

Thursday, June 5, 2008

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 areas bounded by (1) Barton Springs Road, Robert E. Lee Road, Rabb Road, Rae Dell Avenue, Barton Skyway, South Lamar Boulevard, Barton Creek proper and South Capital of Texas Highway; (2) Anderson Lane, U.S. 290 and Cameron Road, and (3) Parmer Lane, Yager Lane and Donovan Circle; (4) Manchaca Road, West Stassney Lane, Union Pacific Rail Road and West William Cannon Drive; (5) West William Cannon Drive, West Gate Boulevard, Piney Creek Bend, Dandelion Trail, Davis Lane and Brodie Lane; (6) West William Cannon Drive, Beckett Road, Convict Hill Road and US Highway 290 West; and (7) Manchaca Road, Rockland Drive, Union Pacific Rail Road, the current Austin city boundary line, Mary Hargrove Lane, Mayo Street and Chappell Lane.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$36,710 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 areas described in the subject. 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 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.

(1)

Airole Way from Rundell Place to both ends of Airole Way. Airole Way from Wilke Drive to the south end of Airole Way. Arpdale Street from Barton Parkway to Rae Dell Avenue. Arthur Lane from Rundell Place to Wilke Drive. Barhill Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Barton Parkway. Barton Parkway (east road) from Wilke Drive to Arpdale Street. Barton Parkway (west road) from Wilke Drive to Arpdale Street. Barton Parkway from Ridgeview Street to Wilke Drive. Bartoncliff Drive from Brookhaven Drive to the end of Bartoncliff Drive. Bend Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Bend Cove. Bluffview Drive from Crestvale Drive to the end of Bluffview Drive. Briarcrest Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Glencliff Drive/Homedale Drive. Briargrove Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Cliffside Drive. Brookhaven Drive from Glencliff Drive to Bartoncliff Drive. Cedarview Drive from Barton Parkway to Oak Park Drive. Clear Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Clear Cove. Cliffside Drive from Trailside Drive to Deerfoot Trail. Cresthaven Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Bartoncliff Drive. Crestvale Drive from Rae Dell Avenue to the end of Crestvale Drive. Deerfoot Trail from Barton Hills Drive (east intersection) to Cliffside Drive. Dip Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Dip Cove. Down Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Down Cove. Elmglen Drive from Oak Haven Drive to Rae Dell Avenue. Farnswood Circle from Barton Hills Drive (east intersection) to Barton Hills Drive (west intersection). Forest Bend Drive from Barton Hills Drive (east intersection) to Barton Hills Drive (west intersection). Fortune Drive from Rabb Road to Airole Way. Four Oaks Lane from Barton Hills Drive to Kassarine Pass. Foxglen Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Glencliff Drive. Foxtail Cove from Deerfoot Trail to the end of Foxtail Cove. Foxwood Cove from Deerfoot Trail to the end of Foxwood Cove. Glencliff Drive from Briarcrest Drive to Bartoncliff Drive. Graywood Cove from Bartoncliff Drive to the end of Graywood Cove. High Chaparral Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of High Chaparral Cove. Homedale Circle from Barton Parkway to the end of Homedale Circle. Homedale Drive from Barton Parkway to Briarcrest Drive. Horseshoe Bend Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Horseshoe Bend Cove. Kassarine Pass from Matterhorn Lane to Moutain View Drive. Kathy Cove from Mountain View Drive to both ends of Kathy Cove. La Casa Drive from Rae Dell Avenue to the end of La Casa Drive. Michael Street from Ridgeview Street to the end of Michael Street. Milfoil Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Milfoil Cove. Montclaire Street from Rae Dell Avenue to La Casa Drive. Mountain View Drive from Tether Trail to Kathy Cove. Norris Drive from Spring Creek Drive to Rabb Road. Oak Haven Circle from Oak Haven Drive to the end of Oak Haven Circle. Oak Haven Drive from Cedarview Drive to Bluffview Drive. Oak Park Drive from Cedarview Drive (east intersection) to Cedarview Drive (west intersection). Oaklane Drive from Barton Skyway to Cedarview Drive. Rae Dell Avenue from Barton Skyway to Crestvale Drive. Ridgeview Street from Barton Hills Drive to Rabb Road. Rock Terrace Circle from Barton Parkway to the end of Rock Terrace Circle. Rock Terrace Drive from Barton Parkway to Matterhorn Lane. Rockingham Circle from Barton Parkway to the end of Rockingham Circle. Rockingham Drive from Barton Parkway to Matterhorn Lane. Rundell Place from Rabb Road to Airole Way. Side Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Side Cove. Spring Creek Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Robert E. Lee Road. Tether Trail from Barton Hills Drive to Mountain View Drive. Tip Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Tip Cove. Top Cove from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Top Cove. Trailside Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Robert E. Lee Road. Westforest Drive from Lamar Boulevard (South) to Westoak Drive. Westhill Drive from Barton Skyway to the end of Westhill Drive. Westland Drive from Westrock Drive to the south end of Westland Drive. Westoak Drive from Lamar Boulevard (South) to Westhill Drive. Westridge Drive from Ridgeview Street to the south end of Westridge Drive. Westridge Drive from Wilke Drive to the north end of Westridge Drive.

