



January 2, 2014

Salida citizens, business and property owners:

I am writing in hopes that you will assist the City in our effort to prevent the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) from increasing speed limits along Highway 50.

As you may know CDOT conducted a speed study along the corridor last summer and as a result they are planning to increase speeds along Hwy 50. A meeting was held with CDOT representatives in late October with City staff, Mayor Stephens, Councilman Baker and Commissioner Frank Holman. After considering our concerns CDOT proposed the attached compromise changes, still increasing the speed limit to up to 50 mph in some areas of Salida's business corridor.

The City Council and I feel this proposed increase is unacceptable. If anything, speeds should be decreased in this important regional center of commerce. If you agree, please consider sending a letter to CDOT Executive Director Donald Hunt with copies to their Local Government Liaison and our elected officials Senator Gail Schwartz and Representative Jim Wilson. Urge them to consider local knowledge of the highway and the health of our businesses before increasing the speed limit.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or to discuss. I can be reached at 530-2624, jim.dickson@salidaelected.com or stop by my office in the Touber Building.

Best wishes in the New Year!

Jim Dickson, Mayor

Send letters to Don Hunt with copies to Angie Drumm, Representative Wilson and Senator Schwartz

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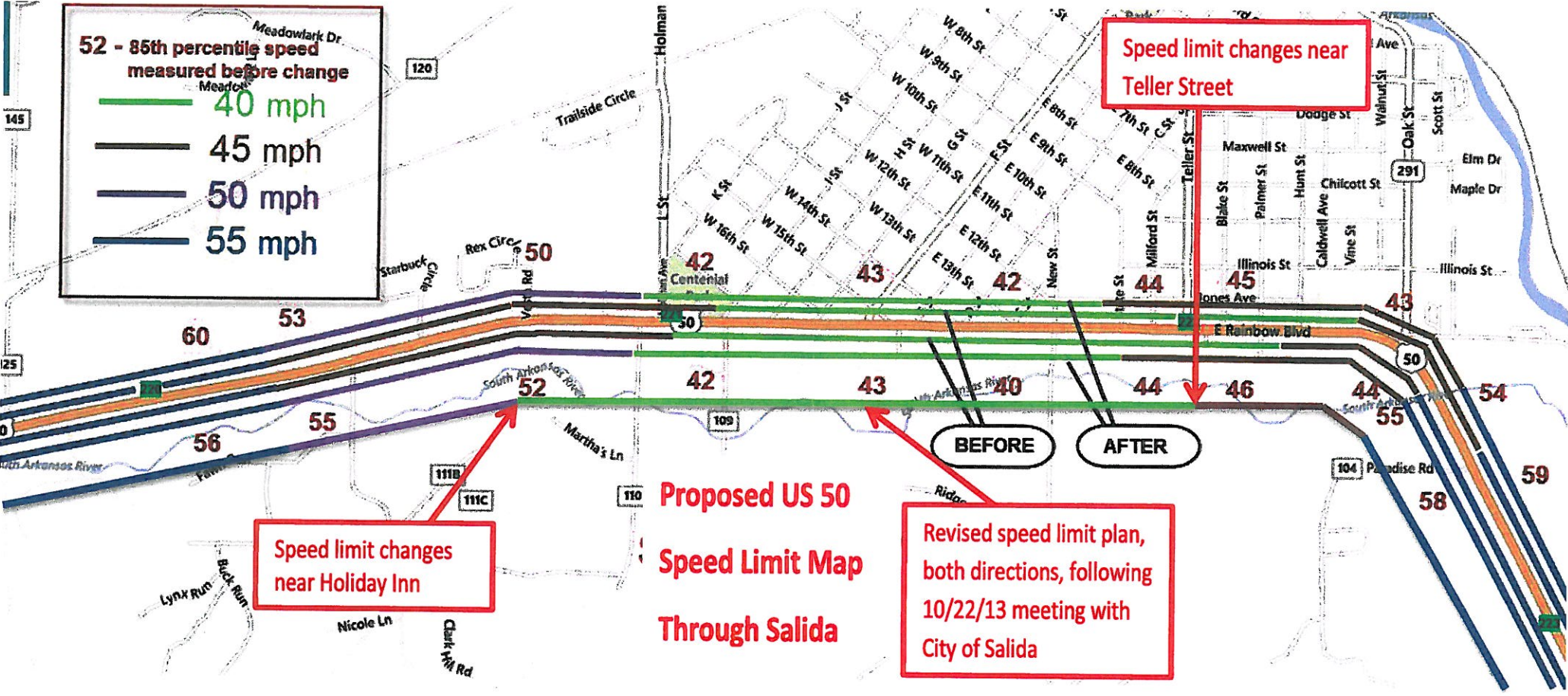
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52 - 85th percentile speed measured before change

- 40 mph
- 45 mph
- 50 mph
- 55 mph



Speed limit changes near Teller Street

Speed limit changes near Holiday Inn

Proposed US 50 Speed Limit Map Through Salida

Revised speed limit plan, both directions, following 10/22/13 meeting with City of Salida

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