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FROM: Paul Kurtz, P.E., City Engineer

RE: Citywide Speed Limits

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The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works has completed a technical evaluation to determine speed limits on city streets under its jurisdiction. This evaluation included a review of local policies and plans, national guidance and peer city experiences, relevant safety studies and data, and existing traffic speeds. The analysis was performed with the intention of setting speed limits which meet the following goals:

- To support the City's traffic safety goal of zero traffic deaths and severe injuries
- To improve safety and comfort for people of all abilities walking, bicycling, and taking transit
- To support the movement of people and goods
- To be consistent, understandable, reasonable, and appropriate for an urban context

The findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the evaluation were documented in the City's study: [Saint Paul Speed Limit Evaluation](#).

Based on the recommendations of the evaluation, and under the authority granted to the City Engineer under Section 152.20 of the City of Saint Paul's Code of Ordinances, I am establishing speed limits on roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of Saint Paul as depicted on the Map of Recommended Speed Limits included in Figure 7 in the study.



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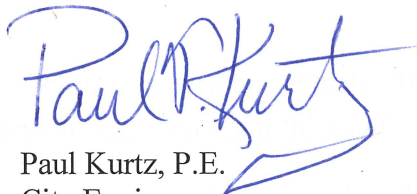
The speed limits depicted in Figure 7 can be summarized as follows:

- Minor streets, generally local residential streets, will be 20 mph unless otherwise signed.
- Major City streets, generally arterial and collector streets, will have speed limits of 25 mph and be signed.
- Some major City streets will have speed limits higher than 25 mph based on conditions and will be signed.
- Alleys will retain speed limits of 10 mph.

The Department of Public Works will communicate the speed limits changes to the public as recommended in the study.

The speed limits shall be effective when the appropriate signs are installed. The installation of signs is expected to be completed by the end of Fall 2020. Appropriate modifications to traffic signal timing will be made in coordination with the installation of signs.

To allow for citywide evaluation of the revised speed limits, I recommend no changes be considered or made to the speed limits established by this memorandum for a period of one year from the installation of all signs.



Paul Kurtz, P.E.
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Attachment: Saint Paul Speed Limit Evaluation