 mph.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Gary Parker
Town Administrator