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**MEMORANDUM**

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To: Mayor and City Council Members

CC: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Brian Stineman, Public Works Director

DATE: August 10, 2018

RE: Request to Change Speed Limit on Mississippi Drive from Green Street to Broadway Street.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

The Muscatine Traffic Committee has studied the speed limit and traffic behavior on Mississippi Drive from Green Street to Broadway Street and propose a change in the speed limit from 25 to 35 miles per hour.

**BACKGROUND:**

Upon opening of the western section of Mississippi Drive the proposed speed limit of 25 mile per hour for the entire project was implemented from Iowa Avenue to Green Street. At the time of the speed limit posting it was anticipated that work on the intersection at "Carver Corner" would begin soon and it would make sense to maintain the 25 MPH speed limit throughout the project. Changes to the "Carver Corner" area will not occur until sometime in the future and analysis by the Muscatine Police Department indicate that a 25 MPH speed limit in this area is not warranted.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

Staff recommends that council approve this request to raise the speed limit on the west portion of Mississippi Drive from Green Street to Broadway Street from 25 to 35 miles per hour. Staff feel that returning the speed limit in this area to its original level is appropriate. The speed limit will be re-evaluated after development of the "Carver Corner" area is completed.

**BACKUP INFORMATION:**

N/A

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on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**