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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Deanna Stockton, *Deputy Administrator*
Subject: Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Route NJ 27 (Nassau Street and Princeton-Kingston Road) by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)
Date: November 17, 2025

In response to Princeton's request for consideration of a speed limit reduction on Route NJ 27 (Nassau Street and Princeton-Kingston Road), the New Jersey Department of Transportation conducted a comprehensive review and proposes to reduce the speed limit as follows:

- Extend the 25 mph zone from its current terminus at Evelyn Place to Snowden Lane / Riverside Drive. Currently the speed limit increases to 30 mph and then 35 mph within this zone.
- Reduce the current 45 mph zone between Snowden Lane / Riverside Drive and the municipal boundary to 35 mph.

The Traffic Safety Committee and the I&O Committee unanimously support NJDOT's speed limit proposal as a tangible product of Princeton's Vision Zero commitment. State roadways have historically been designed to maximize vehicle volume, speeds, and mobility. But higher speeds significantly increase the likelihood of death: 46% of pedestrians are likely to die if hit by a vehicle at 40 mph and this number reduces to 8% at 20 mph. (source: <https://visionzeronetwork.org/resources/safety-over-speed/>) This proposal embodies NJDOT's commitment to communities by making the roadways safer for all road users.

Upon receipt of Princeton Council's resolution of support, the NJDOT will prepare a Traffic Regulation Order, which establishes the regulations for roadways under the jurisdiction of the State.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

