

NEWS ADVISORY



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SPEED LIMIT CHANGING NEAR C.S. PORTER SCHOOL

Drivers on South Reserve Street should be alert in the coming week for a change in the speed limit near C.S. Porter Middle School at South Reserve Street and West Central Avenue.

The speed limit will be 30 miles per hour between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on days when school is in session, from 400 feet north to 400 feet south of school property. When school is not in session, the speed limit will return to 45 mph. Electronic signs will alert drivers to the speed limit. The sign for northbound traffic will be in front of Rosauer's grocery store, and the sign for southbound traffic will be mid-block between Strand and North avenues.

The change, approved by the Missoula City Council June 22, resulted from requests by citizens concerned about safety. Reserve Street is a state route. A speed zone investigation done by the Montana Department of Transportation at the request of Mayor John Engen led to MDT officials allowing the City of Missoula to establish a variable speed limit, with signs and beacons supplied at no cost to the City.

The speed limit signs will be wired for electricity during the coming week.

"This speed limit reduction during school hours should increase safety for students crossing Reserve Street," said City Engineer Kevin Slovarp.

The resolution creating the speed zone is available on the City of Missoula Web site at <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1766>.

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