

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-270

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 road has been prepared:

- 35 MPH, 62161 – Ajlune Road

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; and

WHEREAS, 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 September 23, 2025. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for October 7, 2025 hearing" and must be received by 10 a.m. October 3, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 7th day of October, 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 23rd day of September, 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

PROPOSED - TRAFFIC ORDINANCE NO. 224

AN 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 VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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

WHEREAS, an engineering and traffic investigation of the following road has been prepared and the report thereon attached; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the engineering and traffic investigation report and all other facts pertinent to this proposed traffic ordinance,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED:

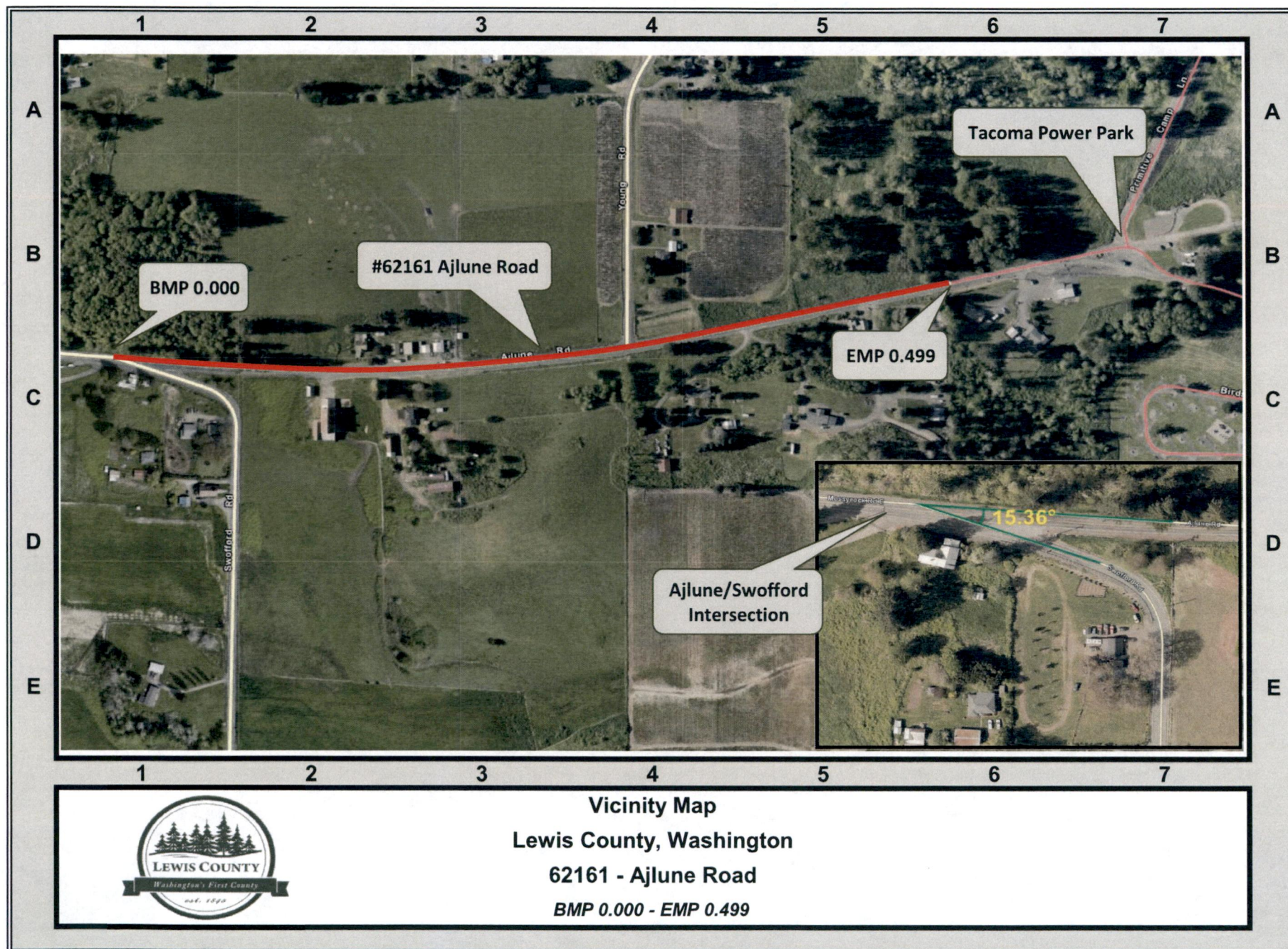
SECTION 1: No person shall operate any vehicle over the following county road at a speed in excess of thirty five (35) miles per hour:

Ajlune Road, No. 62161 – The entire road from its intersection with Swofford Road to the end of county right of way at Mossyrock Park, for a distance of 0.499 miles, or hereafter established. In Section 21, Township 12N, and Range 03E.

