



## CITY OF WASILLA

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### INFORMATION MEMORANDUM NO. 97-16

**From:** Sgt. Craig Robinson, Police Department  
John T. Felton, Public Works Director/City Engineer

**Date:** April 21, 1997

**Subject:** Melanie Avenue

#### **Police; Vehicle Monitoring Report:**

There have recently been several complaints voiced to the Police Department about speeding vehicles on Melanie Avenue. The complaints have indicated that speeding and reckless vehicles are a constant problem. In response to these issues the department instituted a selective radar enforcement program on the fifteenth of this month and continued it for one week. During that time period officer's spent a total of seven hours monitoring traffic with stationary radar. The results of the program are as follows;

Total vehicles monitored: 216  
Speed 5 to 10 over limit: 11 warnings issued  
Speed 10 to 15 over limit: 3 citations issued

Chief Fannon spoke with one of the complainants who described to him a pickup truck that was the most serious, constant violator. On the fifth day of the enforcement period that vehicle was observed going seven miles over the limit and stopped. Subsequent investigation revealed that the driver did not have a valid license as his Alaska license had been previously suspended for other violations.

The program will no longer be performed on a daily basis due to time and manpower constraints, however, periodic checks will be done to ensure continued compliance.

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#### **Public Works; Dust Control:**

The Council requested that the Public Works Department prepare a report on dust control measures that have been used on Melanie Avenue.

Historically, we have used calcium chloride and watering to control the dust. The limitations are that the calcium chloride does not hold up well under heavy traffic. The road is much smoother and people tend to speed once the treatment has been

accomplished. The faster speeds tend to deteriorate the surface at a faster rate. We still try to seal the road with calcium chloride as it does help control the dust. The other major effort is watering the road. This is usually a short term benefit and is costly to the City as we have to rent the water truck.

The Roads Department has put a great deal of effort into Melanie this spring. This is an unusual April and we are very early in our work. The road surface has been watered, rolled, and one ton of calcium chloride has been applied to the first 3/4 of a mile (Lucus to Kimberly). This work effort has cost approximately \$ 1,505.00.

There is an L.I.D. being formed in this area. I am in the process of obtaining the initial cost estimates for this project. As soon as the cost are presented, I will do a feasibility report and present it to Council for authorization to poll the L.I.D.