



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2867, **Agenda Item #:** 68.

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Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits) to establish a maximum speed limit of 40 miles per hour on a section of Airport Boulevard from IH 35 (North) to Glissman Road.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department for installation of necessary signs.

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Additional Backup Information:

To modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, Texas traffic laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. An investigation of Airport Boulevard was conducted by the Transportation Engineering Division of the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) in accordance with the procedures specified in the Texas Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones, 2015, including factors affecting roadway safety (street curvature, driveway density, crash history).

This ordinance change is part of ATD's initial group of speed modification reports to evaluate operating speeds and safety on the City's primary arterial streets to recommend appropriate speed limits based on factors affecting roadway safety. This effort is included in ATD's Vision Zero initiative and its emerging Speed Management Program. ATD is also evaluating the appropriateness of a citywide arterial speed limit alternative to discuss with Council at a later date.

The Transportation Engineering Division recommends making the following amendments to City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits) to establish a maximum speed limit of 40 miles per hour on a section of Airport Boulevard from IH 35 (North) to Glissman Road. These amendments will extend the existing maximum speed limit of 40 miles per hour, resulting in a continuous speed limit from 185 feet south of 50th Street (East) to 2,700 feet south of Glissman Road (mile point 12.846). These amendments also remove redundant parts of Code Section 12-4-64 (D) to simplify the Table of Speed Limits.

Delete: Airport Boulevard from 47 feet south of East 45th Street (mile point 10.000) to 2,700 feet south of Glissman Road (mile point 12.846). (45 MPH)

Delete: Airport Boulevard from 185 feet south of 50th Street (East) to I.H.35 (North) West Frontage Road. (40 MPH)

Delete: Airport Boulevard from 232 feet south of Rowood Road to 195 feet south of Schieffer Avenue. (50 MPH)

Delete: Airport Boulevard from I.H. 35 (North) East Frontage Road to 464 feet south of I.H. 35 (North) East

Frontage Road. (40 MPH)

Add: Airport Boulevard from 185 feet south of 50th Street (East) to 2,700 feet south of Glissman Road (mile point 12.846). (40 MPH)