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CITY COUNCIL SAFETY COMMITTEE — COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

Council Chambers, Huron City Hall

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

III.1 Minutes of the March 26, 2024, July 22, 2025 and September 17, 2025 Safety Committee meetings.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

V.1 Discussion regarding resident request for speed limit modification and other traffic concerns relating to Cleveland Rd. West near its terminus at Main Street.

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjourn

Terri Welkener

From: Eric McLaughlin <ejmcla@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 9:51 AM
To: Terri Welkener
Subject: Re: Safety Committee Meeting Scheduled for 10/13/26 at 4:00pm

Terri,

Thank you for getting this scheduled. I appreciate the committee taking the time to look into this.

I plan to attend on Tuesday, October 13th at 4:00pm, as long as I'm able to get out of work in time. If something comes up and I'm unable to make it, I'll be sure to send over additional information ahead of the Monday, October 12th deadline.

Thanks again, and I look forward to it.

Eric McLaughlin
419 Cleveland Rd W

216-513-1781

On Wed, Oct 7, 2026 at 8:13 AM Terri Welkener <terri.welkener@huronohio.us> wrote:

Mr. McLaughlin:

We have scheduled a meeting of the Safety Committee to address your concerns. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers at Huron City Hall, located at 417 Main Street, Huron, OH 44839.

You are welcome to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend and wish to submit any additional information for the Committee and staff's consideration, please provide it to me no later than 12pm on Monday, October 12, 2026.

Thank you,

Terri Welkener

From: Eric McLaughlin <ejmcla@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2026 11:00 AM
To: City Manager <citymanager@huronohio.us>
Cc: Terri Welkener <terri.welkener@huronohio.us>
Subject: Re: Traffic Speed Concern on Cleveland Rd W ([US 6](#)) — [419 Cleveland Rd W](#)

Mr. Hamilton,

It's been about a month since we last spoke, so I wanted to check in. I saw the city hall meeting is scheduled for the end of this month — I'm not sure if this is something that could be addressed there, but wanted to flag it in case it's relevant to the agenda or something I should plan to attend for.

I also wanted to mention that we've noticed another uptick in speeding and reckless driving on Cleveland Rd W over the past couple of weeks. I haven't heard from Chief Graham in a little while, and I want to be clear — I hope my last email didn't come across as suggesting the enforcement wasn't needed or wasn't appreciated. It clearly is needed, and the increased patrols did help. I just don't think patrols alone are a long-term fix, and the recent uptick is proof of that.

On top of the speed issue, the pothole and the loose sewer lid are still unaddressed, and honestly they've become the harder part to live with day to day. Trucks and trailers hit them constantly — it's not an occasional jolt, it's happening hundreds of times a day, and it's wearing on us as well as the surrounding neighbors on both sides of the street. I'd really appreciate knowing if these are on a repair schedule, even a rough one.

I know these things take time to work through the right channels, and I appreciate you keeping us in the loop. Just wanted to make sure this hadn't fallen off the radar and to flag the recent increase in speeding.

Thank you,
Eric McLaughlin
419 Cleveland Rd W
[216-513-1781](tel:216-513-1781)

On Thu, Sep 10, 2026 at 3:29 PM Eric McLaughlin <ejmcla@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for the update — I appreciate you looking into this and pulling together a Safety Committee meeting. Please let me know if there's anything I should prepare or bring ahead of time to help the discussion.

Looking forward to hearing more.

Eric McLaughlin

On Thu, Sep 10, 2026 at 3:15 PM City Manager <citymanager@huronohio.us> wrote:

Hi Eric,

Thanks for reaching out. Let me look into a couple of things and get back to you. I think we will end up calling a Safety Committee meeting to discuss (which you will of course be invited to), but need to pull some other stuff together first.

Thanks again and will be in touch.

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From: Eric McLaughlin <ejmcla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 11:55 AM
To: City Manager <citymanager@huronohio.us>
Cc: Terri Welkener <terri.welkener@huronohio.us>
Subject: Re: Traffic Speed Concern on Cleveland Rd W ([US 6](#)) — [419 Cleveland Rd W](#)

Mr. Hamilton,

I wanted to follow up on my earlier email regarding traffic on Cleveland Rd W. I appreciate that Terry Graham has been in regular contact and has increased patrols — that outreach hasn't gone unnoticed. But honestly, after the past few weeks, the underlying problem doesn't seem to be improving. Increased enforcement alone doesn't seem to be enough to change driver behavior on this stretch.

At this point I don't think we'll see real, lasting change without more direct intervention. Vermilion drops to 25 mph right at their city limits — I don't understand why this stretch (Old Plat) , at the end of a road that dead-ends just a couple blocks past us, is still posted at 35 mph. I'd like to formally request that the city (with ODOT, since this is US 6) evaluate lowering the speed limit here, and revisit a physical traffic-calming measure like a speed table, since enforcement alone hasn't moved the needle.

I've also spoken with all of our sitting neighbors — on both sides of us and directly across the street — and they share the same frustrations and concerns about the speed and noise on this road. This isn't just affecting our household.

