

## **Reduced Speed Limits Across Rancho Santa Margarita**

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, California** (August 29, 2024) — Speed limits will be reduced across Rancho Santa Margarita.

From now through September, we'll be updating 45 roadway segments with new speed limits, and 19 roadway segments will remain unchanged.

Speed limits are being lowered following an updated engineering and traffic survey (E&TS) that surveyed how fast vehicles travel on our roadways. The last E&TS was completed in 2019.

Since the last update of the City's E&TS, the State has revised the way speed limits can be changed through Assembly Bill 43 (AB43). Previously, cities were constrained to revising the existing speed limits through a process known as the 85th percentile. A speed survey would measure the speed drivers were driving at and the speed limits set to reflect what 85% of drivers were driving at. This was believed to be the safest speed for the roadway segment being studied. Now with adoption of AB43, cities do not have to rely solely on the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed. Cities can now use criteria based on the specific conditions and characteristics of the studied roadway segment, such as, roadway geometrics, adjacent land uses, and the presence of vulnerable pedestrian groups and bicyclists.

The goal of reducing motorist travel speeds is to increase reaction time for both drivers and pedestrians to avoid crashes, as the faster the speed, the higher the risk of a severe crash that could lead to serious injuries or deaths.

No speed limits are increasing as a result of the study. The speed limit of the remaining 19 roadway segments will stay the same.

The changes are happening across the city on our arterial and collector streets.

All new speed limits will be going down by 5 mph, with the exception of one roadway segment going down by 10 mph.

As new signs go up and we all get used to new speed limits, Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services will be helping to educate drivers.

For the first 30 days after the new signs are installed Police Services will be issuing warning citation for drivers with excess speeds of 10 mph or less from the new reduced speed limit.

The reduced speed limits is an effort to make streets safe in Rancho Santa Margarita.

Below is a summary of the speed reduction changes.

Table 1: Speed Limit Reduction (5 mph)

ID	Street	Segment	Speed Limit (mph)	
			Existing	Proposed
1	Alas de Paz	Antonio Parkway to Plano Trabuco Road	40	35
3	Antonio Parkway	Coto de Caza Drive/La Promesa to Santa Margarita Parkway	50	45
4	Antonio Parkway	Santa Margarita Parkway to Avenida de Las Flores	45	40
9	Avenida de Las Flores	Santa Margarita Parkway to Laurel	45	40
10	Avenida de Las Flores	Laurel to Antonio Parkway	45	40
14	Avenida de Los Fundadores	Santa Margarita Parkway to Alma Aldea	30	25
18	Buena Suerte	Avenida de Las Flores to Santa Margarita Parkway	35	30
19	Comercio	Avenida Empresa to Avenida de Las Banderas	35	30
21	El Camino Montana	Avenida de Las Flores to Juneberry	40	35
22	El Camino Montana	Juneberry to Via Con Dios	40	35
25	Esperanza	Avenida Empresa to Avenida de Las Banderas	40	35
26	Heritage Drive	Robinson Ranch Road to Birdhollow Drive	40	35
28	Los Alisos Boulevard	SR-241 to Altisima	50	45
29	Melinda Road	Santa Margarita Parkway to Via Regressos	50	45
30	Melinda Road	Via Regressos to SR-241 (Overcrossing)	50	45
31	Melinda Road	SR-241 (Overcrossing) to Altisima	50	45
32	Plano Trabuco Road	Trabuco Canyon Road to Robinson Ranch Road	45	40
33	Plano Trabuco Road	Robinson Ranch Road to Santa Margarita Parkway	45	40
34	Plano Trabuco Road	Santa Margarita Parkway to Dove Canyon Road	45	40
37	Santa Margarita Parkway	Avenida Empresa to Avenida de Las Flores	50	45
38	Santa Margarita Parkway	Avenida de Las Flores to Alma Aldea	50	45
39	Santa Margarita Parkway	Alma Aldea to Plano Trabuco Road	50	45
40	Via Arribo	Melinda Road to Via Regressos	40	35
41	Via Con Dios	El Camino Montana to Avenida de Las Flores	30	25
43	Via Regressos	Via Arribo to Melinda Road	40	35
44	Alicia Parkway	Santa Margarita Parkway to South City Limits	55	50

47	Altisima	Rancho Trabuco to Celeste	35	30
48	Antonio Parkway	South City Limits to Tijeras Creek	60	55
50	Antonio Parkway	Tijeras Creek to SR-241	55	50
51	Antonio Parkway	SR-241 to Coto de Caza Drive/La Promesa	55	50
52	Arroyo Vista	Avenida de Las Banderas to Las Mesitas	35	30
53	Avenida de Las Banderas	Avenida de Las Flores to Aventura/Esperanza	45	40
55	Avenida Empresa	Avenida de Las Banderas to Antonio Parkway	40	35
57	Robinson Ranch Road	Plano Trabuco to Lindsay Drive	40	35
58	Robinson Ranch Road	Lindsay Drive to Shadow Rock Lane	40	35
59	Robinson Ranch Road	Shadow Rock Lane to North Peak Drive	40	35
61	Santa Margarita Parkway	Melinda Road to Alicia Parkway	55	50
62	Santa Margarita Parkway	Alicia Parkway to Avenida Empresa	55	50
63	Camino Altozano	Avenida de Las Banderas to North Cul-de-sac	35	30
64	Dove Canyon Drive	Plano Trabuco Road to Gate Entrance	40	35
65	Trabuco Canyon Road	West City Limits to Plano Trabuco Road	45	40
67	Sycamore Canyon Drive	Inverary to Mountain Laurel	40	35
68	Dove Canyon Drive	Main Gate to Ravensridge	40	35
69	Arroyo Vista	Avenida Empresa to Avenida de Las Banderas	40	35

Table 2: Speed Limit Reduction (10 mph)

ID	Street	Segment	Speed Limit (mph)	
			Existing	Proposed
5	Arroyo Vista	Las Mesitas to Ria	40	30