

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 35, SCHEDULE III OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD BY ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT ON SCHOETTLER ROAD.

WHEREAS, Schoettler Road is a St. Louis County arterial roadway; and

WHEREAS, the current speed limit on Schoettler Road between Clayton Road and South Outer Forty is 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic has determined that due to the existing reverse curve on the roadway in the vicinity of Schoettler Estates Drive, and due to the high percentage of wet pavement accidents in this area, the speed limit on Schoettler Road in this area should be reduced to 30 mph; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County will amend their Traffic Code accordingly, and request that the City of Chesterfield do the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance Number 35, Section 3, Schedule III as it relates to Special Speed Limits on County Highways, Roads, or Streets is hereby amended by deleting a provision thereto as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
Schoettler Road, from Clayton Road (Mo. Rte. HH) to U.S. Route 40 south service road	40 MPH

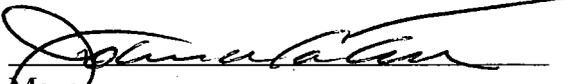
Section 2. Ordinance Number 35, Section 3, Schedule III as it relates to Special Speed Limits on County Highways, Roads, or Streets is hereby amended by adding the provisions thereto as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
Schoettler Road, from Clayton Road (Mo. Rte. HH) to Grantley Drive	40 MPH
Schoettler Road, from Grantley Drive to South Outer Forty	30 MPH

Section 3. In all other respects, Ordinance Number 35 is in full force and effect.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 19th day of January, 2005.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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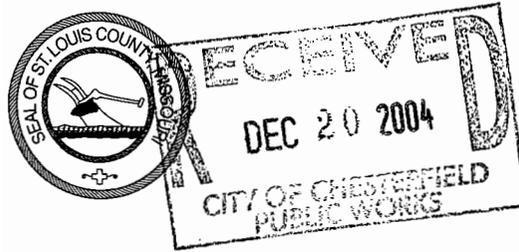
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December 15, 2004

Mr. Michael Geisel
Public Works Director
City of Chesterfield
690 Chesterfield Parkway West
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

RE: Report from the Acting Director of Highways and Traffic
Subject: Request to Improve Traffic Safety on Schoettler Road in the Vicinity of
Schoettler Estates Drive

Dear Mr. Geisel:

The St. Louis County Council, at its meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, received, filed and directed the County Counselor to prepare the appropriate legislation, as recommended.

A copy of the report is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne R. Pratl'.

Suzanne Richeda Pratl
Administrative Director

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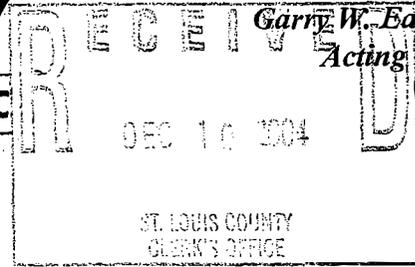


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Charlie A. Dooley
County Executive

Saint Louis
COUNTY
HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC

December 14, 2004



Garry W. Earls, P.E.
Acting Director

Honorable Charlie A. Dooley, County Executive
Honorable Skip Mange, Chairman
and Members of the Saint Louis County Council

7th Council District

Subject: Request to Improve Traffic Safety on Schoettler Road
in the Vicinity of Schoettler Estates Drive

Dear Executive Dooley and Council Members:

A communication from Mr. Ken Korns, Schoettler Estates Trustee, appeared on the November 16, 2004 Council Agenda and was referred to this Department for review and recommendation by the Honorable Gregory F. Quinn, Councilman, 7th Council District. Mr. Korns, on behalf of the Subdivision Trustees, expressed concern regarding traffic safety on Schoettler Road in the vicinity of Schoettler Estates Drive. He requested that (1) a flashing beacon be installed for northbound motorists on Schoettler Road approaching Schoettler Estates Drive, (2) the reverse curve on Schoettler Road in the area of Schoettler Estates Drive be eliminated by straightening the roadway, and (3) the existing asphalt pavement on Schoettler Road in the area of Schoettler Estates Drive be replaced with grooved concrete pavement to improve water run-off and reduce slick roadway conditions during inclement weather. He indicated that numerous accidents have occurred on Schoettler Road near Schoettler Estates Drive due to motorists speeding.

