



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2253, **Agenda Item #:** 120.

7/20/2023

### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (Speed Limits) to establish a maximum speed limit of 15 miles per hour on a segment of Tilley Street, 20 miles per hour on a segment of East 51<sup>st</sup> Street, and 20 miles per hour on a segment of Manor Road during certain times, for students attending Marshall Middle School; and provide for emergency passage.

### **Lead Department**

Transportation and Public Works

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact. Funding in the amount of \$60,000 is available from the Safe Routes to School Program of the Transportation and Public Works Department for the necessary school zone flashers.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Austin Independent School District (AISD) is opening Marshall Middle School in Fall 2023 with expected first year enrollment of approximately 280 students with a maximum capacity of 800. The school is located directly adjacent to Tilley Street and Zach Scott Street with the main entrance located at the intersection of Tilley Street and Simond Avenue.

A marked pedestrian crossing exists with pedestrian refuge islands across East 51<sup>st</sup> Street at Tilley Street, 0.4 miles from the school's main entrance and across Manor Road at Zach Scott Street 0.5 miles from the main entrance. Because AISD Transportation staff have indicated that students residing less than 2 miles from the school will be within the designated walking area, Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) staff coordinated with AISD to propose school zones on East 51<sup>st</sup> Street and on Manor Road to include the existing unprotected crossings.

Additionally, in preparation for the opening of the school, TPW is planning to install marked crosswalks across Tilley Street, directly in front of the school, at the intersections of McBee Street, Simond Avenue, and Camacho Street. TPW staff coordinated with AISD Transportation staff to include a school zone that will cover the crosswalks in front of the school.

In order to modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, Texas Traffic Laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. The existing posted speed limits on East 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Manor Road, and Tilley Street are 35 MPH, 35 MPH, and 25 MPH respectively. Investigations of East 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Manor Road, and Tilley Street were conducted by the Transportation Engineering Division of TPW.

The Transportation Engineering Division recommends adding the following amendments to City Code Subsection D of City Code Section 12-4-64 (*Table of Speed Limits*):

Add: 51<sup>st</sup> Street (East) from 240 feet west of Tilley Street to 200 feet east of Tilley Street. (20 MPH)  
(SZ)

Add: Manor Road from 240 feet north of Zach Scott Street to 200 feet south of Zach Scott Street. (20 MPH) (SZ)

Add: Tilley Street from 200 feet north of McBee Street to 200 feet south of Camacho Street. (15 MPH)  
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