



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 12-4 (D) to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour for Matthews Lane from Menchaca Road to Cooper Lane.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Transportation Department

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Matthews Lane is an undivided two-way, two-lane, neighborhood street with front-facing residential uses and varying widths between 20 and 32 feet. The existing speed limit between Menchaca Road and Forest Wood Road is 30 miles per hour (MPH), and the existing speed limit between Forest Wood Road and Cooper Lane is 35 MPH.

In order to establish, modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, the Texas traffic laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) conducted an investigation of Matthews Lane in accordance with the procedures specified in the Texas Department of Transportation's Texas Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones, 2015 and the Federal Highway Administration's USLIMITS2 tool.

ATD recommends removing the established speed limits of 35 MPH and 30 MPH on Matthews Lane between Menchaca Road and Cooper Lane. This recommendation would provide a consistent 25 MPH speed limit along the roadway and would reflect a speed limit that is more appropriate for the context of the neighborhood street.

ATD recommends the following amendment to City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits). By deleting this existing code, the entire street segment between Menchaca Road and Cooper Lane would revert to a speed limit of 25 MPH per City Code 12-4-66 (Speed Limits on Neighborhood Streets).

### **Delete:**

Matthews Lane from Forest Wood Road to Cooper Lane. (35 MPH)

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility, Safety