

AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

Public Works

Item No. 36

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets within the area bounded by current Austin city boundary line paralleling Bee Caves Road, Loop 1 (Mopac Expressway) (South) West Service Road, Loop 360 (Capital of Texas Highway) (South), and current Austin city boundary line paralleling Walsh Tarlton Lane.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$7,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 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 current Austin city boundary line paralleling Bee Caves Road, Loop 1 (Mopac Expressway) (South) West Service Road, Loop 360 (Capital of Texas Highway) (South), and current Austin city boundary line paralleling Walsh Tarlton Lane. 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 Apricot Glen Drive from Tamarron Boulevard to Thousand Oaks Drive, Barnswallow Drive from Pinnacle Road to Rain Forrest Drive (west intersection), Chatelaine Drive from Liberty Park to Havre Lafitte Drive (west intersection), Dusky Thrush Trail from Pinnacle Road to the end of Dusky Thrush Trail, Liberty Park Drive from Loop 1 (Mopac Expressway) (South) West Service Road to the end of Liberty Park Drive, Montebello Court from Montebello Road to both ends of Montebello Court, Montebello Road from Liberty Park Drive to the current Austin city boundary line, Pinnacle Road from Walsh Tarlton Lane to the current Austin city boundary line, Regents Park from Chatelaine Drive to Thousand Oaks Drive, Tamarron Boulevard from Walsh Tarlton Lane to Loop 1 (Mopac Expressway) (South) West Service Road, Thousand Oaks Drive from Walsh Tarlton Lane to Regents Park, Verdant Way from Old Walsh Tarlton to both ends of Verdant Way, Walsh Tarlton Lane from the northern current Austin city boundary line to the southern current Austin city boundary line, and Wilderness Drive from Walsh Tarlton Lane to Honey Tree Lane (north intersection) because these streets are wider than 35 feet or vehicular parking is prohibited on one or both sides of the street. Another exception is Old Walsh Tarlton because it is in a nonresidential area. They are not included in the recommended Code changes.

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.

Angelfire Lane from Crested Butte Drive to the end of Angelfire Lane.
Aquifer Cove from Terrapin Court to the end of Aquifer Cove.
Beecaves Woods Drive from Honey Tree Lane to the current Austin city boundary line.
Breeze Knoll Circle from Eanes Circle to the end of Breeze Knoll Circle.
Brians Meadow Cove from Wilderness Drive to the end of Brians Meadow Cove.
Brightwood Drive from Eanes Circle (east intersection) to Eanes Circle (west intersection).
Cactus Wren Way from Dusky Thrush Trail to the end of Cactus Wren Way.
Capital Parkway from Loop 1 (Mopac Expressway) (South) West Service Road to the end of Capital Parkway.
Cetona Court from Stoneridge Road to the end of Cetona Court.
Chatelaine Cove from Chatelaine Drive to the end of Chatelaine Cove.
Chicory Cove from Wilderness Drive to the end of Chicory Cove.
Copper Mount Cove from Holly Hill Drive to the end of Copper Mount Cove.
Crested Butte Drive from Thousand Oaks Drive to Holly Hill Drive.
Darter Lane from Dusky Thrush Trail to Cactus Wren Way.
Eanes Circle from Wilderness Drive (east intersection) to Wilderness Drive (west intersection).
Eanes Crossing from Old Walsh Tarlton to Honey Tree Lane.
Eaneswood Drive from Honey Tree Lane to Wilderness Drive.
Foxcroft Place from Thousand Oaks Drive to the end of Foxcroft Place.
Foxfire Drive from Mistywood Drive to Wychwood Drive.
Goeth Circle from Wilderness Drive to the end of Goeth Circle.
Grosvener Court from Havre Lafitte Drive to the end of Grosvener Court.
Haven Spring Drive from Honey Tree Lane to the end of Haven Spring Drive.
Havre Lafitte Drive from Chatelaine Drive (west intersection) to the end of Havre Lafitte Drive.
Headwater Lane from Wychwood Drive (south intersection) to Wychwood Drive (north intersection).
Holly Hill Drive from Apricot Glen Drive to Capital Parkway.
Honey Tree Lane from Wilderness Drive (south intersection) to Wilderness Drive (north intersection).
Intervail Drive from Thousand Oaks Drive to Crested Butte Drive.
Jackson Hole Cove from Intervail Drive to the end of Jackson Hole Cove.
Land Creek Cove from Liberty Park Drive to the end of Land Creek Cove.
Loveland Cove from Crested Butte Drive to the end of Loveland Cove.
Magpie Cove from Purple Heron Drive to the end of Magpie Cove.
Mistyglen Circle from Mistywood Drive to the end of Mistyglen Circle.
Mistywood Circle from Mistywood Drive to the end of Mistywood Circle.
Mistywood Drive from Walsh Tarlton Lane to Thousand Oaks Drive.
Peregrine Falcon Drive from Pinnacle Road to Barn Swallow Drive.
Prestwood Place from Thousand Oaks Drive to the end of Prestwood Place.
Puddleby Cove from Thousand Oaks Drive to the end of Puddleby Cove.
Purple Heron Drive from Peregrine Falcon Drive (west intersection) to Peregrine Falcon Drive (east intersection).
Rain Forest Drive from Barn Swallow Drive (east intersection) to the end of Rain Forest Drive.
Regents Park from Chatelaine Drive to the north end of Regents Park.
Regents Park from Thousand Oaks Drive to the south end of Regents Park.
Rosefinch Trail from Sanderling Trail to both ends of Rosefinch Trail.
Sanderling Trail from Walsh Tarlton Lane to Dusky Thrush Trail.
Snowy Owl Court from Sanderling Trail to the end of Snowy Owl Court.
Spring Garden Road from Pinnacle Road to the current Austin city boundary line.
Steamboat Springs Cove from Holly Hill Drive to the end of Steamboat Springs Cove.
Stone Ridge Circle from Stoneridge Road to the end of Stone Ridge Circle.
Stoneridge Road from Thousand Oaks Drive to the current Austin city boundary line.
Tamranae Court from Havre Lafitte Drive to the end of Tamranae Court.
Tarlton Cove from Tarlton Lane to the end of Tarlton Cove.
Tarlton Lane from Walsh Tarlton Lane to the end of Tarlton Lane.
Terrapin Court from Walsh Tarlton Lane to the end of Terrapin Court.
Texas Star Lane from Walsh Tarlton Lane to the end of Texas Star Lane.
Thousand Oaks Circle from Thousand Oaks Drive to the end of Thousand Oaks Circle.
Thousand Oaks Cove from Walsh Tarlton Lane the end of Thousand Oaks Cove.
Treemont Drive from Chatelaine Drive to the current Austin city boundary line.
Twinberry Cove from Walsh Tarlton Lane to the end of Twinberry Cove.

Wilderness Cove from Wilderness Drive to the end of Wilderness Cove.

Winter Park Road from Holly Hill Drive to Intervail Drive.

Wychwood Drive from Apricot Glen Drive (south intersection) to Apricot Glen Drive (north intersection).