Westrock Drive from Lamar Boulevard (South) to Westhill Drive. Westway Circle from Westforest Drive to the end of Westway Circle. Westworth Circle from Westrock Drive to the end of Westworth Circle. Wildgrove Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Cliffside Drive. Wilke Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Rabb Road.

The exceptions are Barton Hills Drive from Robert E. Lee Road to the end of Barton Hills Drive, Barton Skyway from South Lamar Boulevard to the north end of Barton Skyway, Hollow Creek Drive from Barton Hills Drive (east intersection) to Barton Hills Drive (west intersection), Matterhorn Lane from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Matterhorn Lane, Mountain View Drive from Barton Hills Drive to Tether Trail, Scarlet View Drive from Barton Hills Drive to the end of Trailside Drive, 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.

(2)

Athletic Drive from Cameron Road to Berkman Drive. Barcelona Cove from Glenhill Road to the end of Barcelona Cove. Barcelona Drive from Coronado Hills Drive to Glenhill Road. Berkman Drive from Coronado Hills Drive to Glenhill Road. Brookhollow Cove from Pebble Brook Drive to the end of Brookhollow Cove. Brookhollow Drive from Shelbourne Drive to Pebble Brook Drive. Glenhill Cove from Glenhill Road to the end of Glenhill Cove. Kyle Drive from U.S. 290 (East) North Frontage Road to the end of Kyle Drive. Pebble Brook Cove from Pebble Brook Drive to the end of Pebble Brook Cove. Pebble Brook Drive from Glenhill Road to Brookhollow Drive. Pebble Cove from Pebble Brook Drive to the end of Pebble Cove. Raven Drive from Glenhill Road to Brookhollow Drive. Sevilla Drive from Coronado Hills Drive to Glenhill Road. Shelbourne Drive from Glenhill Road to Brookhollow Drive.

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Bath Way from Zeller Lane to Copperfield Drive.
Captain Hopkins Cove from Fallen Tower Lane to the end of Captain Hopkins Cove.
Chestle Court from Fallen Tower Lane to the end of Chestle Court.
Chillip Cove from Uttimer Lane to the end of Chillip Cove.
Crewler Cove from Shropshire Boulevard to the end of Crewler Cove.
Donovan Circle from Zeller Lane (north intersection) to Zeller Lane (south intersection).
Farnish Cove from Yarmont Way to the end of Farnish Cove.
Little Emily Way from Thompkins Drive to Yarmont Way.
Little Fatima Lane from Shropshire Boulevard (north intersection) to Shropshire Boulevard (south intersection).
Ringwood Road from Zeller Lane to Copperfield Drive.
Wethersby Way from Thompkins Drive to Shropshire Boulevard.
Zeller Lane from Wethersby Way (north intersection) to the end of Zeller Lane.

The exceptions for (2) and (3) are Berkman Drive from U.S. 290 to Coronado Hills Drive, Brookhollow Drive from Coronado Hills Drive to Shelbourne Drive, Coronado Hills Drive, Creekside Drive, E. St. Johns Avenue from Cameron Road to Berkman Drive, Glenhill Road, Reagan Hill Drive, Copperfield Drive, Fallen Tower Lane, Furrow Cove, Markham Lane, Shropshire Boulevard from Yager Lane to Thompkins Drive, Thompkins Drive from Yager Lane to the end of Thompkins Drive, and Uttimer Lane because these streets are wider than 35 feet. They are not included in the recommended Code changes.

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Barge Street from Manchaca Road to the end of Barge Street. Berkeley Avenue from Manchaca Road to Emerald Street. Bissell Circle from Bissell Lane to the end of Bissell Circle. Bissell Lane from Manchaca Road to the end of Bissell Lane. Boxwood Court from Cannonwood Lane to the end of Boxwood Court. Cannonleague Drive from Cannonwood Lane to Bissell Lane. Cannonwood Lane from Parkside Lane to Pennwood Lane. Emerald Street from Berkeley Avenue to Miles Avenue. Greentree Lane from Parkside Lane to Cannonwood Lane. Meadow Circle from Bissell Lane to the end of Meadow Circle. Miles Avenue from Manchaca Road to the end of Miles Avenue. Parkside Lane from Cannonwood Lane to Pennwood Lane. Pennwood Lane from Parkside Lane to Stanley Avenue. Stanley Avenue from Pennwood Lane to both ends of Stanley Avenue.

The exceptions are Cannonleague Drive from William Cannon Drive (West) to Bissell Lane, and Parkside Lane from Manchaca Road to Cannonwood Lane, 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.

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Alderwood Drive from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Alderwood Drive. Barnsley Drive from Longview Road to Bloomfield Drive. Benton Street from Cameron Loop to Piney Creek Bend. Bisbee Court from Piney Creek Bend to the end of Bisbee Court. Bismark Cove from Piney Creek Bend to the end of Bismark Cove. Bloomfield Drive from Paisano Trail to Harpers Ferry Lane. Blumie Street from Brodie Lane to the end of Blumie Street. Bryonhall Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Eganhill Drive. Burley Cove from Burley Bend to the end of Burley Cove. Burley Bend from Clydesdale Drive to Darnell Drive. Burliegh Cove from Dunn Street to the end of Burliegh Cove. Burnside Road from Plantation Road to Darnell Drive. Calumet Cove from Paisano Trail to the end of Calumet Cove. Cameron Loop from West Gate Boulevard to Davis Lane. Centralia Cove from Clydesdale Drive to the end of Centralia Cove. Challsbury Drive from Norfolk Drive to Inridge Drive. Charlesworth Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Eganhill Drive. China Grove from Burnside Road to both ends of China Grove. Clarksburg Drive from Minnie Street to the end of Clarksburg Drive. Clydesdale Drive from Darnell Drive to Harpers Ferry Lane. Cretys Cove from Piney Creek Bend to the end of Cretys Cove. Dalton Street from Brodie Lane to the end of Dalton Street. Dandelion Trail from Piney Creek Bend (north intersection) to Piney Creek Bend (south intersection). Darnell Drive from Clydesdale Drive to the end of Darnell Drive. Deeringhill Drive from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Deeringhill Drive. Dominic Drive from Evaline Lane to Longview Road. Dunn Street from Minnie Street to the end of Dunn Street. Edenwood Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Eganhill Drive. Eganhill Drive from Harleyhill Drive to Alderwood Drive. Elija Street from Brodie Lane to the end of Elija Street. Evaline Lane from Darnell Drive to the end of Evaline Lane. Evanston Lane from Longview Road to Clydesdale Drive. Fentonridge Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Eganhill Drive. Finch Trail from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Finch Trail. Galesburg Drive from Clarksburg Drive to the end of Galesburg Drive. Galveston Lane from Clarksburg Drive to Galesburg Drive. Goldbridge Drive from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Goldbridge Drive. Grennock Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Eganhill Drive. Harleyhill Drive from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Harleyhill Drive. Hays Hill Drive from Inridge Drive to the end of Hays Hill Drive. Ibis Cove from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Ibis Cove. Inridge Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Jorwoods Drive. James Ander Street from Minnie Street to Thomas Kincheon Street. Jeanette Court from Evaline Lane to the end of Jeanette Court. Jeanne Marie Court from Evaline Lane to the end of Jeanne Marie Court. Jorwoods Drive from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Jorwoods Drive. Kellog Court from Plantation Road to the end of Kellog Court. Kittyhawk Cove from Clydesdale Drive to the end of Kittyhawk Cove. Linnet Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Longview Road.

Longview Road from Cameron Loop to Paisano Trail. Minnie Street from Brodie Lane to the end of Minnie Street. Norfolk Drive from Ranch Road to the end of Norfolk Drive. Nottaway Cove from Plantation Road to the end of Nottaway Cove. Oak Aly from Dunn Street to Plantation Road. Paisano Trail from Brodie Lane to Longview Road. Peppergrass Cove from Piney Creek Bend to the end of Peppergrass Cove. Piney Creek Bend from West Gate Boulevard to Davis Lane. Ranch Road from West Gate Boulevard to the end of Ranch Road. Ranch Road from William Cannon Drive (West) to the south end of Ranch Road. Sacbe Cove from Longview Road to the end of Sacbe Cove. Siskin Cove from Siskin Drive to the end of Siskin Cove. Siskin Drive from West Gate Boulevard to Longview Road. Stage Coach Trail from William Cannon Drive (West) to the south end of Stage Coach Trail. Thomas Kincheon Street from Brodie Lane to the end of Thomas Kincheon Street. Wavertree Court from Plantation Road to the end of Wavertree Court.

The exceptions are Deatonhill Drive from Alderwood Drive to the end of Deatonhill Drive, Dunliegh Drive from Brodie Lane to Plantation Road, Harpers Ferry Lane from Longview Road to Brodie Lane, and Plantation Road from Brodie Lane to Longview Road, 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.

