



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Gray
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Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bill Farmer, Jr., Councilman 5th District
Office of the Urban County Council

FROM: Jim Woods, P.E., PLS, Acting Director *JW*
Division of Traffic Engineering

DATE: April 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Montavesta Road – Speed Limit Reduction

The Division of Traffic Engineering recommends that the speed limit on Montavesta Road, from the intersection of Mount Drive to Pepperhill Road be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Montavesta Road, classified as a collector, is situated along gently rolling terrain. The two-way road, which is primarily residential, is characterized by turns as it winds counterclockwise from Mount Drive to its intersection with Pepperhill Drive. With parking on both sides of the road, and consistent horizontal and vertical dynamics, the roadway geometrics are not always favorable for providing good sight distance, particularly at residential and commercial access aprons. Based upon the character of service it provides, the road basically functions as a local residential street.

Collision history along Montavesta Road indicate an increase in incidents from previous years. In an effort to improve public safety, and noting the physical characteristics of the roadway and rolling terrain, the Division of Traffic Engineering recommends reducing the speed limit on Montavesta Road from 35 mph to 25 mph. This recommendation is supported by the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works Commissioner, Richard Moloney.

Reducing the posted speed limit on Montavesta Road requires the approval of The Urban County Council. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 3830.

attachment (map)

c: Richard P. Moloney, Commissioner
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