



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT MOBILITY COMMITTEE

Date: December 7, 2016

Agenda Item #: 4

Agenda Item: Briefing and discussion with possible action on roadway speed reductions and potential pilot program per Council Resolution No. 20160519-049 that adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan.

Vote: 3-1, with Council Member Zimmerman opposed.

Sponsors/Department: Austin Transportation Department

Presenters: Eric Bollich, Austin Transportation

Summary of Discussion:

- Erich Bollich, Managing Engineer with the Austin Transportation Department, gave a presentation reviewing the Vision Zero Action Plan vision, the effect of speed on crash outcomes, the benefits of lowering speeds, existing practices for setting speed limits, Emerging Methods to Reduce Posted Speed Limits. The presentation outlined four recommendations:
 - Support legislative efforts to lower the prima facie speed to 25 mph.
 - Incorporate target design speeds into plans & manuals.
 - Systematically evaluate arterial speed limits citywide for appropriateness.
 - Establish a neighborhood slow zone pilot.
- Council Member Kitchen moved to forward staff's recommendations, to the full Council's upcoming meeting on December 15th. Council Member Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 3-1 vote with Council Member Zimmerman opposed.

Speakers:

- Carlee McConnell
- Heyden Walker

- Lauren Creswell
- Katie Deollos
- Lydia Deollos
- Kathy Sokolic
- Miller Nuttle
- Robert Anderson
- Brendan Wittstruck

Direction: The item will be placed on the December 15, 2016 City Council agenda.

Recommendation: The Mobility Committee voted to forward staff's recommendations to Council with a recommendation to approve.