

Recommendation for Council Action

Item ID 54305 Austin City Council Agenda Number 33.

2/4/2016 Transportation Meeting Date: Department:

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) to reflect the correct speed limit of 35 miles per hour on Lamar Boulevard (North) from 744 feet north of Oakbrook Trail (mile point 3.398) to 375 feet south of Little Oak Drive (mile point 3.725) during certain times, for students attending Brentwood Christian School; and declaring an emergency.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding will not be required through the Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department since the existing signs installed by Texas Department of Transportation reflect the correct speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

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Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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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. An investigation of North Lamar Boulevard (Loop 275) was conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in accordance with the procedures specified in Texas Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones. As a result of this investigation, TxDOT recommended a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on Lamar Boulevard (North) from 744 feet north of Oakbrook Trail (mile point 3.398) to 375 feet south of Little Oak Drive (mile point 3.725) during certain times, for students attending Brentwood Christian School (Ordinance 20020822-49). Subsequent Ordinances 20031204-013 and 20021211-011 also reflected the speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

However, when the speed limit table was repealed and replaced in its entirety by Ordinance 20070809-004, this section of North Lamar Boulevard was incorrectly listed as having a speed limit of 30 mph instead of 35 mph during certain times, for students attending Brentwood Christian School.

As a result, this RCA will correct the City Code to reflect the correct speed limit as follows:

Amendment to Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits) to Delete:

Lamar Boulevard (North) from 744 feet north of Oakbrook Trail (mile point 3.398) to 375 feet south of Little Oak Drive (mile point 3.725) (30 mph Speed Limit)

Amendment to Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits) to Add:

Lamar Boulevard (North) from 744 feet north of Oakbrook Trail (mile point 3.398) to 375 feet south of Little Oak Drive (mile point 3.725) (35 mph Speed Limit)