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SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER

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Copley Township Trustees
1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road
Copley, Ohio 44321-1908

RE: Ridgewood Road Speed Study Request

Dear Honorable Trustees:

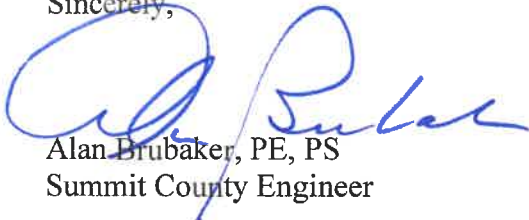
We received your request for a speed study for Ridgewood Road on June 29, 2020. The current 40 mph speed limit has been properly established in accordance with Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Department of Transportation requirements. The roadway conditions and traffic patterns have not changed and the construction of an additional residential development will not cause a significant impact. Therefore, a speed study of Ridgewood Road between the intersections of Cleveland Massillon Road and Medina Line Road is not warranted at this time.

Nearly all of our County highways have been assigned reduced speed limits as a result of speed studies conducted by this office. We constantly monitor our highways for any changes that may call for a speed reduction and respond as such conditions warrant.

The speed limit for highways within townships is set at 55 mph by the Ohio Revised Code except where a reduction can be justified utilizing the procedures established by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Citizens who have moved from the city to a township may not understand why township speed limits are higher when traffic and roadway conditions seem to be very similar to those in the city. The reason is that the Ohio Revised Code has set 35 mph and in some cases 25 mph as the speed limit within cities. If speed studies were done on city streets, many of them would be posted with higher limits.

Thank you for notifying us about your concern and please continue to inform us if you have any additional questions about road safety in the Township.

Sincerely,



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Summit County Engineer

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