Transportation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 69

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

Amount and Source of Funding: \$500.00 for the installation of signs is available in the Fiscal Year 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 and the Public Works Department to determine if modifications were appropriate to improve the safety for the students attending Josephine Houston 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: Jacaranda Drive from Tallow Tree Drive to 230 feet south of Lemon Drive (20 MPH School Zone).

Add: Tallow Tree Drive from 230 feet north of Jacaranda Drive to 200 feet south of Jacaranda Drive (20 MPH School Zone).