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**SPECIAL MEETING  
MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, March 23, 2026 – 5:15 p.m.  
Monticello Community Center**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Discussion on Residential Speed Limits
3. Adjournment



## **City Council Work Session 25 MPH Speed Limits**

March 23, 2026

# 25 MPH Speed Limit Overview

## State Law Changes

In 2019 State Legislation passed giving cities the authority to create 25 mph speed zones for residential roadways with the following criteria:

- The street must be under the jurisdiction of the city
- Located in an area zoned exclusively for housing
- The street is not classified as a collector or arterial
- The speed limits must be implemented in a consistent and understandable manner based on the city's safety, engineering, and traffic analysis
- Appropriate signs must be installed
- The changes must be effectively communicated to the public

# 25 MPH Speed Limit Overview

## **City Council Previous Actions**

In 2020 the City Council decided to not move forward with implementing 25 mph speed limits.

## **Area City Speed Limit Changes**

The City of Otsego implemented 25 mph on residential roadways:

1. Less than one-half mile in total length or
2. In an area zoned exclusively for housing that is not a collector or arterial street.

## **Implementation Process**

- Develop a policy for implementation
- Survey existing signage and develop and implementation plan
- Develop a public outreach plan
- Install signs setting new speed limits.

# 25 MPH Speed Limit Research

## **Minnesota local Road Research Board (LRRB) – Guidelines for Determining Speed Limits on Municipal Roadways**

The LRRB hired Stonebrooke Engineering to coordinate a study to determine the effect and guidelines for implementing local speed limits.

- [Video](#)
- [Study Findings](#)
  - No evidence to suggest lowering speed limit will result in lower travel speeds.
  - Reducing speed will require changes to the environment and/or increased enforcement.
  - Some communities already see lower speeds than the posted limits.

# Safe Streets 4 All Plan Findings

## Safe Streets to All

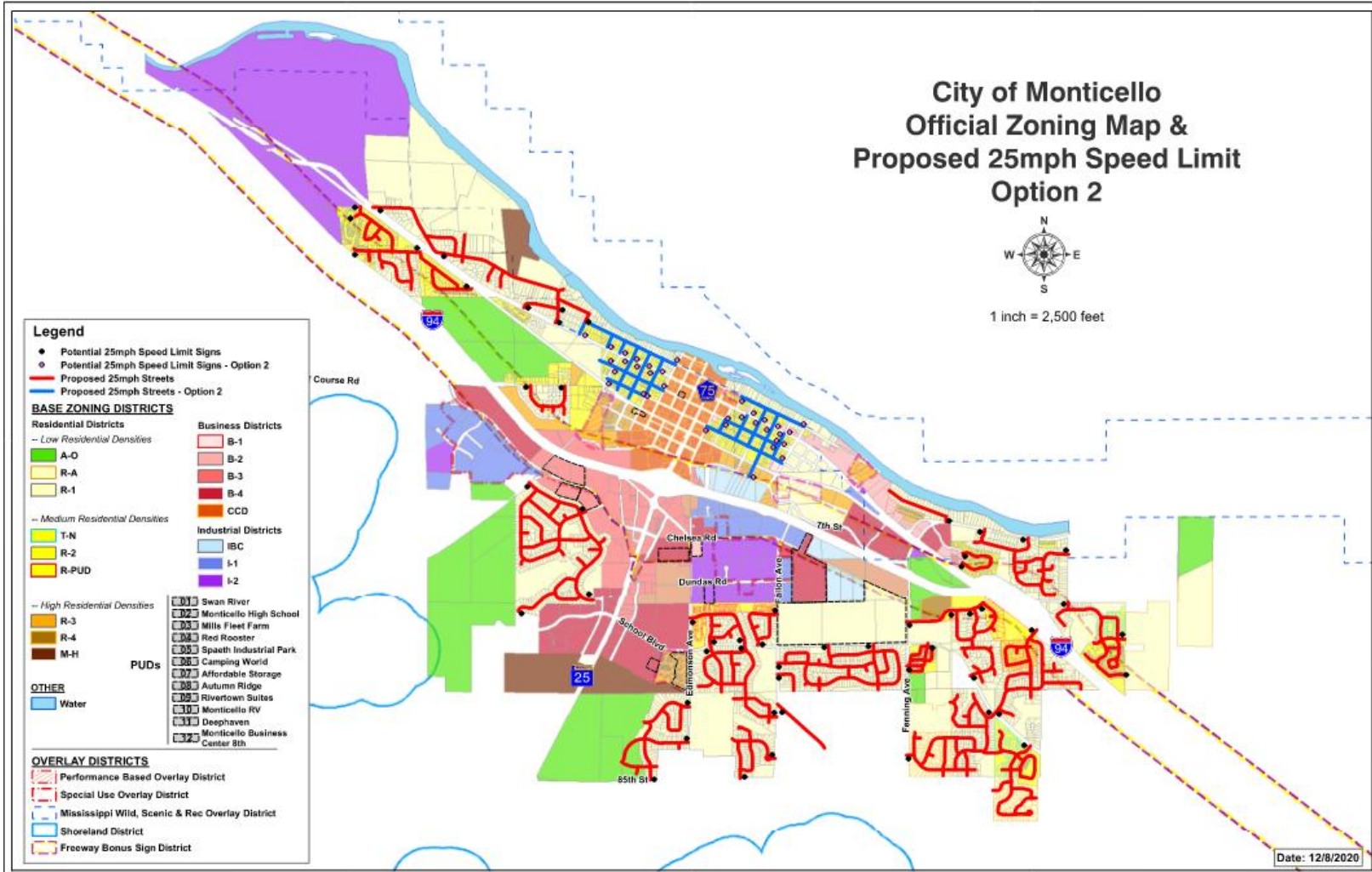
A Safe Streets for All Plan was completed in 2024 for the City of Monticello.

Study had the following findings for residential roadways:

- Residential streets are statistically very safe.
- Residential roadways account for approximately 8% of crashes.
- Majority of injury crashes occur on arterials not local roadways.
- For residential roadways the study recommends focusing on:
  - Lighting
  - Sidewalk connectivity
  - Maintenance
  - Traffic Calming



# 25 MPH Speed Limit Option 2



# Budget Impacts

## **Option #1**

Install approximately 60 new speed limit signs. Total budget cost estimated at \$57,000

## **Option #2**

Install approximately 90 new speed limit signs. Total budget cost estimated at \$85,500.

# Questions?