

AGENDA



Thursday, February 14, 2008

Public Works

Item No. 42

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 an area bounded by FM 734 (Parmer Lane) to the north, Park Bend Drive to the south, Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North) East Frontage Road to the west, and Metric Boulevard to the east.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,320 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.

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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 FM 734 (Parmer Lane) to the north, Park Bend Drive to the south, Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North) East Frontage Road to the west, and Metric Boulevard 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 Alderbrook Drive, Cedar Bend Drive, Dellrey Drive, Lamplight Village Avenue, Leeann Drive, Patron Drive, Park Bend Drive, Pipers Field Drive, Renfert Way, Tomanet Trail, and Tyson Cove, 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.

North Star Neighborhood

Ace Pass from Tomanet Trail to the end of Ace Pass.

Blalock Drive from Tomanet Trail to Alderbrook Drive.

Cedarspur Road from Blalock Drive to Thornwild Pass.

Emery Oaks Road from Blalock Drive to Thornwild Pass.

Galway Street from Tomanet Trail to Limerick Avenue.

Limerick Avenue from Blalock Drive to Thornwild Pass.

Limerick Avenue from Parmer Lane to the end of Limerick Avenue.

Marogot Run from Blalock Drive to Thornwild Pass.

Thornwild Pass from Tomanet Trail to Alderbrook Drive.