

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 21

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 Travis Heights Neighborhood bounded by Riverside Drive to the north, Congress Avenue to the west, Oltorf Street to the south, and IH 35 West Frontage Road to the east.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$17,550 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 Riverside Drive to the north, Congress Avenue to the west, Oltorf Street to the south, and I.H. 35 West Frontage Road to the east. 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 Academy Drive from Congress Avenue to the end of Academy Drive, Algarita Avenue from IH 35 West Frontage Road to Glendale Place, Annie Street from Congress Avenue to East Side Drive, College Avenue from Congress Avenue to Live Oak Street, Elizabeth Street from Congress Avenue to Nickerson Street, Farmers Drive from Algarita Avenue to Mariposa Drive, Live Oak Street from Congress Avenue to Oltorf Street, Mariposa Drive from I.H. 35 West Frontage Road to Fairlawn Lane, Mary Street from Congress Avenue to Brackenridge Street, Melissa Lane from Academy Drive to Bonnieview, Reagan Terrace from I.H. 35 West Frontage Road to Chelsea Lane, Schriber Street from Live Oak Street to Oltorf Street, Travis Heights Boulevard from Riverside Drive to Live Oak Street, and Woodland Avenue from I.H. 35 West Frontage Road to East Side Drive, because these streets are wider than 35 feet or vehicular parking is prohibited on one or both sides of the street. 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.

Alameda Drive from Alta Vista Ave/ Live Oak Street (East) to Riverside Drive (East).
 Algarita Avenue from Alameda Drive to Alta Vista Avenue.
 Algarita Avenue from Glendale Place to Travis Heights Boulevard.

Alta Vista Avenue from Riverside Drive (East) to Mariposa Drive.
Avondale Road from Alameda Drive to Kenwood Avenue.
Betty Jo Drive from Reagan Terrace to the end of Betty Jo Drive.
Bickler Road from Pecan Grove Road to Academy Drive.
Bonham Terrace from Alta Vista Avenue to Kenwood Avenue (north intersection).
Bonnieview from Melissa Lane to Hillside Avenue.
Brackenridge Street from Live Oak Street (East) to Elizabeth Street (East).
Brooklyn Street from Live Oak Street (East) to Leland Street.
Buckingham Circle from East Side Drive to the end of Buckingham Circle.
Chatsworth Circle from Alta Vista Avenue to the end of Chatsworth Circle.
Chelsea Lane from Woodland Avenue to Reagan Terrace.
Clifton Street from Live Oak Street (East) to the end of Clifton Street.
Drake Avenue from Lockhart Drive to The Circle.
East Side Drive from Oltorf Street (East) to Sunset Lane.
Elizabeth Street (East) from Congress Avenue (South) to Brackenridge Street.
Fairlawn Lane from Mariposa Drive to Fairmount Avenue.
Fairmount Avenue from Sunset Lane to Fairlawn Lane.
Gibson Street (East) from Congress Avenue (South) to Nickerson Street.
Gillespie Place from Kenwood Avenue (south intersection) to Kenwood Avenue (north intersection).
Glendale Place from Live Oak Street (East) to Algarita Avenue.
Harwood Place from Travis Heights Boulevard to Kenwood Avenue.
Hillside Avenue from Park Lane to Bonnieview.
Kenwood Avenue from Live Oak Street (East) to Riverside Drive (East).
Le Grande Avenue from Melissa Lane to Newning Avenue (east intersection).
Leland Street from Congress Avenue (South) to East Side Drive.
Lockhart Drive from Brackenridge Street to East Side Drive.
Lone Oak Drive from Rebel Road to the end of Lone Oak Drive.
Mariposa Drive from Fairlawn Lane to Sunset Lane.
Mary Street (East) from Newning Avenue to East Side Drive.
Milam Place from Alameda Drive to Kenwood Avenue.
Milton Street (East) from Congress Avenue (South) to Brackenridge Street.
Mission Ridge from Kenwood Avenue to Chelsea Lane.
Monroe Street (East) from Congress Avenue (South) to Travis Heights Boulevard.
Music Lane from Academy Drive to the end of Music Lane.
Newning Avenue from Riverside Drive (East) to Leland Street.
Nickerson Street from Park Lane to Mary Street (East).
Nickerson Street from Leland Street to the end of Nickerson Street.
Park Lane from Nickerson Street /The Circle to Newning Avenue.
Parkinson Drive from Reagan Terrace to the end of Parkinson Drive.
Pecan Grove Road from Newning Avenue to the end of Pecan Grove Road.
Post Road from Congress Avenue (South) to Live Oak Street (East).
Ravine Drive from Academy Drive to Hillside Avenue.
Reagan Terrace from Chelsea Lane to Travis Heights Boulevard.
Rebel Road from Live Oak Street (East) to Oltorf Street (East).
Rosedale Terrace from Alameda Drive to Mariposa Drive.
Rutherford Place from Alameda Drive to Alta Vista Avenue.
Sage Creek Loop from Live Oak Street (East) (east intersection) to Live Oak Street (East) (west intersection).
Sandringham Circle from East Side Drive to the end of Sandringham Circle.
Sunny Lane from Academy Drive to the end of Sunny Lane.
Sunrise Circle from Rebel Road to the end of Sunrise Circle.
Sunset Circle from Rebel Road to the end of Sunset Circle.
Sunset Lane from Alameda Drive to the end of Sunset Lane.
Terrace Drive from Brackenridge Street to East Side Drive.
The Circle from Congress Avenue (South) to the end of The Circle.
Wickford Circle from East Side Drive to the end of Wickford Circle.