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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

21939

Agenda Number

28.

Meeting Date:

2/28/2013

Department:

Transportation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) to establish a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour on two segments of McKinney Falls Parkway between Shaw Lane and Thaxton Road.

Amount and Source of Funding

The Travis County Transportation and Natural Resources Department will fund installation of all speed limit signs using its staff and resources.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing
Language:

Prior Council
Action:

For More
Information:

Gary Schatz 974-7189, Eric Bollich 974-7767, Gilda Powers 974-7092.

Boards and
Commission
Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

In September 2011, Travis County completed significant construction improvements to McKinney Falls Parkway between William Cannon Drive and Thaxton Road, which includes segments under both Travis County and City of Austin jurisdiction. McKinney Falls Parkway was widened from a two-lane rural road to a four-lane divided road with median islands and sidewalks.

In order to modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, the Texas Traffic Laws require a traffic engineering investigation be performed. An investigation of McKinney Falls Parkway was conducted by Travis County traffic engineers in accordance with the procedures specified in the [Texas Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones, 2006](#). Travis County staff recommends a posted 55 mph speed limit on McKinney Falls Parkway between Shaw Lane and Thaxton Road.

Austin Transportation Department concurs with Travis County's investigation and recommends adding the following

to the City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) Table of Speed Limits for speed limit continuity along McKinney Falls Parkway:

Add: McKinney Falls Parkway from 3,500 feet south of Shaw Lane to 5,700 feet south of Shaw Lane. (55 MPH).

Add: McKinney Falls Parkway from Colton Bluff Springs Road (north segment) to 540 feet south of Colton Bluff Springs Road (south segment). (55 MPH).