

## Community Focus Statement C: Improve public health and safety in Morongo Valley

### **Action Statement C.3: Advocate to Caltrans to decrease traffic speeds on State Route 62 to 40 mph through the Morongo Valley business district.**

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**Benchmark:** Community group coordinates with Caltrans and California Highway Patrol to manage speeds and implement safety improvements.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$100,000–\$400,000 for safety study, additional costs for improvements dependent upon amount and extent

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Hold a meeting to create a community group to lead the actions.	Champion	Month 1	California Department of Transportation <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/">http://www.dot.ca.gov/</a>
2. Define project study area and the desired project safety goals, with specific focus on Twentynine Palms Highway – State Route 62.	Community group	Months 1–3	California Highway Patrol-Inland Division <a href="https://www.chp.ca.gov/Find-an-Office/Inland-Division">https://www.chp.ca.gov/Find-an-Office/Inland-Division</a>
3. Conduct initial coordination with the Community Services District.	Community group	Months 4–5	Morongo Valley Community Services District <a href="http://www.92256.net/csd">http://www.92256.net/csd</a>
4. Conduct a meeting with the Caltrans to discuss specific safety concerns and locations, as well as opportunities to better allocate law enforcement resources in the area.	Community Group with support from local community leaders and CSD	Months 4–5	California Historic Route 66 Association, Needles to Barstow Corridor Management <a href="http://route66ca.org/corridor-management-plan/">http://route66ca.org/corridor-management-plan/</a>
5. Identify potential corridor study funding options including grants and funding through the Community Services District. Prepare grant applications as needed.	Community Group with support from local community leaders and CSD	Months 6–12	Federal Highway Administration Innovative Intersection Safety Improvement Strategies and Management <a href="http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/other_topics/fhwasa06016/">http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/other_topics/fhwasa06016/</a>
6. Have a consultant conduct a corridor study to determine existing conditions, future needs, and potential improvements. The study should include conceptual cost estimates for improvements.	Community Group with consultant	Months 13–24	Caltrans Scenic Highways <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/design/lap/livability/scenic-highways/index.html">http://www.dot.ca.gov/design/lap/livability/scenic-highways/index.html</a>
7. Obtain community and stakeholder input on proposed improvements.	Community Group and CSD	Months 25–36	
8. Coordinate with the Caltrans to implement recommended improvements.	Community Group and CSD	Month 37	
9. Procure final design plans for proposed improvements.	Caltrans	Months 38–60	
10. Construct/implement corridor improvements.	Caltrans	Months 61–78	