

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 16

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets bounded by East Oltorf Street to the north, Burleson Road to the east, East Ben White Boulevard to the south, and IH 35 East Frontage Road to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$3,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;
- the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel; and
- the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by East Oltorf Street to the north, Burleson Road to the east, East Ben White Boulevard to the south, and I.H. 35 (South) East Frontage Road to the west. The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Catalina Drive from E. Ben White Boulevard to Madera Drive, Metcalfe Road from Burleson Road (north intersection) to Burleson Road (south intersection), Mission Hill Drive from Burleson Road to Catalina Drive, Mission Hill Circle from Catalina Drive to the end of Mission Hill Circle, Parker Lane from E. Oltorf Street to Woodward Street, Royal Hill Drive from I.H. 35 East Frontage Road to Parker Lane, San Marino Drive from Woodward Street to the end of San Marino Drive, Ventura Drive from Catalina Drive to Mission Hill Drive, Wickshire Lane from Parker Lane to 988 feet east of Parker Lane, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. They are not included in the recommended Code changes. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64(D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Alleghany Drive from Audubon Place to Parker Lane.
 Audubon Place from Alleghany Drive to Rockbridge Terrace.
 Bahia Circle from Catalina Drive to the end of Bahia Circle.
 Biggs Drive from Glen Springs Way to the end of Biggs Drive.
 Braxton Cove from Parker Lane to the end of Braxton Cove.
 Cadiz Circle from Santa Fe Drive to the end of Cadiz Circle.

Candlewood Court from Glen Springs Way to the end of Candlewood Court.
Carlson Drive from Parker Lane to Metcalfe Road.
Catalina Drive from Burleson Road to Madera Drive.
Circle Cove from Glen Springs Way to the end of Circle Cove.
Colmenero Circle from Catalina Drive to the end of Colmenero Circle.
Glen Springs Way from Metcalfe Road to Rockbridge Terrace.
Granada Drive from Laguna Drive to the end of Granada Drive.
Greenfield Parkway from Rockbridge Terrace to Oltorf Street (East).
Iroquois Lane from Metcalfe Road to Burleson Road.
Laguna Drive from Matador Drive to Santa Monica Drive.
Little Valley Cove from Royal Hill Drive to the end of Little Valley Cove.
Madera Drive from Catalina Drive to the end of Madera Drive.
Matador Drive from Metcalfe Road to Santa Monica Drive.
Mulford Cove from Royal Hill Drive to the end of Mulford Cove.
Reeves Circle from Metcalfe Road to the end of Reeves Circle.
Rockbridge Terrace from Audubon Place to Parker Lane.
Santa Fe Drive from Ventura Drive to Granada Drive.
Santa Monica Drive from Ventura Drive to Burleson Road.
Wickshire Lane from 988 feet east of Parker Lane to Metcalfe Road.