

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23904	Agenda Number	25.
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Meeting Date:	5/9/2013	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to modify the speed limits on certain segments of Ross Road, to add a 20 mile-per-hour school zone for students attending Del Valle elementary and middle schools, and declaring an emergency.

Amount and Source of Funding

\$500.00 for the installation of signs is available in the 2012-2013 Child Safety Fund of the Department of Public Works and the Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

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. Traffic volumes, traffic speeds, and pedestrian volumes and patterns were evaluated on Ross Road by the Austin Transportation Department to determine if modifications were appropriate to improve the safety for the students attending Del Valle Elementary and Middle Schools. Based on this investigation, the Austin Transportation Department recommends adding the following amendment to City Code Section 12-4-64(D)(Table of Speed Limits):

Amend: Ross Road from Pearce Lane to 1,330 feet north of Pearce Lane [~~545 feet north of Gilwell Drive~~] (40 MPH Speed Limit)

Amend: Ross Road from 310 feet south of Thome Valley Drive to 250 feet north of Thome Valley Drive (20 MPH school zone for students attending Del Valle Elementary and Middle Schools) [~~25 MPH~~].

Add: Ross Road from 560 feet south of Thome Valley Drive to 500 feet north of Thome Valley Drive (35 MPH Speed Limit)

Add: Ross Road from 485 feet south of Gilwell Drive to 545 feet north of Gilwell Drive (40 MPH Speed Limit).