

AGENDA



Thursday, February 14, 2008

Public Works

Item No. 39

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 bounded by West Dittmar Road to the north, South 1st Street to the east, West Slaughter Lane to the south, and Union Pacific Railroad to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$11,400 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 West Dittmar Road to the north, South 1st Street to the east, West Slaughter Lane to the south, and Union Pacific Railroad 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 Davis Oaks Trail from Dittmar Road (West) to Dittmar Oaks Drive, Dittmar Oaks Cove from Dittmar Oaks Drive to the end of Dittmar Oaks Cove, Dittmar Oaks Drive from Davis Oaks Trail to the end of Dittmar Oaks Drive, Dittmar Oaks Drive from Davis Oaks Trail to the end of Dittmar Oaks Drive, Texas Oaks Drive from to Strickland Drive to Slaughter Lane (West), United Kingdom Drive from Tetbury Lane to Slaughter Lane (West), Palace Parkway from Dittmar Road (West) to Slaughter Lane (West), Great Britain Boulevard from United Kingdom Drive to 1st Street (South), Simonetti Drive from Slaughter Lane (West) to Yarsa Boulevard (east intersection), Strickland Drive from Texas Oaks to the end of Strickland Drive, Tetbury Lane from Dempsey Lane to Palace Parkway, Yarsa Boulevard from Slaughter Lane (West) to the end of Yarsa Boulevard, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. 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.

Almondsbury Lane from Patchway Lane to Latteridge Drive.
 Beresford Trail from Strickland Drive to Birmingham Drive.
 Bill Hickcock Pass from Cattle Trail to Texas Sun Drive.

Birmingham Drive from Palace Parkway (north intersection) to Palace Parkway (south intersection).
Blue Valley Drive from 1st Street (South) to the end of Blue Valley Drive.
Boggy Ridge Drive from Mairo Street to Blue Valley Drive.
Brecon Lane from Hindon Lane to Palace Parkway.
Calico Drive from Linton Drive to Palace Parkway.
Cattle Cove from Cattle Trail to the end of Cattle Cove.
Cattle Trail from Texas Sun Drive to (east intersection) to Texas Sun Drive (south intersection).
Chisholm Lane from Slaughter Lane (West) to the end of Chisholm Lane.
Cockney Drive from Great Britain Boulevard to the end of Cockney Drive.
Cornwall Drive from Soho Drive to Great Britain Boulevard.
Croydon Loop from Ruddington Drive (north intersection) to Ruddington Drive (south intersection).
Dempsey Lane from Dittmar Road (West) to Strickland Drive.
Devine Lane from Wheatfall Lane to Strickland Drive.
Dulwich Street from Cockney Drive to Wales Way (east intersection).
Hindon Court from Hindon Lane to the end of Hindon Court.
Hindon Lane from Brecon Lane to Tetbury Lane.
Huddleston Lane from Latteridge Drive to Dittmar Road (West).
Hyde Park Court from Soho Drive to the end of Hyde Park Court.
Hyde Park Place from Soho Drive to 1st Street (South).
Independence Loop from Texas Oaks Drive (north intersection) to Texas Oaks Drive (south intersection).
Iron Musket Cove from Texas Oaks Drive to the end of Iron Musket Cove.
Jesse James Drive to both ends of Jesse James Drive.
Kavanagh Drive from Birmingham Drive to Palace Parkway.
Lambeth Lane from Great Britain Boulevard to Palace Parkway.
Latteridge Drive from Dittmar Road (West) to the end of Latteridge Drive.
Linton Drive from Birmingham Drive to Tensley Trail.
Mairo Street from Boggy Ridge Drive (north intersection) to 1st Street (South).
Minturn Lane from United Kingdom Drive to the end of Minturn Lane.
O K Corral from Texas Oaks Drive to the end of O K Corral.
Patchway Lane from Huddleston Lane to the end of Patchway Lane.
Rail Fence Cove from Texas Oaks Drive to the end of Rail Fence Cove.
Romayne Lane from Minturn Lane to Tensley Trail.
Romney Road from Great Britain Boulevard to Hyde Park Place.
Ruddington Drive from Great Britain Boulevard to Minturn Lane.
Saddle Horn Cove from Texas Oaks Drive the end of Saddle Horn Cove.
Soho Drive from Minturn Lane to Great Britain Boulevard.
Strickland Drive from Texas Oaks Trail to the end of Strickland Drive.
Tensley Trail from United Kingdom Drive to Palace Parkway.
Tetbury Cove from Tetbury Lane to the end of Tetbury Cove.
Tetbury Lane from Dempsey Lane to Davis Oaks Trail.
Texas Oaks Cove from Texas Oaks Drive to the end of Texas Oaks Cove.

Texas Sun Drive from Strickland Drive to Cattle Trail (south intersection).
Tockington Way from Patchway Lane to Latteridge Drive.
Waldrop Cove from Devine Lane to the end of Waldrop Cove.
Wales Way from Dulwich Street (west intersection) to Great Britain Boulevard.
Wessex Way from Birmingham Drive to Palace Parkway.
Wheatfall Lane from Devine Lane to Dempsey Lane.