Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3328, **Agenda Item #:** 40. 11/15/2022

Posting Language
Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 12-4-64(D) to modify the speed limit on Dessau Road.

Lead Department
Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note
This item has no fiscal impact

Prior Council Action:
Ordinance No. 20220616-085 to lower and establish speed limits on arterial streets outside of the Urban Core was approved on a vote of 11-0.

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Additional Backup Information:
In order to establish, modify, or alter the existing speed limit of a street, Texas traffic laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) completed an engineering study in May 2022 to recommend speed modifications for Level 3 and 4 streets as classified in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) outside of the Urban Core of the City of Austin, defined by streets outside of the area bounded by US 183, SH 71/US 290, and Loop 1 (MoPac). ATD reviewed national best practice on setting speed limits using the approach of a single, comprehensive engineering study to develop recommended speed limit modifications for applicable streets rather than individual engineering studies for each street.

On June 16, 2022, Council approved ATD's recommended speed limit modifications to Level 3 and 4 streets, including Dessau Road, with Ordinance No. 20220616-085. However, a section of existing City Code that should have been deleted in accordance with ATD's comprehensive engineering study, inadvertently was retained.

This Request for Council Action amends City Code Chapter 12-4 (Speed Limits) to delete the 50 MPH segment of Dessau Road from 580 feet north of Brighton Lane to Bradbury Lane, which overlaps with the 40 MPH segment set by Ordinance 20220616-085.

Amendment to Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Table of Speed Limits)

Delete: Dessau Road from 580 feet north of Brighton Lane to Bradbury Lane. (50 MPH)

Strategic Outcome(s):
Mobility, Safety

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