

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 41

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to reduce the school zone speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour during certain times on a portion of Avery Ranch Boulevard for students attending Patsy Sommer Elementary School; and provide for emergency passage.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$550 for the installation of signs is available in the 2008-2009 Child Safety Fund of the Department of Public Works.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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In order to modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, the Texas Traffic Laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. Traffic volumes, traffic speeds, and pedestrian volumes and patterns were evaluated by the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department to determine what, if any, modifications could be made to improve the safety of the students attending Patsy Sommer Elementary School, which opened in the fall of 2008. As a result of this investigation the Transportation Division recommends adding the following to the City Code Section 12-4-64(D) (25 Miles Per Hour School Zones):

Amendment to Code Section 12-4-64(D) (30 MILES PER HOUR SCHOOL ZONES):

Delete: Avery Ranch Boulevard from 495 feet east of Lisi Anne Drive to 155 feet west of Indina Hills Drive (Patsy Sommer Elementary School).

Amendment to Code Section 12-4-64(D) (25 MILES PER HOUR SCHOOL ZONES):

Add: Avery Ranch Boulevard from 495 feet east of Lisi Anne Drive to 155 feet west of Indina Hills Drive (Patsy Sommer Elementary School).