Separately, there are two road conditions that need attention regardless of the speed issue:

1. A large pothole on Cleveland Rd W near our house. Previously attempted to be patched.

2. A water/sewer lid that isn't flush with the road — every time a truck or other heavy vehicle passes over it, it sends a jolt through our house strong enough to feel like a minor earthquake.

Both are affecting our quality of life daily, and the sewer lid in particular seems like something that could worsen or cause damage if left as is. I'd appreciate knowing if these can be added to a repair queue, and what the realistic timeline and next steps look like on the speed limit review.

Thank you again for staying engaged on this — we just want a livable outcome, not just more patrol cars.

Eric McLaughlin
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On Wed, Aug 26, 2026 at 7:42 PM Eric M <ejmcla@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr Hamilton

My wife and I recently moved to 419 Cleveland Rd W after years of restoring this home, once from squaller and again after a fire caused by our contractor. We're near the end of the road, a couple blocks before it dead-ends, but traffic is anything but "end of the road" — cars are consistently blowing through well over the posted 35 mph limit, some easily hitting 50 mph. The noise and speed have been a serious adjustment, and it's made it hard for my wife to settle into what should be a quiet stretch.

I understand this section is US 6 and may involve ODOT, but I wanted to start with the city since I assume you coordinate on local traffic concerns. I'd like to ask for:

1. Increased police speed enforcement on this stretch of Cleveland Rd W, and if available, a temporary speed-monitoring trailer/radar sign.
2. A formal traffic/speed study to document actual travel speeds versus the posted limit.
3. Consideration of a speed table or other traffic-calming measure, and/or a review of whether the posted limit should be lowered given how the road is actually being used.

I'm happy to provide any documentation from my end (dates/times of excessive speeding I've observed) if that's helpful in building the case. I'd appreciate knowing what the process looks like and who else I should loop in, including at ODOT if needed.

Thank you for your time and for helping us get this looked at.

Eric McLaughlin
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CLEVELAND ROAD WEST TRAFFIC FACT SHEET

10/01/2026

1. Posted Speed Limit of 35 MPH.
2. City (and ORC) definitions:
 - a. ORC 4511.21 – Speed Limits:
 - *Thirty-five miles per hour on all State routes or through highways within the Municipality outside business districts, except as provided in subsections (b)(4) and (5) hereof;*
 - (4) Fifty miles per hour on controlled-access highways and expressways within the Municipality, except as provided in subsections (b)(8) to (b)(12) of this section;
 - (5) Fifty miles per hour on State routes within the Municipality outside urban districts unless a lower prima-facie speed is established as further provided in this section;
 - b. ORC 4511.65 Definition of Through Highways:
 - Other streets or highways or portions thereof, are hereby designated through streets or highways, if they are within the Municipality, if they *have a continuous length of more than one mile* between the limits of such street or highway or portion thereof, *and if they have "stop" or "yield" signs or traffic control signals at the entrances of the majority of intersecting streets or highways*. For purposes of this section, the limits of such street or highway or portion thereof, shall be a municipal corporation line, the physical terminus of the street or highway or any point on such street or highway at which vehicular traffic thereon is required by regulatory signs to stop or yield to traffic on the intersecting street, provided that in residence districts the Municipality may by ordinance designate such street or highway, or portion thereof, not to be a through highway and thereafter the affected residence district shall be indicated by official traffic control devices. Where two or more streets or highways designated under this subsection (b) intersect and no traffic control signal is in operation, stop signs or yield signs shall be erected at one or more entrances thereto by the Ohio Department of Transportation or by Council or the authorized local authority, except as otherwise provided in this section.
 - c. Cleveland Road W is approx. 2.25 miles in length from Rye Beach Road to Main St, thereby **meeting** the definition of “through highway” within a municipality. Further, Cleveland Road W was designated as a through street by Ordinance No. 1962-20 adopted by Huron City Council on July 23, 1962.
3. Functional Classification per ADT by ODOT
 - a. No traffic study carried out.
4. “Heavy Truck Route”: NO.



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5. Crash Data (Last five (5) years):
 - a) West End (17):
 - i. Injury Accidents (10)
 - ii. Non-injury Accidents (7)
 - iii. Hit/skip (0)
 - b) Middle area/Ohlemacher's curve (7)
 - i. Injury Accidents (3)
 - ii. Non-injury Accidents (4)
 - iii. Hit/skip (1)
 - c) East End (6)
 - i. Injury Accidents (10)
 - ii. Non-injury Accidents (7)
 - iii. Hit/skip (0)
6. Geometric/Function: There are no geometric or functional abnormalities.

CLEVELAND ROAD W. TRAFFIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Traffic accident data does not support a reduction in the 35MPH speed limit currently posted on Cleveland Road W.
2. With the definition of Cleveland Road W being a "Through Highway" restricts the Cities ability to reduce the speed limit.
3. Suggest Huron Police Department continue increased patrols of area in question.
4. City Purchase additional solar speed signs to remind commuters and collect definitive speed data.