Thursday, November 18, 2010

Transportation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 52

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

Amount and Source of Funding: \$4,000 for the installation of signs is available in the 2010-2011 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 and the Public Works Department to determine if modifications were appropriate to improve the safety of the students attending Nan Clayton 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):

Delete: Spruce Canyon Drive from 340 feet north of Doswell Lane (north intersection) to 375 feet south of Doswell Lane (south intersection) (20 MPH School Zone).

Add: Spruce Canyon Drive from 200 feet north of La Crosse Avenue to 265 feet south of La Crosse Avenue (20 MPH School Zone).