



SPEED REDUCTION COMMITTEE – BACKGROUND MATERIALS

The Speed Reduction Committee should consider the following in their work:

- [Response to Council Resolution 16-352: Design Criteria for Local Streets Speed Limits and Traffic Calming; November 6, 2016](#)
- [Resolution to Establish Speed Limits no Greater than 25 mph throughout Near-Downtown Residential Neighborhoods](#) and Staff Memo regarding Resolution to Establish Speed Limits no Greater than 25 mph throughout Near-Downtown Residential Neighborhood; dated August 17, 2015 – *final action on resolution: motion and resolution withdrawn October 19, 2015*
- [November 2013 City of Ann Arbor Speed Limit Map](#): most street segments shown on this map are correctly represented, some locations need updating. This should provide a starting point for discussion about speed limits.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) resources:
 - [FHWA's resource Center](#)
 - [Basic primer on speed limits](#)
 - [Integrating Speed Management within Roadway Departure, Intersections and Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Focus Area](#)
 - [Speed Management Program Plan](#), page 13. Speed management should look like this:





- Staff advises that recommendations be framed around managing speed through design, rather than lowering speed limits. Engineering design can influence vehicle speeds and lead to the ability to lower speed limits. Changing speed limits without changing the road design is generally ineffective.
- Staff recommends that the subcommittee focus their energies on developing a local speed management plan. Development of the plan would help to define goals for the three E's (Engineering, Enforcement, Education) and bring the E's together to be on the same page for how items get addressed