



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 07/29/2026

Department: Public Works

Title: Gates Hill Road Temporary Speed Zone Order

Management Update/Work Session Date: 7/7/2026 Audio/Visual aids ☐

Time Required: 5 Minutes Contact: Jill Ogden Phone: 503-365-3152

Requested Action:

Establish a temporary speed zone order to modify the Basic Rule speed zone on Gates Hill Road to 35 mph during construction of the North Fork Road Landslide Repair Project and associated closure of North Fork Road.

**Issue, Description
& Background:**

Gates Hill Road typically has a low volume of traffic. The closure of North Fork Road associated with the North Fork Road Landslide Repair project has significantly increased the volume of traffic on Gates Hill Road on a temporary basis. The increased traffic volume on Gates Hill Road raises concerns that recreational visitors that are unfamiliar with Gates Hill Road may drive more aggressively than road conditions warrant during the peak summer recreation season. This temporary speed zone order establishes a 35 mph on Gates Hill Road, temporarily replacing the existing Basic Rule status.

Financial Impacts:

\$1,000 for installation of signs

**Impacts to Department
& External Agencies:**

Lowers speed limit on Gates Hill Road, enabling the Sheriff to ticket extreme speeders more effectively.

List of attachments:

Gates Hill Road Temporary Speed Zone Order

Presenter:

Carl Lund

**Department Head
Signature:**

BNicholas

Digitally signed by BNicholas
Date: 2026.07.14 14:57:59 -07'00'

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of establishing a temporary)
speed on a portion of Gates Hill Road SE.)

ORDER No. ____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

WHEREAS, ORS 810.010 declares that the county governing body is the road authority for all county roads located outside of an incorporated city; and

WHEREAS, ORS 810.180(8) allows a road authority to establish by order a temporary designated speed for roads within its jurisdiction if, among other reasons, the temporary designated speed is necessary to protect the safety of the public and workers when construction or maintenance activities constitute a danger; and

WHEREAS, Gates Hill Road SE, located in unincorporated Marion County, is a county road under the jurisdiction of the Marion County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is constructing roadway improvements on North Fork Road to improve the stability of the road; and

WHEREAS, the statutory speed on Gates Hill Road SE is 55 miles per hour pursuant to ORS 811.111(1)(d)(F); and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of Commissioners finds that the North Fork Road Slide Stabilization Project constitutes a danger to the public traveling over the primary detour road, so that a temporary designated speed is necessary to protect the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the North Fork Road Slide Stabilization Project is scheduled to take place between May of 2026 and October of 2026; now, therefore,

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a temporary designated speed of 35 miles per hour is established for the Gates Hill Road SE from approximately 0.22 miles north of OR Highway 22 to North Fork Road SE.
2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the temporary designated speed on Gates Hill Road SE shall be in place while temporary traffic control is installed on North Fork Road SE from July 2026 through October of 2026; and
3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that signage consistent with the requirements of ORS 810.180(8)(d) be posted as necessary to inform the public.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 29th day of July 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner