



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3466, **Agenda Item #:** 45.

12/2/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (*Table of Speed Limits*) to increase the length of an existing school zone by 440 feet on Colony Loop Drive as having a maximum speed limit of 20 miles per hour, during certain times, for students attending Overton Elementary School; and provide for emergency passage.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$6,075 is available from the Safe Routes to School Program in the Public Works Department to install and upgrade one static sign to a flashing beacon at the start of the new school zone location. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

December 13, 2007 - Council approved resolution No. 20071213-042 to establish a school zone for Overton Elementary School as part of the consent agenda. No votes provided.

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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 Colony Loop Drive was conducted by the Transportation Engineering Division of the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), who recommends the following amendment to City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) Table of Speed Limits:

Delete:

Colony Loop Drive from Ritchie Street to 550 feet north of Ritchie Street (Overton Elementary School). (20 MPH Speed Limit).

Add:

Colony Loop Drive from 440 feet south of Ritchie Drive to 550 feet north of Ritchie Drive (Overton Elementary School). (20 MPH Speed Limit).

ATD recommends increasing the length of the existing school zone to include the pedestrian crossing island that was recently constructed as part of a Safe Routes to School project. The pedestrian crossing island provides a safe crossing along Colony Loop Drive. It also connects to a recently constructed trail as part of a Neighborhood Partnering Program that leads to a more direct walking route to Overton Elementary School.

ATD has coordinated with staff at Overton Elementary School as well as the Colony Park Neighborhood Association and has received no objections. The ordinance language is being updated to correct Ritchie's designation as a Drive.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility, Safety