

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-205

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A TRAFFIC
ORDINANCE FIXING THE MAXIMUM SPEED AT
WHICH VEHICLES MAY BE OPERATED OVER
CERTAIN ROADS IN LEWIS COUNTY,
WASHINGTON: DEFINING OFFENSES, AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION
THEREOF

WHEREAS, Pursuant to RCW 46.61.415, local authorities are authorized to determine the maximum speeds permitted on roadways based on an engineering and traffic investigation; and

WHEREAS, an engineering and traffic investigation that recommends adjusting the maximum speed limit of the following roads has been prepared:

- 35 MPH, 40024 - Labree Road
- 35 MPH, 40032 - Hamilton Road
- 35 MPH, 40034 - Hamilton Road N

WHEREAS, the engineering and traffic investigation, all related materials, and a proposed Traffic Ordinance have been reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and found appropriate for further proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 5th day of August, at or after the hour of 10 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington has been fixed by the BOCC as the time and place for the hearing on the proposed Traffic Ordinance, when and where all persons may appear and be heard, either for or against adoption of the proposed Traffic Ordinance; and that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all necessary notifications, posting and publication.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 22nd day of July, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

David Bailey
By: David Bailey,
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Scott J. Brummer
Scott J. Brummer, Chair

ATTEST:



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, CMC
Rieva Lester, CMC,
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of
County Commissioners

Sean D. Swope
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Lewis County, Washington, proposes to adjust the maximum speed limit on the following roads in Lewis County:

35 MPH – Labree Road from milepost 0.000 to 1.227

35 MPH – Hamilton Road from milepost 0.463 to 2.058

35 MPH – Hamilton Road N. from milepost 0.000 to 1.176

An Engineer's Report has been prepared, and all related materials have been reviewed by the BOCC and found appropriate for further proceedings. A hearing on reducing maximum speed limits on certain roads in Lewis County will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at or after 10:00 a.m. at the Lewis County Historic Courthouse, County Commissioners Hearing Room, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington, at which time and place any person may appear to be heard, either for or against the adoption of the proposed traffic ordinance. A copy of proposed Ordinance 223 is available for inspection with the Clerk of the Board on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, WA.

Written comment may be submitted in person at the BOCC, 351 NW North Street, Room 210, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov beginning July 22, 2025. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for Proposed Traffic Ordinance #223, Fixing the Maximum Speed on Labree Road, Hamilton Road and Hamilton Road N, August 5, 2025 hearing" and must be received by 10 a.m. August 1, 2025.

