

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 19

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 South Lamar Boulevard and West Ben White Boulevard to the north, Manchaca Road to the east, West Stassney Lane to the south, and West Gate Boulevard to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$5,700 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 South Lamar Boulevard and West Ben White Boulevard to the north, Manchaca Road to the east, West Stassney Lane to the south, and West Gate Boulevard 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 Buffalo Pass from West Stassney Lane to Jones Road, Ektom Drive from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Ektom Drive, Frontier Trail from West Ben White Boulevard to Western Trails Boulevard, Indio Circle from Indio Drive to the end of Indio Circle, Indio Cove from Indio Drive to the end of Indio Cove, Indio Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Ektom Drive, Jones Road from West Gate Boulevard to Manchaca Road, Pack Saddle pass from Jones Road to West Ben White Boulevard, Tahoe Trail from West Gate Boulevard to Choctaw Trail, Taos Boulevard from Frontier Trail to the end of Taos Boulevard, and Western Trails Boulevard from Pack Saddle Pass to West Gate Boulevard, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. Another exception is Redd Street from Pack Saddle Pass to Manchaca Road because this street has 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.

Apache Pass from Tejas Trail to Pack Saddle Pass.

Arapahoe Pass from Pack Saddle Pass to the end of Arapahoe Pass.

Arapahoe Trail from Pack Saddle Pass (north intersection) to Pack Saddle Pass (south intersection).

Broken Bow Pass from Remuda Trail to Buckskin Pass.
Buckskin Pass from Broken Bow Pass to Jones Road.
Buffalo Pass from Jones Road to Remuda Trail.
Cactus Lane from Roundup Trail to Cimarron Trail.
Cactus Lane from Redd Street to Ben White Boulevard (West).
Chasewych Drive from Fernview Road to Cork Path.
Cheyenne Circle from Buckskin Pass to the end of Cheyenne Circle.
Choctaw Trail from West Gate Boulevard to Pack Saddle Pass.
Cimarron Trail from Pack Saddle Pass to Manchaca Road.
Cork Path from Stassney Lane (West) to Fairmont Circle.
Fair Oaks Drive from Buffalo Pass to Manchaca Road.
Fairhill Drive from Fairmont Circle to Southern Oaks Drive.
Fairmont Circle from Village Way Drive (west intersection) to Southern Oaks Drive.
Fernview Road from Stassney Lane (West) to Village Circle.
Frontier Trail from Western Trails Boulevard to Manchaca Road.
Kiowa Pass from Pack Saddle Pass to Tejas Trail.
Laramie Trail from Broken Bow Pass to Buckskin Pass.
Lasso Path from Frontier Trail to the end of Lasso Path.
Mesquite Cove from Winding Trail to the end of Mesquite Cove.
Navajo Path from Pack Saddle Pass to the end of Navajo Path.
Nevada Path from Frontier Trail to the end of Nevada Path.
Oakglen Drive from Manchaca Road to the end of Oakglen Drive.
Pawnee Pathway from Roundup Trail to the end of Pawnee Pathway.
Periwinkle Path from Fair Oaks Drive to Jones Road.
Pin Oak Path from Southern Oaks Drive to Fair Oaks Drive.
Plumas Lane from Fair Oaks Drive to Jones Road.
Remuda Trail from Broken Bow Pass to Buckskin Pass.
Rim Rock Path from Frontier Trail to the end of Rim Rock Path.
Roundup Trail from Western Trails Boulevard to Manchaca Road.
Sagebrush Circle from Sagebrush Trail to the end of Sagebrush Circle.
Sagebrush Trail from West Gate Boulevard to Western Trails Boulevard.
Southern Oaks Drive from Buffalo Pass to Manchaca Road.
Tejas Trail from Western Trails Boulevard to Kiowa Pass.
Tomahawk Trail from Pack Saddle Pass to the end of Tomahawk Trail.
Village Circle from Buffalo Pass to Village Way Drive.
Village Way Court from Village Way Drive to the end of Village Way Court.
Village Way Drive from Fairmont Circle to Buffalo Pass.
Winding Trail from Jones Road to Choctaw Trail.
Woodgreen Cove from Jones Road to the end of Woodgreen Cove.