



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

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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

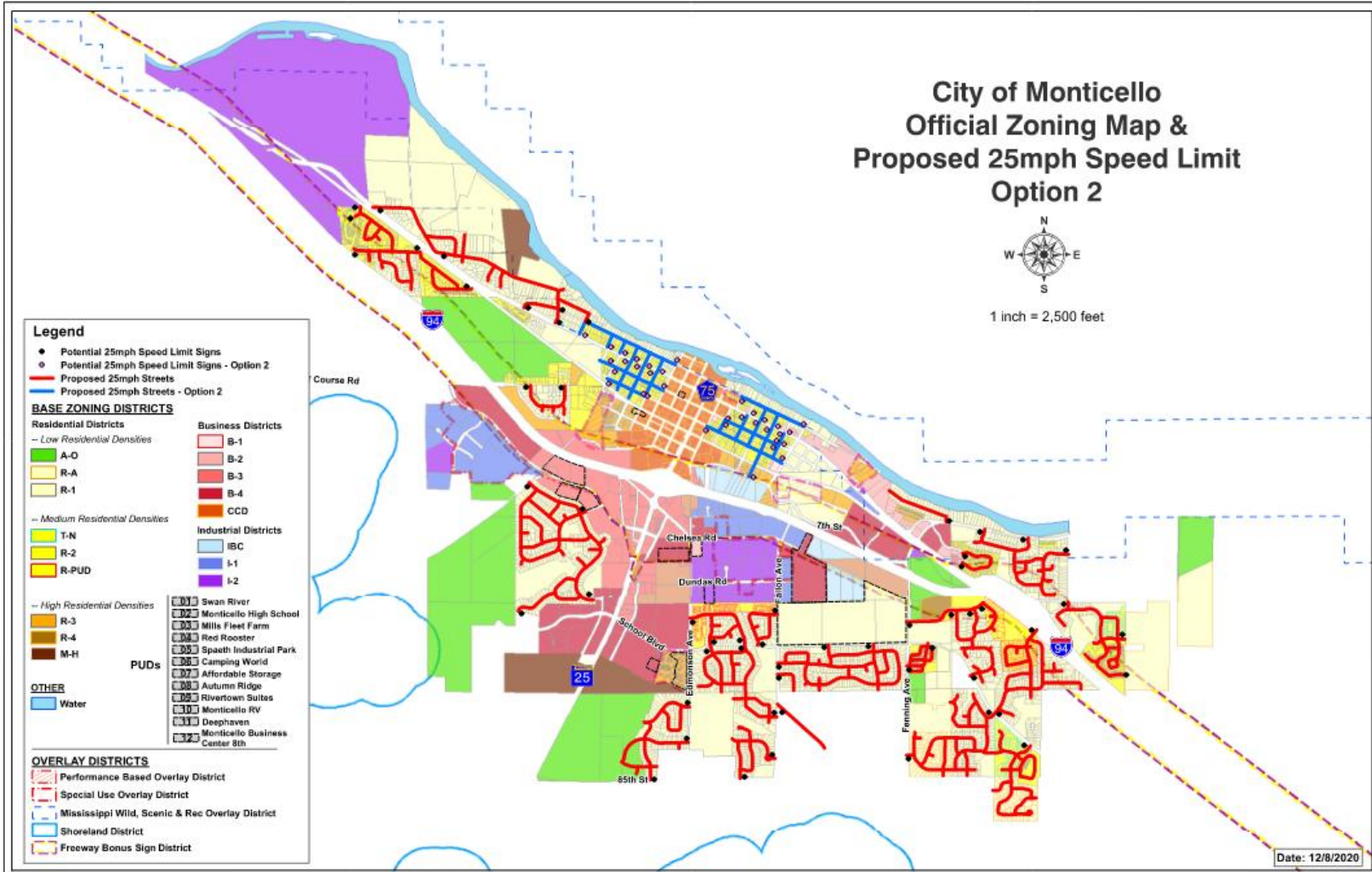
Safe Streets to All

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?