Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

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 William Cannon Drive to the north, Pleasant Valley Road to the east, Bluff Springs Road to the west, and Onion Creek to the south.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$13,200 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 William Cannon Drive to the north, Pleasant Valley Road to the east, Bluff Springs Road to the west, and Onion Creek 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 Blue Dawn Trail from Stonleigh Place to Blue Meadow Drive, Blue Meadow Drive from Bluff Springs Road to Meadow Lake Boulevard, Elm Creek Drive from William Cannon Drive to Nogales Trail, Meadow Lake Boulevard from William Cannon Drive to the end of Meadow Lake Boulevard, Quicksilver Boulevard from Bluff Springs Road to Pleasant Valley Road, Stonleigh Place from William Cannon Drive to Quicksilver Boulevard 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.

Alegre Pass from Bluff Springs Road to Tranquilo Trail.

Andrea Woods Cove from Stonleigh Place to the end of Andrea Woods Cove.

Ashley Way from Poinsetta Lane to the end of Ashley Way.

Avalon Avenue from Vougeot Drive to the end of Avalon Avenue.

Bendridge Trail from Stonleigh Place to Branchwood Drive.

Bitter Creek Drive from Bluff Springs Road to Rockridge Drive.

Bitteroot Trail from Blue Meadow Drive to Bucks Run.

Bluestone Street from Bendridge Trail to the end of Bluestone Street.

Borage Drive from Silverstone Drive to Quicksilver Boulevard.

Bourg Cove from Avalon Avenue to the end of Bourg Cove.

Branchwood Drive from Blue Meadow Drive to William Cannon Drive (East).

Bucks Run from Trendal Lane to Meadow Lake Boulevard.

Buttonbush Drive from Savorey Lane to Quicksilver Boulevard.

Canella Drive from Savorey Lane to the end of Canella Drive.

Commodore Circle from Elm Creek Drive to East Bluff Drive (west intersection).

Dan Pass from Patsy Parkway to the end of Dan Pass.

Dan Pass from Tranquilo Trail to the end of Dan Pass.

Deep Circle from Blue Meadow Drive to the end of Deep Circle.

Deep Lane from Magin Meadow Drive to Blue Meadow Drive.

Deep Lane from Patsy Parkway to the end of Deep Lane.

Deer Run Drive from Spruce Gum Lane to Blue Dawn Trail.

East Bluff Drive from Elm Creek Drive to Commodore Circle.

Eastridge Terrace from Woodhill Path to Commodore Circle.

Eds Cove from Patsy Parkway to the end of Eds Cove.

Encanto Trail from Tranquilo Trail to Nogales Trail.

Espino Cove from Alegre Pass to the end of Espino Cove.

Fontenay Drive from Meadow Lake Boulevard to Vougeot Drive.

Glade Line Drive from Granger Drive to Meadow Lake Boulevard.

Granger Drive from Blue Meadow Drive to Bucks Run.

Hyland Circle from Blue Meadow Drive to the end of Hyland Circle.

Jenibeth Lane from Quicksilver Boulevard to Ashley Way.

Lakehurst Drive from Rockridge Drive to Stonleigh Place.

Lambs Lane from Bucks Run to Vougeot Drive.

Lendall Lane from Stonleigh Place to Deep Lane.

Leppke Cove from Magin Meadow Drive to the end of Leppke Cove.

Loire Court from Lambs Lane to the end of Loire Court.

Magin Meadow Drive from Stonleigh Place to Thannas Way.

Meadow Lake Boulevard from Quicksilver Boulevard to the end of Meadow Lake Boulevard.

Nogales Trail from Elm Creek Drive to both ends of Nogales Trail.

Oak Motte Lane from Spruce Gum Lane to Blue Dawn Trail.

Patsy Parkway from Deep Lane to the end of Patsy Parkway.

Poinsetta Lane from Silverstone Drive to the end of Poinsetta Lane.

Quicksilver Circle from Quicksilver Boulevard to the end of Quicksilver Circle.

Raleigh Circle from Lambs Lane to the end of Raleigh Circle.

Ripple Run from William Cannon Drive (East) to Lambs Lane.

Rockridge Court from Rockridge Drive to the end of Rockridge Court.

Rockridge Drive from Stonleigh Place to William Cannon Drive (East).

Rue Le Fleur from Meadow Lake Boulevard to the end of Rue Le Fleur.

Saguaro Road from Savorey Lane to the end of Saguaro Road.

Savorey Lane from Quicksilver Boulevard to Canella Drive.

Silverstone Drive from Quicksilver Boulevard (west intersection) of Quicksilver Boulevard (east intersection).

Sombra Cove from Encanto Trail to the end of Sombra Cove.

Spruce Gum Lane from Deer Run Drive to Blue Meadow Drive.

Teal Trail from Savorey Lane to the end of Teal Trail.

Thannas Way from Blue Meadow Drive to Magin Meadow Drive.

Tournus Trail from Lambs Lane to both ends of Tournus Trail.

Tranquilo Trail from Dan Pass to Bluff Springs Road.

Trendal Lane from Blue Meadow Drive to Bucks Run.

Vinca Circle from Quicksilver Boulevard to the end of Vinca Circle.

Vougeot Drive from William Cannon Drive (East) to Lambs Lane.

Westwood Circle from Elm Creek Drive (north intersection) to Elm Creek Drive (south intersection).

Willow Way from Bendridge Trail to the end of Willow Way.

Woodhill Path from Commodore Circle (north intersection) to Commodore Circle (south intersection).