

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, May 6, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Resolut.1**

**Council to receive an update on Scottsbluff High School pedestrian and vehicle safety including public streets around the High School and to consider taking action on Resolution 19-05-01, setting a new speed limit on 27th Street between 5th Avenue and Broadway.**

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Media Release

For Immediate Release

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### **Scottsbluff Public Schools and City of Scottsbluff Develop Safety Plan for 27<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic**

The City of Scottsbluff and Scottsbluff Public Schools have jointly determined that the following actions are necessary to ensure the safety of students and pedestrians crossing 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue:

- A temporary Traffic Resolution will be issued by the City of Scottsbluff that will reduce the speed limit on 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 20mph at all times
- A crossing guard will be stationed on 27<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue during school hours and, as possible, during heavily trafficked special events
- There will be increased police presence on 27<sup>th</sup> street to issue citations for speeding as well as pedestrians who are crossing 27<sup>th</sup> and not using designated crosswalks
- In addition to new signage recently installed through a partnership between the School District and the City, the two entities are exploring further such enhancements to be considered over the course of the coming weeks
- The Tri City Roadrunner bus stop South of Scottsbluff High School will be relocated or eliminated
- The above changes are planned to start on Monday, May 6 due to safety concerns when school is in session and will continue throughout the summer due to the many year round activities that occur in that vicinity including sporting events, graduation, performances and other community events
- The City of Scottsbluff and Scottsbluff Public Schools will jointly fund a study to be completed by a qualified engineer to evaluate traffic patterns and potential long term improvements in the area adjacent to Bluffs Middle School, Scottsbluff High School, Bear Cub Preschool, CHOICES and St. Agnes Elementary.

**RESOLUTION 19-05-01**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA:**

1. The public safety, convenience and welfare require that pursuant to '22-2-56 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code, the speed limit for motor vehicles on 27<sup>th</sup> Street, between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway, be revised and established as hereinafter provided.

2. As a result of the high school renovation, the following speed limit for motor vehicles on the following street in the City shall be as follows:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Maximum Speed</u> <u>(miles per hour)</u>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway</b>	<b>20</b>

Provided, this paragraph shall not be construed to permit any speed in excess of that permitted in '22-2-56 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code.

3. This Resolution will amend the prior traffic Resolution 07-5-04, which contains a section that relates to other arterial or collector streets and shall apply to 27<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway, or part thereof, only. Provided, this Resolution does not affect and does not repeal any other speed limit set forth in that traffic resolution, including any other arterial or collector street, or part thereof. Provided further, the present Resolution, or any part thereof, shall not be construed so far as to affect any rights, liabilities or causes of action, either criminal or civil, existing or actions pending, at the time when this Resolution takes effect.

4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED and APPROVED** on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk (Seal)

