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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1698, Agenda Item #: 37.

5/18/2023

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (*Table of Speed Limits*) to modify speed limits on segments of North Lamar Boulevard.

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

Resolution No. 20170302-028 to establish a speed limit of 50 miles per hour on North Lamar Boulevard from Parmer Lane to Braker Lane and a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on North Lamar Boulevard from 723 feet north of Oak Brook Drive to 407 feet south of Little Oak Drive, during certain times for students attending Brentwood Christian School was approved on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Kitchen off the dais.

Resolution No. 20211202-044 to establish a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on North Lamar Boulevard from 250 feet north of West Yager Lane to 750 feet north of West Yager Lane, during certain times for students attending Not Your Ordinary Charter School was approved on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

North Lamar Boulevard is designated as State Highway Loop 275 within the segment under consideration and under purview of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

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. TxDOT conducted an investigation of North Lamar Boulevard in accordance with the procedures specified in the TxDOT's "Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones" and the Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 545, Subchapter H "Speed Restrictions".

The Transportation Public Works Department concurs with TxDOT's investigation and recommends amending the City Code Section 12-4-64 (*Table of Speed Limits*) as follows:

Delete:

Lamar Boulevard (North) from Parmer Lane to Braker Lane (50 MPH Speed Limit)

Lamar Boulevard (North) from 723 feet north of Oak Brook Drive to 407 feet south of Little Oak Drive (Brentwood Christian School) (35 MPH Speed Limit)

Lamar Boulevard (North) from 250 feet north of West Yager Lane to 750 feet north of West Yager Lane

(Not Your Ordinary School Charter School) (35 MPH Speed Limit)

Add:

Lamar Boulevard (North) from Parmer Lane to 723 feet north of Oakbrook Drive (45 MPH Speed Limit)

Lamar Boulevard (North) from 723 feet north of Oakbrook Drive to Braker Lane (40 MPH Speed Limit)

Lamar Boulevard (North) from 723 feet north of Oak Brook Drive to 407 feet south of Little Oak Drive (Brentwood Christian School) (30 MPH Speed Limit)

Lamar Boulevard (North) from 250 feet north of West Yager Lane to 750 feet north of West Yager Lane (Not Your Ordinary School Charter School) (30 MPH Speed Limit)