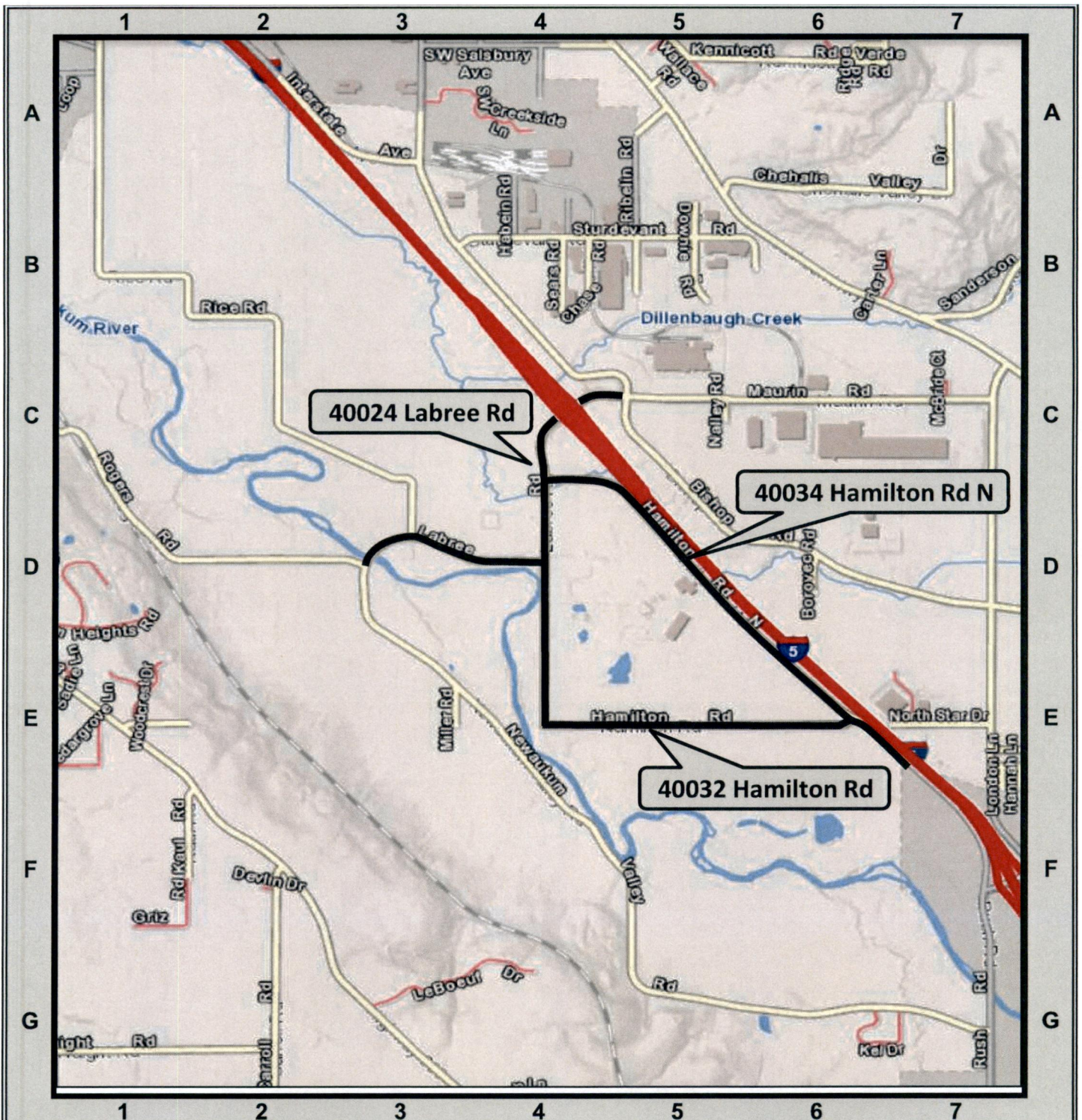
Title VI Notice to Public

It is the policy of Lewis County that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its Federally funded programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protections have been violated may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our nondiscrimination obligations, please contact Lewis County's Title VI Coordinator at 360-740-2612.

DATED July 22, 2025

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Lewis County
Board of County Commissioners

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Lewis County Web Site: <http://lewiscountywa.gov/>



Vicinity Map

40024 - Labree Rd, milepost 0.000 to 1.227

40032 - Hamilton Rd, milepost 0.463 to 2.058

40034 - Hamilton Rd N, milepost 0.000 to 1.176



LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF: Evaluation of the speed limit on Labree Road, Hamilton Road, and Hamilton Road N.

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Initiated due to design requirements for a culvert installation project on Labree Road.

COUNTY ROAD: 40024 – Labree, 40032 – Hamilton, & 40034 Hamilton N

TO: BOCC and file

FINDINGS:

- a.)

Current Speed Limit:	50 mph (unposted)
85% Prevailing Vehicle Speed:	NA
Average Daily Traffic:	NA
Truck Percentage:	NA

- b.) **Physical Features:** Labree, 40032 – Hamilton, & 40034 Hamilton N are all roads within the urban transportation boundary. They all have adequate width, structure, surfacing, are well maintained, and are in good operating condition.

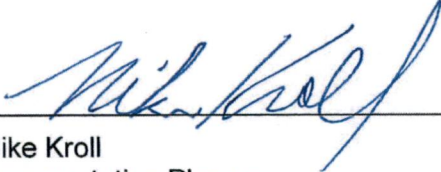
- c.) **Accidents/Characteristics:** The combined accident history of all three roads over the past 5 years shows that there have only been three accidents on the roads in this investigation. (2-property damage, 1-injury).

- d.) **Remarks/Recommendations:** Public Works is planning on constructing the Berwick Creek at Labree Fish Passage Project (MP 0.459). The culvert design requires a 40 mph maximum design speed on Hamilton Road and Labree Road. They both currently have are unposted and have a 50 mph speed limit. Since the speed limit must be changed to accommodate the culvert project, a more comprehensive review of the overall area was performed. The review determined that lowering the speed limit on Labree Road, Hamilton Road, and Hamilton Road N. to 35 mph would provide continuity with the speed limits on all other roads in the area and accommodate the culvert design requirement. The recommended speed limit for Labree Road, Hamilton Road, and Hamilton Road N. is 35 mph



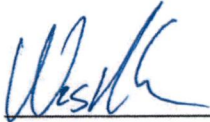
e.) **Attachments:** vicinity map

Recommended by:


Mike Kroll
Transportation Planner

7/3/25
Date

Approved by:


Wes Anderson, P.E.
County Engineer

7/3/25
Date

BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution:

BOCC Meeting Date: July 22, 2025

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Legal Notice

Notice of Public Hearing for a Traffic Ordinance fixing the maximum speed at which vehicles may be operated over certain roads in Lewis County, Washington: defining offenses, and providing penalties for the violation thereof

Contact: Geoff Soderquist

Phone: 2711

Department: PW - Public Works

Description:

This resolution is to give notice of a Public Hearing on Traffic Ordinance #223, adjusting the maximum speed limit on the following county roads: 40024 - Labree Road, 40032 - Hamilton Road, & 40034 - Hamilton Road N

Approvals:

User	Status
PA's Office	Pending

Publication Requirements:

Publications:

The Chronicle on July 24th

Additional Copies:

Mike Kroll - PW, Geoff Soderquist - PW, Wes Anderson - PW, Ryan Skeen - PW, Robin Saline, PW

Cover Letter To: