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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	14202	Agenda Number	61.
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Meeting Date:	4/26/2012	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to add a portion of West Gate Boulevard to the table of streets having a maximum speed limit of 35 mph; and adding a portion of West Gate Boulevard and Kentish Drive to the table of streets as having a maximum speed limit of 20 mph at certain times for students attending Cowan Elementary School; and to provide emergency passage.

Amount and Source of Funding

\$19,000.00 for the installation of signs and flashers is available in the 2011-2012 Child Safety Fund of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

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 Cowan Elementary School. Based on this investigation, the Austin Transportation Department recommends the following amendment to Code Section 12-4-64(D)(Table of Speed Limits):

Add: West Gate Boulevard from 165 feet north of Cohoba Drive to 230 feet south of Cohoba Drive (20 MPH School Zone).

Add: Kentish Drive from West Gate Boulevard to 835 feet east of West Gate Boulevard to reflect existing field conditions. (20 MPH School Zone).

Add: West Gate Boulevard from Cameron Loop to Slaughter Lane. (35 MPH Speed Limit)