

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 18

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 Manchaca Road and South Lamar Boulevard to the west, West Oltorf Street to the north, the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks to the east and West Ben White Boulevard to the south.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$5,500 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 Manchaca Road and South Lamar Boulevard to the west, West Oltorf Street to the north, the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks to the east and West Ben White Boulevard 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 exceptions are Banister Lane from West Ben White Boulevard to the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks, Bluebonnet Lane from South Lamar Boulevard to Del Curto Road, Clawson Road from West Ben White Boulevard to Fort View Road, Cody Court from Lightsey Road to the end of Cody Court, Del Curto Road from South Lamar Boulevard to Village Oak Court, Fort View Road from Manchaca Road to Clawson Road, Glen Allen from Manchaca Road to Lightsey Road, Glen Ora from Glen Allen to the end of Glen Ora, Lightsey Road from Manchaca Road to the end of Lightsey Road, Lightsey Road from Del Curto Road to the end of Lightsey Road, Southport Drive from Southridge Drive (south intersection) to Rockdale Circle, Southridge Drive from Clawson Road to Banister Lane, Southway Drive from Banister Lane to Southridge Drive, and Valley View Road from Manchaca Road to the end of Valley View Road, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. Other exceptions are Cinnamon Path from Del Curto Road to Burning Oak Drive, Del Curto Road from Village Oak Court to Lightsey Road, Fort View Road from West Ben White Boulevard to Clawson Road, Kinney Oaks Court from Bridgeway Drive (east intersection) to Bridgeway Drive (west intersection) and Waterloo Trail from Thornton Road to both ends of Waterloo Trail, due to parking restrictions. None of these exceptions are 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.

Aldwyche Drive from Larchmont Drive to the end of Aldwyche Drive.
Bridgeway Court from Bridgeway Drive to the end of Bridgeway Court.
Bridgeway Drive from Kinney Oaks Court (west intersection) to the end of Bridgeway Drive.
Burning Oak Drive from Pin Oak Court to Cinnamon Path.
Clawson Road from Fort View Road to Roberts Avenue.
Delcrest Drive from Del Curto Road to Kinney Road.
Dolphin Cove from Dolphin Drive to the end of Dolphin Cove.
Dolphin Drive from Southridge Drive to Lightsey Road.
Doolin Drive from Clawson Road to the end of Doolin Drive.
Eastham Cove from Winfield Drive to the end of Eastham Cove.
Edgeware Drive from Manchaca Road to Winfield Drive.
Fleetwood Drive from Larchmont Drive to the end of Fleetwood Drive.
Grayford Drive from Clawson Road to the end of Grayford Drive.
Iva Lane from Del Curto Road to Kinney Road.
Kinney Avenue from Lightsey Road to Cinnamon Path.
Kinney Road from Lamar Boulevard (South) to Kinney Oaks Court.
Larchmont Cove from Larchmont Drive to the end of Larchmont Cove.
Larchmont Drive from Manchaca Road to Aldwyche Drive.
Leaning Oak Circle from Burning Oak Drive to the end of Leaning Oak Circle.
Morgan Lane from Clawson Road to Banister Lane.
Overcup Oak Drive from South Oak Drive to the end of Overcup Oak Drive.
Pin Oak Court from Lightsey Road to the end of Pin Oak Court.
Ravey Street from Kinney Road to the end of Ravey Street,
Roberts Avenue from Clawson Road to Kinney Avenue.
Rockdale Circle from Southport Drive to the end of Rockdale Circle.
Romford Drive from Winfield Drive to the end of Romford Drive.
Russell Drive from Ben White Boulevard (West) to Fort View Road.
South Oak Drive from Dolphin Drive to Lightsey Road.
Southgate Circle from Clawson Road to the end of Southgate Circle.
Southland Drive from Delcrest Drive to the end of Southland Drive.
Summer Creek Court from Thornton Road to the end of Summer Creek Court.
Summer Creek Drive from Thornton Road to the end of Summer Creek Drive.
Thornton Road from Oltorf Street (West) to Waterloo Trail.
Valley View Road from Fort View Road to the end of Valley View Road.
Valleyridge Circle from Southridge Drive to the end of Valleyridge Circle.
Valleyridge Drive from Clawson Road to the end of Valley Ridge Drive.
Village Oak Court from Del Curto Road to the end of Village Oak Court.
Winfield Cove from Winfield Drive to the end of Winfield Cove.
Winfield Drive from Edgeware Drive to Romford Drive.