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MEMORANDUM

TO: Roberto E. Bryan, Jr. *REB*
Chief of Police

FROM: Charles W. Hunt *ewh*
Major, Specialized Service Bureau

SUBJECT: Proposed Speed Limit Change on Blanton Rd

It has come to the attention of the Fayetteville Police Department that there is a proposal to change the speed limit on Blanton Road from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. We understand that this matter is scheduled to appear as an agenda item during the City Council meeting on May 11, 2026.

While some may believe the current speed limit is too high for this roadway, the available data does not support a reduction in speed. Over the past year, fewer than 3 speeding complaints have been reported on Blanton Road.

Additionally, two speed studies have been conducted on Blanton Road within the past three years. The first study, conducted in December 2023, showed an average vehicle speed of 38 MPH, which is only 3 MPH above the posted speed limit. The second study, conducted in April 2026, showed an average vehicle speed of 37 MPH, which is only 2 MPH above the posted speed limit.

At this time, the Fayetteville Police Department does not support changing the speed limit on Blanton Road. Reducing the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH would likely increase speeding complaints and require additional enforcement in the area.

Should a speed limit change ultimately be approved, the Police Department would require adequate lead time to conduct a public education campaign informing motorists of the change prior to enforcement efforts.

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