



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan Lamb  
4<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember

FROM: Jeffery Neal, P.E.  
Director of Traffic Engineering

DATE: December 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Speed Limit Reduction – Albany Road corridor and Bellefonte Drive

The Division of Traffic Engineering recommends reducing the posted speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on the following collector street segments:

- Jesselin Drive (Nicholasville Rd. to Crestwood Dr.)
- Crestwood Drive (Jesselin Dr. to Albany Rd.)
- Albany Road (Crestwood Dr. to Tates Creek Rd.)
- Bellefonte Drive (Zandale Dr. to Glendover Rd.)

Albany Road was recently reclassified from a minor arterial to a collector street in consideration of its residential nature and average daily traffic count of less than 5,000 vehicles per day. Furthermore, the pavement width of less than 30' with only parking restrictions at either end does not provide two dedicated travel lanes through the corridor. This occasionally results in having to yield (or speed) depending on the parking situation at that time and location. Crash data from Aug. 2015 to Aug. 2017 showed fifteen crashes and of those, eight were with parked vehicles or fixed objects. Removing parking on one side is one solution but would likely be unpopular with the residents and it may still be advisable to reduce the speed limit based on other considerations such as driveway spacing and crash data.

Crestwood Drive and Jesselin Drive are part of the corridor link between Nicholasville Road and Tates Creek Road with nearly identical characteristics as Albany. Bellefonte Drive is included for similar reasons and it is the only segment of Bellefonte not already signed for 25 mph.

cc: Dowell Hoskins-Squier, P.E., Commissioner of Environmental Quality & Public Works  
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