

AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Transportation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 78**

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to add a portion of Meridian Park Boulevard and Espina Drive to the table of streets having a maximum speed limit of 20 miles per hour, during certain times, for students attending Baldwin Elementary School; and to provide emergency passage.

Amount and Source of Funding: \$15,000 for the installation of signs and flashers is available in the 2009-2010 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 Austin Transportation Department to determine if modifications were appropriate to improve the safety for the students attending Baldwin Elementary School. Based on this investigation, the Austin Transportation Department recommends adding the following to the City Code Section 12-4-64(D):

Amendment to Code Section 12-4-64(D) (Table of Speed Limits):

Add: Meridian Park Boulevard from 785 feet south of Espina Drive to 200 feet north of Espina Drive (20 MPH School Zone).

Add: Espina Drive from 200 feet west of Alophia Drive to 170 feet east of Alophia Drive (20 MPH School Zone).