

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2009 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on December 1, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Camano Senior and Community Center, 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island, WA. The purpose of the Special Session was to consider adoption of Ordinance C-119-09 (R-50-09) Regulating Speed Limit on North Camano Drive and Sunrise Boulevard following public comment. John Dean, Chairman, Helen Price Johnson, Member, and Angie Homola, Member were present.

Attendance: Approximately 6 members of the public and press

County Staff: Bill Oakes, Public Works Director; Connie Bowers, Traffic Engineer; Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board; Debbie Thompson, Executive Assistant.

The following, as a result of the proposed ordinance and public hearing, are on file with the Clerk of the Board:

- *Attendance sheet*
- *Special Session Notice*
- *Ordinance C-119-09 (R-50-09) Regulating Speed Limit on North Camano Drive and Sunrise Boulevard*

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Dean opened the public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance C-119-09 (R-50-09) Regulating Speed Limit on North Camano Drive and Sunrise Boulevard.

Mr. Oakes explained that Ordinance C-119-09 would re-set a speed limit on a short portion of North Camano Drive and Sunrise Boulevard, northwest of the intersection with East Camano and SR 532. The entire length of the reclassification of the speed limit is less than 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile, about 1100 feet on Sunrise Boulevard and 390 feet north of the intersection between Sunrise and North Camano.

North Camano Drive, when leaving the State highway, is a 50 MPH road; Sunrise Boulevard is 35 MPH. In addition to the County developing Terry's Corner as a transit center, staff began to realize in the re-design that growth was also occurring at the same location. Mr. Oakes described the various project phases, including Phase IV that would address the North Camano limb between Sunrise and the State highway by adding minimum shoulders to protect a ditch section lying north of the road. Phase IV is the last project to address traffic around Terry's Corner.

In the analysis staff considered what a reasonable speed limit would be, encouraging pedestrian use (a sidewalk exists on Sunrise Boulevard) and use of the transit hub. The feeling was that a more suburban speed limit was appropriate in a developing commercial area such as Terry's Corner. Staff recommended a 25 MPH speed limit.

The Chairman opened the floor to public comment and following remarks either in favor or not in favor of the proposed speed limit, public comment was closed.

Following Commissioner discussion and questions of staff,

IT WAS MOVED BY PRICE JOHNSON, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to APPROVE Ordinance C-119-09 (R-50-09) Regulating Speed Limit on North Camano Drive and Sunrise Boulevard.

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Commissioner Homola asked that Mr. Oakes return to the Board with his evaluation of the speed limit along North Camano Drive adjacent to Sunrise Boulevard and North Camano Drive to resolve a more holistic speed limit for the intersection. The speed limit study for North Camano Drive would stretch from SR 532 to Arrowhead Road.

The public hearing adjourned 6:43 p.m.

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John Dean, Chairman

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Helen Price Johnson, Member

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Angie Homola, Member

ATTEST:

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Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board