Schoettler Road, in the vicinity of Schoettler Estates Drive, is a two-lane north/south County Arterial roadway. There is a reverse curve, combined with a change in vertical alignment, along this section of Schoettler Road. There are horizontal alignment warning signs along Schoettler Road for northbound and southbound motorists and each sign has a supplemental "30 MPH" advisory speed plaque. The roadway is striped with a double yellow centerline and white edge lines to demarcate the edge of the roadway pavement. The speed limit on Schoettler Road between Clayton Road and South Outer Forty is 40 MPH.

A review of accident data on Schoettler Road in the vicinity of Schoettler Estates Drive revealed seven reported single vehicle, run-off-the-road type accidents, for the 35-month period from January 1, 2002 through November 30, 2004. All seven accidents involved northbound motorists on Schoettler Road and occurred during wet pavement conditions. The primary contributing circumstance for these accidents was listed as "speed too fast for conditions".

Due to the high percentage of wet pavement accidents on Schoettler Road in the area of Schoettler Estates Drive, a skid-resistant surface treatment will be installed on Schoettler Road, from a point approximately 300 feet north of Grantley Drive to Highcroft Drive, during the Summer of 2005. This planned surface treatment is less expensive, is less disruptive to traffic flow, and will provide a higher level of skid resistance than grooved concrete pavement.

"It is the mission of Saint Louis County Department of Highways & Traffic to provide a safe, modern, well-maintained roadway system that is capable of changing in response to the transportation needs of the community through the cooperative effort among citizens, industry, other governmental agencies, and County employees."

Due to the reverse curve, change in vertical alignment, presence of intersecting streets/driveways, and number of run-off-the-road type accidents along this section of Schoettler Road, we believe the speed limit on Schoettler Road, from Grantley Drive to South Outer Forty, should be reduced from 40 MPH to 30 MPH. We also believe that a "Speed Reduction" sign should be installed along the east side of Schoettler Road to advise northbound motorists of the proposed reduction of the posted speed limit.

As a result of the number of northbound run-off-the-road type accidents on Schoettler Road and the apparent need to guide northbound motorists through the beginning of the reverse curve approaching Schoettler Estates Drive, "Chevron" signs will be installed along the east side of this section of Schoettler Road. By reducing the speed limit and installing "Chevron" signs, as described herein, we do not believe the installation of a flashing beacon for northbound motorists on Schoettler Road is needed at this time.

Please be advised that the elimination of the reverse curve on Schoettler Road (by straightening the roadway) is not a planned roadway improvement presently programmed by this Department. However, we will evaluate the need for this improvement, along with other proposed improvements on the Saint Louis County roadway system, to determine the priority of future construction projects.

We recommend that the Council direct the County Counselor to prepare the following amendments to the Saint Louis County Traffic Code:

**SCHEDULE III
SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS, ROADS OR STREETS**

<u>Road</u>	<u>Speed Limit MPH</u>
DELETE: Schoettler Rd., from U.S. Route 40 south service road to Clayton Rd.	40 MPH
ADD: Schoettler Rd., from Clayton Rd. (Rte. HH) to Grantley Dr.	40 MPH
ADD: Schoettler Rd., from Grantley Dr. to South Outer Forty	30 MPH

Following enactment of the necessary legislation, we will arrange for the installation of the "Speed Reduction", "30 MPH Speed Limit", and "Chevron" signs, as described above.

Honorable Charlie A. Dooley, County Executive
Honorable Skip Mange, Chairman
and Members of the Saint Louis County Council

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December 14, 2004

By copy of this report to Mr. Michael G. Herring, City Administrator, City of Chesterfield, we are advising the City of Chesterfield to consider enacting a complementary Ordinance providing for the 30 MPH speed limit on Schoettler Road, from Grantley Drive to South Outer Forty.

By copy of this report, we are also requesting that Chief Ray Johnson, Chesterfield Police Department, provide for the surveillance and enforcement of the new 30 MPH speed limit on this section of Schoettler Road.

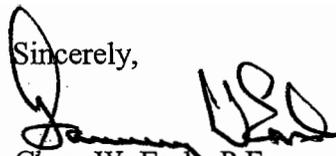
It is recommended that copies of this report be furnished to:

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15310 Schoettler Estates Drive
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

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Sincerely,

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