

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## May 18, 2023



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
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**Subject:** **Public Safety Speeding Initiative**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **AUTHORIZES** the City Manager to continue speed enforcement efforts as outlined in this report.

### BACKGROUND:

At the direction of Council during their February 1, 2023, Strategic Planning Session, the Sheriff's Department, and the City's Public Works Department have collaborated to develop a Speeding Initiative to address ongoing speeding concerns.

The Speeding Initiative includes a wide variety of focused traffic enforcement efforts designed to encourage compliance with posted speed limits and other traffic regulations.

### Short Term Efforts (0-3 Months):

Many of the Initiative's efforts can be implemented immediately, including:

- Train the City's SET Officers in Radar and LiDAR to enable additional traffic enforcement (Scheduled for June 2023);
- Install a flashing Stop Sign on east-bound Fairway at El Dorado to improve night visibility and encourage compliance. Additional flashing stop signs may be added in the community in the coming months if successful;
- Rotate newly purchased radar signs throughout the community on a regular basis;
- Continue the utilization of the Riverside County Sheriff Race Team and Multi-City Collaboration with the Riverside County Sheriff Valley Traffic Team;
- Continue the use of overtime for weekend and late afternoon Motor Officer coverage; and
- Continue the use of overtime to backfill the City's Motor Officer when they are out sick, training, on vacation, etc.

### **Long Term Efforts (4 Months+):**

- Utilize grants to provide additional traffic enforcement as allowed;
- Collaborate with the City's Public Works Department on additional signage where appropriate; and
- Instruct the City's Public Works Department to include traffic safety issues (i.e. speeding) into street redesign efforts.
- Re-evaluate the speed limit on Fairway and Eldorado once the new park opens to the public. State law may allow a change in speed limits based upon the park use on portions of both streets.

**City Council Goal:** This effort aligns with Council's 2023 Strategic Planning Goal to examine opportunities for the Sheriff's Department and the City to further address speeding in the community.

**Committee Recommendations:** The Public Safety Committee endorsed the initiative at their April 27, 2023 meeting.

### **OPTIONS:**

The City Council can authorize the implementation of the Speeding Initiative as outlined and endorsed herein, or they can provide alternative direction.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The efforts outlined in the Speeding Initiative carry with them varied costs.

- Radar/ LiDAR training – No Cost to the City – Department Paid Training
- Flashing Stop Sign – Quote is still pending; Estimated to be \$3,000 maximum and will be paid from existing Public Works Minor Equipment Budget
- Solar-Powered Radar Signage – \$4,202 paid from existing Public Works Minor Equipment Budget
- Overtime is already allocated into the City's General Fund for this use.

Costs for other efforts will be assessed as they arise and are not anticipated to be substantial.

### **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):**

The action is exempt from CEQA review under CEQA Guideline section 15061(b)(3).