

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

Transportation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Item No. 93

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 U.S. Highway 290 West, Convict Hill Road, Escarpment Boulevard, Davis Lane, and F.M. 1826.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$5,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Transportation 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 Transportation Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by U.S. Highway 290 West, Convict Hill Road, Escarpment Boulevard, Davis Lane, and F.M. 1826. 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 Abilene Trail from Escarpment Boulevard west to Clairmont Drive (west intersection), Barstow Drive from Davis Lane to Via Correto Drive, Lantana Way from Davis Lane north to Clarion Drive, Oliver Loving Drive from Escarpment Boulevard west to Shadowridge Run, Rotan Drive from Hot Springs Drive (east intersection) to Hot Springs Drive (west intersection), and Shadowridge Drive from Convict Hill Road to Debcoe Drive, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. 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.

Billy Bonney Court from Billy Bonney Pass to the end of Billy Bonney Court.
 Billy Bonney Pass from Oasis Drive to Siringo Pass.
 Buena Suerte Drive from Twilight Shadow Drive to Via Coretto Drive.
 Cheno Cortina Cove from Cheno Cortina Trail to the end of Cheno Cortina Cove.
 Cheno Cortina Trail from Oasis Drive (south intersection) to Siringo Pass.
 Clairmont Cove from Clairmont Drive to the end of Clairmont Cove.
 Clairmont Drive from Davis Lane to Abilene Trail (east intersection).
 Clara Marie Cove from Poncha Pass to the end of Clara Marie Cove.

Clarion Court from Clarion Drive to the end of Clarion Court.
Clarion Drive from Lantana Way to both ends of Clarion Drive.
Clay Allison Pass from Oasis Drive to Siringo Pass.
Corrie Cove from La Concha Pass to the end of Corrie Cove.
Dark Ridge Cove from Twilight Mesa Drive to the end of Dark Ridge Cove.
Dark Shadow Cove from Twilight Shadow Drive to the end of Dark Shadow Cove.
Dark Valley Cove from Twilight Mesa Drive to the end of Dark Valley Cove.
Debcoe Drive from Shadowridge Run to Poncha Pass.
Dunsmere Court from Dunsmere Drive to the end of Dunsmere Court.
Dunsmere Drive from Clairmont Drive (west intersection) to Clairmont Drive (east intersection).
Dusk Terrace Cove from Twilight Mesa Drive to the end of Dusk Terrace Cove.
Farmdale Cove from Farmdale Lane to the end of Farmdale Cove.
Farmdale Lane from Clairmont Drive to Abilene Trail.
Hot Springs Court from Hot Springs Drive to the end of Hot Springs Court.
Hot Springs Drive from Rotan Drive (west intersection) to Rotan Drive (east intersection).
Ira Ingram Drive from Zadock Woods Drive to Robert Kleburg Lane.
La Concha Cove from La Concha Pass to the end of La Concha Cove.
La Concha Pass from Convict Hill Road south to Poncha Pass.
Nasoni Cove from Robert Kleburg Lane to the end of Nasoni Cove.
Oasis Drive from Escarpment Boulevard (north intersection) west to Escarpment Boulevard (south intersection).
Orrick Drive from Zadock Woods Drive to the end of Orrick Drive.
Poncha Pass from Convict Hill Road south to Snowbird Pass.
Robert Kleburg Lane from Oliver Loving Trail to Convict Hill Road.
Rotan Drive from Oasis Drive to Hot Springs Drive (east intersection).
Sam Maverick Pass from Oasis Drive to Siringo Pass.
Siringo Pass from Cheno Cortina Trail to the end of Siringo Pass.
Snowbird Pass from Poncha Pass to the end of Snowbird Pass.
Telluride Trail from Debcoe Drive to the end of Telluride Trail.
Twilight Mesa Drive from F.M. 1826 to the end of Twilight Mesa Drive.
Twilight Shadow Drive from F.M. 1826 to Buena Suerte Drive.
Twilight Terrace Drive from Twilight Mesa Drive to the end of Twilight Terrace Drive.
Via Correto Drive from Via Ricco Drive (west intersection) to the end of Via Correto Drive.
Via Dono Drive from Via Correto Drive to the end of Via Dono Drive.
Via Mia Drive from Via Dono Drive to Via Correto Drive.
Via Ricco Drive from Via Correto Drive (west intersection) to Via Correto Drive (east intersection).
Waters Way from Dark Valley Cove to the end of Waters Way.
Zadock Woods Drive from Orrick Drive to the end of Zadock Woods Drive.