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Honorable Mayor Cory Reeves

Commissioner Joe Mckenney

Commissioner Rick Tryon

Commissioner Shannon Wilson

Commissioner Susan Wolf

My name is Jimmy Fulton and I am a citizen of Great Falls, MT.

I live directly across the street from Pinski Park on 5th Avenue South. If you are familiar with the area, you know that there are dozens of apartments near the park occupied with many young tenants with young children. As there is limited parking available for the tenants many vehicles are parked on both sides of 5th Avenue South which effectively reduces the roadway to one lane. Additionally, 5th Avenue South makes a sweeping curve from 7th Avenue South to 46th Street South. With the mature trees adjacent to this curve, it further reduces visibility on the roadway as vehicles travel south to north. (See Enclosure) The posted speed limit on 5th Avenue South from the intersection of 5th Avenue South and 46th Street South is 15 MPH (See Enclosure) I can assure you that this is merely a suggestion as most vehicles travel at speeds considerably over this limit. Whenever I drive along this roadway, I keep my speed down to between 5 MPH and 10 MPH as many youngsters are often crossing to and from the park. I few weeks back during the holiday school break as I was driving back to my house a young girl riding a skateboard darted out from behind a parked pickup truck directly in my path. I slammed on my brakes as the youngster jumped off the skateboard which ended up under my car and the girl's momentum carried her until she was directly in front of the car. If I had been driving the posted speed limit a couple things might have occurred. (A) the child could have hit the side of my car or (B) I could have hit or even ran over this youngster. Neither outcome is something I like to think about. Prior to this incident I decided to purchase a standup speed warning sign (See Enclosure) which I would set out in the morning and retrieve in the evening. This worked fine for two days but when I went to put the sign away for the third night it was gone. I guess someone thought it would better serve another location.

I know that the City Police Department has many more pressing issues than setting up a speed monitoring locations but if they were to park an unmarked unit on my driveway for a few days they would generate enough revenue in speeding fines to purchase a few dozen of these signs. I also know that is not a reasonable request. So, what I would like to request instead is for the City Commission to contact the Public Works Traffic and Engineering Department about the possibility of conducting a study to see if it would be possible to install solar powered speed limit signs at the current speed limit sign locations (See Enclosure) like the one on 26th Street South in front of Lincoln Elementary School. From my observation these signs seem to be effective.

I appreciate any consideration you can give to my interrogatory





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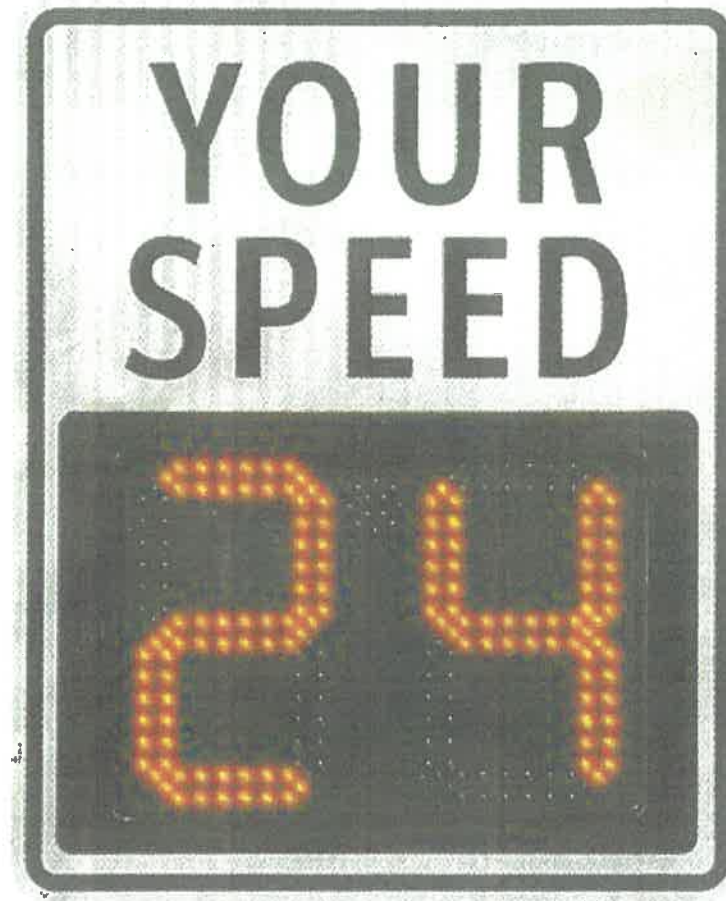
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