

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

Public Works**Item No. 34****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 Stassney Lane, Manchaca Road, West William Cannon Drive, and West Gate Boulevard.

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.

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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 Stassney Lane, Manchaca Road, West William Cannon Drive, and West Gate Boulevard. 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 Aldford Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Krollton Drive, Berkeley Avenue from Manchaca Road to West Gate Boulevard, Berkett Drive from Manchaca Road to West Gate Boulevard, Blarwood Drive from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Blarwood Drive, Brookhill Drive from Manchaca Road to Falcon Hill Drive, Buffalo Pass from Berkeley Avenue to the north end of Buffalo Pass, Buffalo Pass from West Stassney Lane to the south end of Buffalo Pass, and Mini Circle from West William Cannon Drive to the end of Mini Circle, because these streets are wider than thirty five 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.

Aldford Circle from Aldford Drive to the end of Aldford Circle.
 Aldford Drive from Krollton Drive to the end of Aldford Drive.
 Amur Drive from Blarwood Drive to the end of Amur Drive.
 Baxter Drive from Blarwood Drive to Berkeley Avenue.
 Berkeley Cove from Berkeley Avenue to the end of Berkeley Cove.
 Berkett Cove from Berkett Drive to the end of Berkett Cove.
 Berry Hill Circle from Berry Hill Drive to the end of Berry Hill Circle.

Berry Hill Drive from Stassney Lane (West) to Harwick Drive.
Berwyn Circle from Buffalo Pass to the end of Berwyn Circle.
Berwyn Lane from Brookhill Drive to Buffalo Pass.
Boleywood Drive from Campden Drive to Aldford Drive.
Brickford Cove from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Brickford Cove.
Bridlington Circle from Berkett Drive to the end of Bridlington Circle.
Brookhill Drive from Falcon Hill Drive to Berwyn Lane.
Burnhill Drive from Coatbridge Drive to Stoutwood Circle.
Campden Drive from Berkeley Avenue to Aldford Drive (north intersection).
Cannes Circle from Berkett Drive to the end of Cannes Circle.
Carlow Drive from Baxter Drive to Blarwood Drive.
Channing Circle from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Channing Circle.
Coatbridge Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Buffalo Pass.
Cockburn Drive from Blarwood Drive to Berkeley Avenue.
Collins Street from Buffalo Pass to the end of Collins Street.
Cornish Circle from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Cornish Circle.
Falcon Hill Drive from Brookhill Drive (east intersection) to Brookhill Drive (west intersection).
Gateshead Circle from Buffalo Pass to the end of Gateshead Circle.
Gateshead Drive from Buffalo Pass to the end of Gateshead Drive.
Harwick Drive from Lewood Drive to Berry Hill Drive.
Hillston Drive from Buffalo Pass to the end of Hillston Drive.
Kinbrake Drive from Burnhill Drive to Gateshead Drive.
Krollton Drive from Campden Drive to Aldford Drive.
Lewood Circle from Lewood Drive to the end of Lewood Circle.
Lewood Drive from Stassney Lane (West) to Whitestone Drive.
Lloyds Lane from Falcon Hill Drive to the end of Lloyds Lane.
Mc Gregor Drive from Blarwood Drive to Berkeley Avenue.
Shier Cove from William Cannon Drive (West) to the end of Shier Cove.
Standish Drive from Whitestone Drive to Berwyn Lane.
Stoutwood Circle from Gateshead Drive to Stassney Lane (West).
Whitestone Drive from Manchaca Road to Berry Hill Drive.
Wilton Circle from Blarwood Drive (north intersection) to Blarwood Drive (south intersection).