

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 17

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 within the area bounded by Hancock Drive to the north, Burnet Road to the east, Shoal Creek proper to the west, and West 45th Street to the south.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for the 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 Hancock Drive to the north, Burnet Road to the east, Shoal Creek proper to the west, and West 45th Street to the south. 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 exception is Shoal Creek Boulevard from 45th Street (West) to Hancock Drive, because this street is wider than 35 feet. It is 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.

46th Street (West) from Shoal Creek Boulevard to Burnet Road.
 47th Street (West) from Shoal Creek Boulevard to Burnet Road.
 48th Street (West) from Rosedale Avenue to Ramsey Avenue.
 49th Street (West) from Shoal Creek Boulevard to Burnet Road.
 Crestmont Drive from 49th Street (West) to Hancock Drive.
 Edendale Court from 45th Street (West) to the end of Edendale Court.
 Erin Lane from 45th Street (West) to Great Oaks Parkway.
 Great Oaks Parkway from Shoal Creek Boulevard to the end of Great Oaks Parkway.
 Greenbriar Court from 45th Street (West) to the end of Greenbriar Court.
 Hilwin Circle from Shoal Creek Boulevard to the end of Hilwin Circle.
 Lynnwood Street from 49th Street (West) to Hancock Drive.
 Ramsey Avenue from 45th Street (West) to 49th Street (West).

Rosedale Avenue from 45th Street (West) to 48th Street (West).
Shady Glade Court from 49th Street (West) to the end of Shady Glade Court.
Shoalwood Avenue from 45th Street (West) to 49th Street (West).
Shoalwood Avenue from Crestmont Drive to Hancock Drive.
Sinclair Avenue from 45th Street (West) to 49th Street (West).
Tyler Street from Ramsey Avenue to the end of Tyler Street.
Woodview Avenue from Shoal Creek Boulevard to 49th Street (West).
Woodview Avenue from Crestmont Drive to Hancock Drive.