Thursday, April 23, 2009

Transportation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 48

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 East Yager Lane, Dessau Road, East Braker Lane, and North I.H. 35 East Frontage Road.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$7,370 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Transportation Department for the 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 Transportation Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by Yager Lane (East), Dessau Road, Braker Lane (East), and I.H. 35 (North) East Frontage 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 April Drive, Blakeney Lane, Glen Summer Cove, January Drive, Jordan Crossing Boulevard, June Drive from Braker Lane (East) to May Drive, May Drive, Peggotty Place from Thompkins Drive to west end of Peggotty Place, Plaza Drive, Shropshire Boulevard from Dessau Road to Yager Lane (East), Silverton Court, Thompkins Drive from Shropshire Boulevard to Yager Lane (East), Walnut Ridge Drive, Wedgewood Drive from River Oaks Trail to 185 feet south of River Oaks Trail 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.

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.

Alma Drive from Shropshire Boulevard to Rotherham Drive.
Althea Court from Deupree Drive to the end of Althea Court.
Ash Cove from Walnut Ridge Drive to the end of Ash Cove.
Atterbury Lane from Shropshire Boulevard to the end of Atterbury Lane.
August Drive from Walnut Ridge Drive to February Drive.
Baronets Trail from Shropshire Boulevard to Rotherham Drive.
Berrywood Drive from River Oaks Trail to I.H. 35 (North) East Frontage Road.

Blue Spring Way from River Oaks Trail to Berrywood Drive.

Bodgers Drive from Trotwood Drive (east intersection) to the end of Bodgers Drive.

Branston Drive from Yager Lane (East) to Shropshire Boulevard.

Brigstock Drive from Shropshire Boulevard to the end of Brigstock Drive.

Brixham Cove from Carnforth Drive to the end of Brixham Cove.

Byers Cove from Byers Lane to the end of Byers Cove.

Byers Lane from Rotherham Drive to the end of Byers Lane.

Captain Bailys Court from Tuffit Lane to the end of Captain Bailys Court.

Carnforth Drive from Atterbury Lane to Blakeney Lane.

Clearwater Circle from River Oaks Trail to the end of Clearwater Circle.

Clickett Cove from Trotwood Drive to the end of Clickett Cove.

Crupp Court from Byers Lane to the end of Crupp Court.

Deupree Drive from Tobler Trail to Rotherham Drive.

Dominique Drive from Shropshire Boulevard to Rotherham Drive.

Donington Drive from Yager Lane (East) to Branston Drive.

Dove Haven Drive from Walnut Creek Drive to Oak Haven Road.

Fall Creek Drive from Spring Hill Drive to River Oaks Trail.

February Drive from August Drive to Palmwood Way.

Gatehouse Drive from Thompkins Drive to the end of Gatehouse Drive.

Glen Road from Dove Haven Drive to the end of Glen Road.

Hickory Grove Drive from Walnut Ridge Drive to the end of Hickory Grove Drive.

July Drive from June Drive to the end of July Drive.

June Drive from May Drive to Dessau Road.

Larkins Lane from Thompkins Drive to Byers Lane.

Lavinia Lane from Trotwood Drive to Pyegrave Place.

Lifford Court from Carnforth Drive to the end of Lifford Court.

March Drive from June Drive to the end of March Drive.

March Drive from January Drive to August Drive.

Monterrey Place from Oak Haven Road to Oak Trail.

Nicole Cove from August Drive to the end of Nicole Cove.

North Oaks Drive from Walnut Creek Drive to Plaza Drive.

Oak Haven Cove from Berrywood Drive to the end of Oak Haven Cove.

Oak Haven Road from Monterrey Place to Berrywood Drive.

Oak Trail from Walnut Creek Drive to Plaza Drive.

Olmos Drive from Walnut Creek Drive to the end of Olmos Drive.

Palmwood Way from February Drive to Berrywood Drive.

Peggotty Place from Thompkins Drive to the east end of Peggotty Place.

Poplar Cove from April Drive to the end of Poplar Cove.

Pyegrave Place from Lavinia Lane to Trotwood Drive.

Riddlewood Drive from Trinity Hill Drive to Spring Hill Drive (west intersection).

River Oaks Drive from River Oaks Trail to I.H. 35 (North) East Frontage Road.

River Oaks Trail from Spring Hill Drive to River Oaks Drive.

Rocky Spring Road from Spring Hill Drive to River Oaks Trail.

Rotherham Drive from Blakeney Lane to the end of Rotherham Drive.

Salem House Way from Trotwood Drive to Pyegrave Place.

September Drive from June Drive to April Drive.

Spring Hill Drive from River Oaks Drive to Riddlewood Drive.

Spring Hill Drive from Riddlewood Drive to the end of Spring Hill Drive.

Springwater Circle from River Oaks Drive to the end of Springwater Circle.

Sunderland Drive from Atterbury Lane to Blakeney Lane.

Theodora Cove from Deupree Drive to the end of Theodora Cove.

Tobler Trail from Rotherham Drive to the end of Tobler Trail.

Trinity Hill Drive from Plaza Drive to Riddlewood Drive.

Trotwood Drive from Thompkins Drive to Peggotty Place (east intersection).

Tuffit Lane from Thompkins Drive to Rotherham Drive.

Tuxford Cove from Sunderland Drive to the end of Tuxford Cove.

Walnut Creek Drive from Dove Haven Drive to North Oaks Drive.

Wedgewood Drive from Braker Lane (East) to 185 feet south of River Oaks Trail.

Wickfield Lane from Trotwood Drive (east intersection) to Trotwood Drive (west intersection).