SECTION 2: The County Engineer is hereby directed to erect and maintain all necessary maximum speed limit signs on the above roads and upon erection of such signs, the provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective and shall remain in full force until such time as may ordered by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

SECTION 3: Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a traffic infraction and shall be subject to assessment of the monetary penalty set by RCW 46.63.110 – Monetary Penalties and Infraction Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (IRLJ) 6.2 – Monetary Penalty Schedule for Infractions, now or as hereafter amended.

This Ordinance will not be codified in the Lewis County Codes, but will remain on file with the Clerk of the BOCC.



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 road in Lewis County: 35 MPH – Ajlune Road from milepost 0.000 to 0.499

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, October 7, 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 September 23, 2025. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for October 7, 2025 hearing" and must be received by 10 a.m. October 3, 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 September 23, 2025

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

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



LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF: Evaluation of the speed limit on Ajlune Road.

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION: Initiated by a request from the Board of County Commissioners.

COUNTY ROAD: 62161 – Ajlune Road

TO: BOCC and file

FINDINGS:

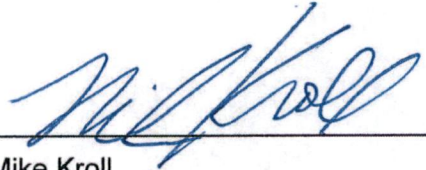
- a.) **Current Speed Limit:** 50 mph (unposted)
85% Prevailing Vehicle Speed: 44.8 mph
Average Daily Traffic: 300 (600 ADT during recreational season)
Truck Percentage: 26.9%
- b.) **Physical Features:** Ajlune Road begins at Swofford Road (MP 0.000) and ends where Tacoma Power right of way begins (MP 0.499). Beyond that point it becomes Tacoma's Mossyrock Park. The roadway has a BST surface, and a pavement width of 21 feet. There are no horizontal or vertical alignment considerations. The roadway surface itself is in very good condition (surfaced in 2025). The Ajlune/Swofford intersection has a skew angle of 15.36 degrees.
- c.) **Accidents/Characteristics:** The accident history shows that there are no reported accidents within the past five years on Ajlune Road.
- d.) **Remarks/Recommendations:** Lewis County uses an engineering approach to setting speed limits, and the Operating Speed Method is a nationally accepted method within the traffic engineering community and Federal Highway Administration. Speed limit setting is primarily based on the 85th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of free-flowing traffic is traveling at or below. Setting a speed limit based on the 85th percentile speed is based on safety, and research has shown that traveling at or around the 85th percentile speed yields the lowest crash risk for drivers. The 85th percentile speed method is also attractive because it reflects the collective judgment of the vast majority of drivers as to a reasonable speed for given traffic and roadway conditions.



This investigation and determination are primarily due to the skewed angle of the Ajlune/Swofford intersection, the high volume of recreational traffic during tourist season, and the 15 MPH speed limit that is posted as you enter Mossyrock Park. A lower speed limit will allow vehicles from Swofford Road to more safely enter onto Ajlune Road at this skewed intersection. It will also allow vehicles additional distance to lower their speed and make the transition into Mossyrock Park. Based on accepted engineering practices and all roadway factors considered, the recommended speed limit for Ajlune Road would be 35 mph

e.) **Attachments:** vicinity map

Recommended by:

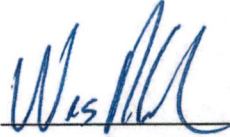


Mike Kroll
Transportation Planner

9/4/25

Date

Approved by:



Wes Anderson, P.E.
County Engineer

9/4/25

Date

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BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution:**BOCC Meeting Date:** Sept. 23, 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 #224, adjusting the maximum speed limit on the following county road: 62161 - Ajlune Road.

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Approvals:

User	Status
PA's Office	Pending

Publication Requirements:**Publications:**

The Chronicle on September 25th

Additional Copies:

Mike Kroll - PW, Geoff Soderquist - PW, Wes Anderson - PW, Tina Corriea - PW, Zelma Hammer - PW

Cover Letter To: