



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2871, **Agenda Item #:** 72.

9/19/2019

### **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 Lamar Boulevard (South) from Barton Skyway to Ben White Boulevard (West).

### **Lead Department**

Austin Transportation Department

### **Fiscal Note**

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

### **For More Information:**

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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 Lamar Boulevard (South) was conducted by the Transportation Engineering Division of 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 Lamar Boulevard (South) from Barton Skyway to Ben White Boulevard (West).

**Delete:** Lamar Boulevard (South) from 450 feet south of Barton Skyway to Ben White Boulevard (West). (45 MPH)

**Add:** Lamar Boulevard (South) from 450 feet south of Barton Skyway to Ben White Boulevard (West). (40 MPH)