



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2872, **Agenda Item #:** 73.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits) to establish a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a section of Pleasant Valley Road (North) from 100 feet south of the center line of Canterbury Street to Webberville Road and a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a section of Pleasant Valley (South) from 100 feet south of the center line of Canterbury Street to 500 feet north of the center line of Oltorf Street (East).

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) for installation of necessary signs.

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Additional Backup Information:

To modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, Texas traffic laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. An investigation of Pleasant Valley Road (North) and Pleasant Valley Road (South) was conducted by the Transportation Engineering Division of the Austin Transportation Department in accordance with the procedures specified in the Texas Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones, 2015, including factors affecting roadway safety (street curvature, driveway density, crash history).

This ordinance change is part of ATD's initial group of speed modification reports to evaluate operating speeds and safety on the City's primary arterial streets to recommend appropriate speed limits based on factors affecting roadway safety. This effort is included in ATD's Vision Zero initiative and its emerging Speed Management Program. ATD is also evaluating the appropriateness of a citywide arterial speed limit alternative to discuss with Council at a later date.

The Transportation Engineering Division recommends making the following amendments to City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits) to establish a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a section of Pleasant Valley Road (North) from 100 feet south of the center line of Canterbury Street to Webberville Road and a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a section of Pleasant Valley (South) from 100 feet south of the center line of Canterbury Street to 500 feet north of the center line of Riverside Drive (East). These amendments will extend the existing maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour, resulting in a continuous speed limit from Webberville Road to the center line Oltorf Street (East).

Delete: Pleasant Valley Road (North) from 7th Street (East) to Webberville Road. (35 MPH)

Delete: Pleasant Valley Road (South) from 100 feet south of the center line of Canterbury Street to 500 feet north of the center line of Riverside Drive (East). (45 MPH)

Delete: Pleasant Valley Road (South) from 500 feet north of the center line of Riverside Drive (East) to the center line of Oltorf Street (East). (35 MPH)

Add: Pleasant Valley Road (North) from 100 feet south of the center line of Canterbury Street to Webberville Road. (35 MPH)

Add: Pleasant Valley Road (South) from 100 feet south of the center line of Canterbury Street to the center line of Oltorf Street (East). (35 MPH)