

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

Public Works

Item No. 50

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 the area bounded by E. Ben White Boulevard, E. Stassney Lane, S. Congress Avenue, and S. I.H. 35 West Service Road.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$3,750 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 E. Ben White Boulevard, E. Stassney Lane, S. Congress Avenue, and S. I.H. 35 West Service Road. The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Battle Bend Boulevard from Suburban Drive to S. I.H. 35 West Service Road, Colonial Park Boulevard from Shelby Lane to S. I.H. 35 West Service Road, Fort Clark Drive from Colonial Park Boulevard to Battle Bend Boulevard, Liverpool Drive from Suburban Drive to the end of Liverpool Drive, Old Castle Road from Westmorland Drive to Sheraton Avenue, Sheraton Avenue from S. Congress Avenue to 150 feet east of Old Castle Road, Suburban Drive from Sheraton Avenue to Battle Bend Boulevard, Westmorland Drive from Suburban Drive to Fort Clark Drive, Windledge Drive from Old Castle Road to Colonial Park 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. Other exceptions in this neighborhood are Clarke Street from Weidemar Lane to the end of Clarke Street, E. St. Elmo Road from S. Congress Avenue to Terry O Lane and E. St. Elmo Road from Terry O Lane to S. I.H. 35 West Service Road, Industrial Boulevard from S. Congress Avenue to E. St. Elmo Road, Lucksinger Lane from E. St. Elmo Road to Sheraton Avenue, Shelby Lane from Terry O Lane to S. I.H. 35 West Service Road, E. Mockingbird Lane from S. Congress Avenue to Wasson Road, Santiago Street from E. St. Elmo Road to E. Ben White Boulevard South Service Road, Terry O Lane from E. Ben White Boulevard South Service Road to Shelby Lane, Wasson Road from S. Congress Avenue (north intersection) to S. Congress Avenue (south intersection), Weidemar Lane from Shelby Lane to Colonial Park Boulevard, Willow Springs Road from E. St. Elmo Road to the end of Willow Springs Road, because the intention of HB 87 is to lower speeds in residential areas where a lower speed

would be more reasonable, this roadway is not within a residential area, and the existing speed limit of this roadway is appropriate. 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.

Chihuahua Trail from Battle Bend Boulevard (west intersection) to Battle Bend Boulevard (east intersection).

Chippendale Avenue from Suburban Drive to Greenridge Terrace.

Fort Clark Cove from Fort Clark Drive to the end of Fort Clark Cove.

Fort Drum Drive from Suburban Drive to Fort Clark Drive.

Fort Mason Drive from La Bahia Road to Battle Bend Boulevard.

Greenridge Terrace from Sheraton Avenue to Wolverton Drive.

Harway Court from Old Castle Road to the end of Harway Court.

La Bahia Road from Fort Drum Drive to Fort Mason Drive.

Manchester Circle from Suburban Drive (north intersection) to Suburban Drive (south intersection).

Newcastle Drive from Fort Clark Drive to Sussex Drive (east intersection).

Old Stone Road from Fort Mason Drive to the end of Old Stone Road.

Presidio Road from Fort Clark Drive to Battle Bend Boulevard.

Rhonda Court from Old Castle Road to the end of Rhonda Court.

Rowland Drive from Suburban Drive to Greenridge Terrace.

Seminole Drive from Surrey Drive to Old Castle Road.

Sheffield Drive from Suburban Drive to Surrey Drive.

Sheraton Avenue from 150 feet east of Old Castle Road to Windledge Drive.

Surrey Drive from Chippendale Drive to Sheffield Drive.

Sussex Drive from Newcastle Drive (west intersection) to Colonial Park Boulevard.

Tamworth Avenue from Suburban Drive to Old Castle Road.

Tilbury Lane from Suburban Drive to Old Castle Road.

Weidemar Lane from Colonial Park Boulevard to the end of Weidemar Lane.

Winchester Court from Suburban Drive to the end of Winchester Court.

Witham Lane from Sheraton Avenue to the end of Witham Lane.

Wolverton Drive from Greenridge Terrace to Old Castle Road.