



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2394, **Agenda Item #:** 109.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to reduce the length of an existing school zone by 405 feet on Loyola Lane for the safety of the students attending Barbara Jordan Elementary School; and declaring an emergency.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

In order to modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, Texas Traffic Laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. A field observation of Loyola Lane was conducted by the Transportation Engineering Division of the Austin Transportation Department (ATD). The Transportation Engineering Division recommends the following amendment to City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) Table of Speed Limits:

Delete:

Loyola Lane from 250 feet west of Johnny Morris Road to 50 feet east of Sandshof Drive (Jordan Elementary School). (20 MPH Speed Limit).

Add:

Loyola Lane from 250 feet west of Johnny Morris Road to 600 feet east of Johnny Morris Road (Barbara Jordan Elementary School) (20 MPH Speed Limit).

The Austin Transportation Department recommends reducing the length of the existing school zone to improve the visibility of the school zone flasher. The current location of the school zone flasher is adjacent to Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) crossing flashers that ATD recently installed to improve the crossing at Loyola Lane and Sandshof Drive. Reducing the school zone will both locate the school flashers away from the newly installed PHB flashers and locate the school flashers west of the railroad crossing. The result will eliminate potential confusion created by having three flashers in the same field of vision, allowing drivers to focus solely on the school zone flashers after crossing the railroad tracks. Reducing the length of the school zone will also improve compliance to the school zone speed limit as drivers approach Barbara Jordan Elementary School. ATD has coordinated with staff at Barbara Jordan Elementary School as well as the Colony Park Neighborhood Association and has received no objections.

This project is location within the 78724 Zip Code

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility; Safety