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Bel Fay Lane from Ridge Oak Road to the end of Bel Fay Lane. Bending Oak Road from Poncha Pass to Gentle Oak Drive. Breezy Pass Cove from Breezy Pass to the end of Breezy Pass Cove. Camp Cove from Camp Fire Trail to the end of Camp Cove. Camp Fire Trail from Wagon Train Road to Trace Chain Drive. Canteen Circle from Camp Fire Trail to the end of Canteen Circle. Charles Schreiner Trail from Convict Hill Road to John Blocker Drive. Chuck Wagon Trail from Abilene Trail to Wagon Train Road (west intersection). Fire Cove from Camp Fire Trail to the end of Fire Cove Gentle Oak Drive from Bending Oak Road to the end of Gentle Oak Drive. Hill Oaks Drive from US Highway 290 (West) to the end of Hill Oaks Drive. John Blocker Court from John Blocker Drive to the end of John Blocker Court. John Blocker Drive from Convict Hill Road to the end of John Blocker Drive. Jumano Lane from Ridge Oak Road to both ends of Jumano Lane. Kabaye Cove from Ridge Oak Road to the end of Kabaye Cove. Kenosha Pass from Escarpment Boulevard to Poncha Pass. La Concha Pass from Poncha Pass to Convict Hill Road. Latigo Pass from Kenosha Pass to the end of Latigo Pass. Milner Pass from Latigo Pass to the end of Milner Pass. Noma Drive from Wolfcreek Pass to the end of Noma Drive. Pasture Road from Hill Oaks Drive to the end of Pasture Road. Poncha Pass from Convict Hill Road to the end of Poncha Pass. Quimper Lane from Jumano Lane to the end of Quimper Lane. Shanghai Pierce Road from Charles Schreiner Trail (east intersection) to the end of Shanghai Pierce Road. Smokehouse Trail from Abilene Trail to Wagon Train Road. Teya Court from Ridge Oak Road to the end of Teya Court. Trace Chain Drive from Convict Hill Road to Chuck Wagon Trail. Upslope Drive from Wolfcreek Pass to La Concha Pass. Wagon Train Road from Chuck Wagon Trail (east intersection) to Convict Hill Road. Wandering Oak Road from Ridge Oak Road to Gentle Oak Drive.

Wolfcreek Pass from US Highway 290 (West) to Kenosha Pass.

The exceptions are Abilene Trail from Beckett Drive to Convict Hill Road, Breezy Pass from Convict Hill Road to the end of Breezy Pass, Escarpment Boulevard from West William Cannon Drive to Convict Hill Road, and Ridge Oak Road from West William Cannon Drive to Bending Oak Road, 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.

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Canon Yeomans Court from Canon Yeomans Trail to the end of Canon Yeomans Court.

Canon Yeomans Trail from Friars Tale Lane to the end of Canon Yeomans Trail.

Canterbury Tales Lane from Canon Yeomans Trail (west intersection) to Canon Yeomans Trail (east intersection).

Franklins Tale Loop from Canon Yeomans Trail (west intersection) to Canon Yeomans Trail (east intersection).

Friars Tale Lane from Canon Yeomans Trail to Canterbury Tales Lane.

James Haller Drive from Chappell Lane to Robert Wooding Drive.

Merchants Tale Lane from Canterbury Tales Lane to Canon Yeomans Trail.

Monks Tale Court from Canon Yeomans Trail to the end of Monks Tale Court.

Pardoners Tale Lane from Canterbury Tales Lane to Sir Thopas Trail.

Razil Court from Curameng Cove to both ends of Razil Court.

Robert Wooding Drive from Chappell Lane to the end of Robert Wooding Drive.

Sir Thopas Trail from Canon Yeomans Trail to the end of Sir Thopas Trail.

Stonethrow Way from Marshitah's Way to Garbacz Drive.

Summoners Tale Court from Sir Thopas Trail to the end of Summoners Tale Court.

True Cove from Old Manchaca Road to the end of True Cove.

The exceptions are Geoffs Drive from Garbacz Drive to the end of Geoffs Drive, Garbacz Drive from 345 feet north of Geoffs Drive to Rockland Drive, Melibee Trail from Manchaca Road to Pardoners Tale Lane, Old Manchaca Road from Manchaca Road to Marshitah's Way, and Ravenscroft Drive from Manchaca Road to Canterbury Tales Lane, because these streets are wider than 35 feet or vehicular parking is prohibited on one or both sides of the street. Other exceptions are Curameng Cove from Marshitah's Way to 350 feet west of Razil Court, Garbacz Drive from Stonethrow Way to 345 feet north of Geoffs Drive, and Marshitah's Way from 250 feet south of Stonethrow Way to Geoffs Drive, for which the existing speed limits were established by a prior engineering and traffic investigation. They are not included in the recommended Code changes.