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## Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council  |  | Item ID | 23909 | Agenda Number | 63.            |
| Meeting Date:  | 5/9/2013   |         |       | Department:   | Transportation |
| Subject  |  |         |       |               |                |
| Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64(D) to modify speed limits on certain segments of St. Elmo Road, to add 20 mile-per-hour school zones on St. Elmo Road and Woodward Street for students attending Harmony School of Excellence, and to provide for emergency passage. |  |         |       |               |                |
| Amount and Source of Funding   |  |         |       |               |                |
| \$30,000.00 for the installation of signs and flashers is available in the 2012-2013 Child Safety Fund of the Public Works Department 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, the Texas Traffic Laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. Traffic volumes, traffic speeds, and pedestrian volumes and patterns were evaluated on East St. Elmo Road and Woodward Street by the Austin Transportation Department to determine if modifications were appropriate to improve the safety for the students attending Harmony School of Excellence. Based on this investigation, the Austin Transportation Department recommends adding the following amendments to City Code Section 12-4-64(D)(Table of Speed Limits):

**Amend:** St. Elmo Road (East) from South Industrial Drive [~~I.H. 35 (South) East Frontage Road~~] to Nuckols Crossing Road. (40 MPH Speed Limit)

**Add:** St. Elmo Road (East) from I.H. 35 (South) East Frontage Road to Freidrich Lane. (40 MPH Speed Limit)

**Add:** St. Elmo Road (East) from Freidrich Lane to South Industrial Drive. (35 MPH Speed Limit)

**Add:** St. Elmo Road (East) from 210 feet west of Woodward Street to 640 feet east of Woodward Drive. (20 MPH School Zone)

**Add:** Woodward Street from 630 feet north of St. Elmo Road (East) to St. Elmo Road (East). (20 MPH School Zone)