

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes a road authority to designate speeds on neighborhood greenways five miles per hour lower than the statutory speed. Defines neighborhood greenway.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fatality rates for accidents reduce to 5 percent from 40 percent when speed is reduced from 30 to 20 MPH
- Clear need on busy greenways to decrease accidents along busier intersections
- Pedestrians will also benefit from the reduced speed

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Creates a definition of greenway. Adds stipulations for a road authority to reduce the speed limit from 25 to 20 MPH.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3150-A allows municipalities to lower speed limits in areas designated as greenways. Portland has identified a need to reduce the speed to 20 from 25 MPH on designated greenways to reduce the chance of accidents between pedestrians or cyclists and automobiles. The reduction in speed is another option municipalities can use to abate mixed-use road accidents.