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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23944	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	5/9/2013	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to modify the speed limits on certain segments of Airport Boulevard, to add a 20 mile-per-hour school zone on a segment of Airport Boulevard for students attending Ridgetop Elementary School, and to provide for emergency passage.

Amount and Source of Funding

\$14,000.00 for the installation of signs and flashers is available in the 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Gary W. Schatz 974-7189, Dipti Borkar-Desai 974-5660, Gilda Powers 974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In order to modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, Texas Laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. Traffic volumes, traffic speeds, and pedestrian volumes and patterns were evaluated on Airport Boulevard by the Austin Transportation Department to determine if modifications were appropriate to improve the safety for the students attending Ridgetop Elementary School. Based on this investigation, the Austin Transportation Department recommends adding the following to City Code Section 12-4-64(D) (Table of Speed Limits):

Amend: Airport Boulevard from Lamar Boulevard (North) to 162 feet south of 53rd Street (East) [~~I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road~~]. (40 MPH Speed Limit)

Add: Airport Boulevard from 162 feet south of 53rd Street (East) to 55 feet south of 52nd Street (East). (35 MPH Speed Limit)

Add: Airport Boulevard from 55 feet south of 52nd Street (East) to 258 feet south of 51st Street (East). (20 MPH

School Zone for students attending Ridgetop Elementary School)

Add: Airport Boulevard from 258 feet south of 51st Street (East) to 185 feet south of 50th Street. (35 MPH Speed Limit)

Add: Airport Boulevard from 185 feet south of 50th Street (East) to I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road. (40 MPH Speed Limit)