ROADWAY: Forrest Ave. and Ascot Ave.

SPEED SURVEY

SEPTEMBER 2019

INITIAL COMPLAINT: The Traffic Safety Unit conducted this survey based on a complaint from Commissioner Rothman.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA: Forrest Ave. is a two lane roadway posted at 25 MPH. It has one northbound and one southbound lane. It intersects Pembroke Rd. to the north and Beverly Rd. to the South. It is located in the Jenkintown section of Abington Township. There are residential homes on the east and west side of the street.

INFORMATION GATHERING METHOD: The speed survey was conducted using a RADAR TRAFFIC COUNTER. The counter is attached to a pole and uses radar to record traffic volume and speed data. Crash data was obtained from the closest intersections (Pembroke Rd. and Beverly Rd.) for the past 5 years. There were no reported crashes at either intersection or on Forrest Ave. during the past 5 years.

FACTORS: The speed of the vehicles using this section of Forrest Ave. showed that 15.7 % of the traffic met the criteria for enforcement. The 85th percentile speed for this section of Forrest Ave. was 35 MPH. 919 vehicles were monitored in the survey.

ANALYSIS: The average speed was 21 MPH. Based on the analysis the roadway appears to be posted appropriately.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Traffic Safety Unit will put out a speed cart/ signs based on availability. Random enforcements will also continue.

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