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Ms. Tina Rose
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Dear Ms. Rose:

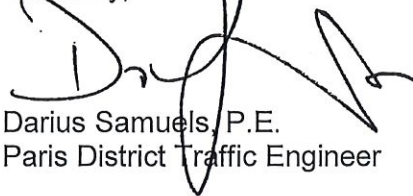
We completed the speed study for SH 37 within the city limits of Mount Vernon, due to the speed and crashes in the proximity of the Yates Street intersection, and the Study of the intersection at Dukes and Loves.

On SH 37, the 85th percentile speeds were higher than current posted speed. At some checks the 85th percentile driver was more than 15 MPH higher than the posted speed. Therefore we cannot lower the speeds posted speeds as requested. We suggest discussing this with your local law enforcement for better compliance. However we do have a project that will let in 2020, on SH 37 that will add sidewalks on both sides for the street from Tiger Blvd. to Brookshire's. This project will also upgrade the signal at Tiger Blvd., and add pedestrian elements to the intersection.

We observed the intersections at Dukes and Loves; we also looked into the crashes in these areas. In the past 3 years we have no *reported* intersection crashes at either location. We observed the locations at night. The area seems to have adequate lighting. We did observe that Dukes does not have a stop sign exiting of their parking lot. The city may request the owner place a stop sign on their property exiting the lot.

Again, thank you for your concern for traffic safety on our highways. TxDOT's mission is to work with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact me at (903)737-9498, or by email at Darius.Samuels@txdot.gov.

Sincerely,



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Paris District Traffic Engineer

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Attachment

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