

## AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

## Public Works

Item No. 23

## 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 Stassney Lane to the north, South 1st Street to the east, West William Cannon Drive to the south, and the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks to the west.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$7,500 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.

**For More Information:** Richard Kroger, 974-7219, Thomas Kennerly, 974-7246, 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 Stassney Lane to the north, South 1st Street to the east, West William Cannon Drive to the south, and the Union Pacific Rail Road tracks 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 Airoso Cove from Cougar Drive to the end of Airoso Cove, Cooper Lane from West William Cannon Drive to Eberhart Lane, Cougar Cove from Cougar Drive to the end of Cougar Cove, Cougar Drive from Turtle Creek Boulevard to West Stassney Lane, Eberhart Lane from South 1st Street to Cooper Lane, Emerald Forest Drive from West William Cannon Drive to West Stassney Lane, Gobi Drive from West Stassney Lane to Emerald Forest Drive, Sahara Avenue from Emerald Forest Drive to Cougar Drive, Speer Lane from Woodhue Drive to Cooper Lane, Turtle Creek Boulevard from Boxcar Run to South 1st Street and Woodhue Drive from West William Cannon Drive to Turtle Creek Boulevard, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. 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.

Amber Pass from Boxcar Run to Turtle Creek Boulevard.  
 Antelope Circle from Armadillo Road to the end of Antelope Circle.  
 Armadillo Road from Cooper Lane to Chippeway Lane.  
 Austin Highlands Boulevard from Cooper Lane to Libyan Drive.  
 Boxcar Run from Sahara Avenue to Woodhue Drive.

Capriola Drive from Armadillo Road to the end of Capriola Drive.  
Cherry Cove from Cherry Park to the end of Cherry Cove.  
Cherry Loop from Emerald Forest Drive (north intersection) to Emerald Forest Drive (south intersection).  
Cherry Park from Emerald Forest Drive to the end of Cherry Park.  
Chippeway Lane from Woodhue Drive to the end of Chippeway Lane.  
Clubway Lane from Chippeway Lane to the end of Clubway Lane.  
Cottontail Trail from Armadillo Road to the end of Cottontail Trail.  
Dunstan Drive from Libyan Drive to Emerald Forest Drive.  
Easy Day Cove from Leisure Run Road to the end of Easy Day Cove.  
Estates Cove from Turtle Creek Boulevard to the end of Estates Cove.  
Eureka Drive from Sahara Avenue to Gobi Drive.  
Gingerlily Cove from Windrift Way to the end of Gingerlily Cove.  
Gold Moss Cove from Windrift Way to the end of Gold Moss Cove.  
Harwin Lane from Turtle Creek Boulevard to Boxcar Run.  
Kenyon Drive from Libyan Drive to Emerald Forest Drive.  
King Albert from Middleham Place to Okner Lane.  
King Edward Place from 1st Street (South) to Cooper Lane.  
King George Drive from King Edward Place to Middleham Place.  
Leisure Run Cove from Leisure Run Road to the end of Leisure Run Cove.  
Leisure Run Road from Sahara Avenue to the end of Leisure Run Road.  
Libyan Circle from Libyan Drive to the end of Libyan Circle.  
Libyan Drive from Gobi Drive to Spearson Lane.  
Middleham Place from King Edward Place to Turtle Creek Boulevard.  
Milford Way from Libyan Drive to Cooper Lane.  
Mojave Drive from Sahara Avenue to Gobi Drive.  
Nancy Drive from Sahara Avenue to Stassney Lane (West).  
Okner Lane from Speer Lane to King Albert.  
Pevensey Drive from King Edward Place to Middleham Place.  
Sahara Avenue from Boxcar Run to Emerald Forest Drive.  
Sahara Avenue from Cougar Drive to Turtle Creek Boulevard.  
Savana Drive from Libyan Drive to the end of Savana Drive.  
Sirocco Drive from King Albert (west intersection) to King Albert (east intersection).  
Soft Wind Circle from King Albert to the end of Soft Wind Circle.  
South Trace Drive from Libyan Drive to Emerald Forest Drive.  
Spearson Lane from Woodhue Drive to Emerald Forest Drive.  
Windrift Way from William Cannon Drive (West) to Armadillo Road.