

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

## Public Works

Item No. 22

## 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 West 38th Street to the south, West 45th Street to the north, North Lamar Boulevard to the east, and Shoal Creek proper to the west.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$4,500 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.

**For More Information:** Alan Hughes, 974-7202, Kristi Weston, 974-7264, Laura Bohl, 974-7064.

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 West 38th Street to the south, West 45th Street to the north, Burnet Road to the east, and Shoal Creek proper 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 West 40th Street from North Lamar Boulevard to Medical Parkway, Marathon Boulevard from Medical Parkway to West 42nd Street, Shoal Creek Boulevard from West 38th Street to West 45th Street due to street widths greater than 35 feet, West 39th 1/2 Street from North Lamar Boulevard to Medical Parkway, Medical Parkway from West 38th Street to Burnet Road, and Peterson Avenue from West 39th 1/2 Street to the end of Peterson Avenue, due to parking restrictions. 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.

- 39th Street (West) from Lamar Boulevard (North) to Bailey Lane.
- 39th 1/2 Street (West) from Medical Parkway to Shoal Creek Boulevard.
- 40th Street (West) from Medical Parkway to Shoal Creek Boulevard.
- 41st Street (West) from Lamar Boulevard (North) to Medical Parkway.
- 41st Street (West) from Burnet Road to Shoal Creek Boulevard.
- 42nd Street (West) from Lamar Boulevard (North) to Shoalwood Avenue.
- 43rd Street (West) from Lamar Boulevard (North) to Medical Parkway.
- 43rd Street (West) from Rosedale Avenue to Shoalwood Avenue.

44th Street (West) from Lamar Boulevard (North) to the end of 44th Street (West).  
Bailey Lane from 38th Street (West) to 40th Street (West).  
Bellvue Avenue from 42nd Street (West) to 45th Street (West).  
Burnet Road from 40th Street (West) to 45th Street (West).  
Lewis Lane from 40th Street (West) to 42nd Street (West).  
Marathon Boulevard from 42nd Street (West) to 45th Street (West).  
Maybelle Avenue from 43rd Street (West) to 45th Street (West).  
Ramsey Avenue from 40th Street (West) to 45th Street (West).  
Rosedale Avenue from 39th 1/2 Street (West) to 45th Street (West).  
Seiders Avenue from 39th 1/2 Street (West) to the end of Seiders Avenue.  
Shoalwood Avenue from 45th Street (West) to Shoal Creek Boulevard.  
Sinclair Avenue from 40th Street (West) to 45th Street (West).  
Tonkawa Trail from 38th Street (West) to 39th 1/2 Street (West).