

# **City of Denton**

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation Services Division

DCM: Cassy Ogden

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance amending chapter 18 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article III "Speed of Vehicles", Section 18-73 "Speed Limits On Certain Roads And Highways", "School Zones", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, to change the locations, extent, and speed limits of certain parts of N. Locust and N. Bonnie Brae Street in the Vicinity of Evers Park Elementary School and Immaculate Conception School; providing a repealer clause; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication; providing codification; and providing an effective date.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Staff completed the 2022 Citywide Speed Study and made recommendations to Council which were adopted on Dec. 6, 2022. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) owned roadways require approval by TxDOT prior to making changes to speed limits. Staff has worked with TxDOT and received approval to adjust speed limits on roadways included in the 2022 Citywide Speed Study.

Staff regularly communicates with the Denton Independent School District (DISD) about school zones. Recently, Evers Park Elementary School and Immaculate Conception School requested the installation of school zone speed limit to enhance safety for students and pedestrians. Therefore, staff proposed to put the school zone speed limit signs for Evers Park Elementary School to reduce the speed limit on N Locust Street from 40 mph to 25 mph at 300 feet north and south of Cobblestone Row (since N Locust Street is a state road, the reduced speed limit cannot be more than 15 mph below that speed or the normal posted speed limit), and for Immaculate Conception School reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 20 mph on Bonnie Brae at 300 feet north and south of east-west N Bonnie Brae Street.

Staff has updated the tables within Chapter 18 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article III "Speed of Vehicles", Section 18-73 "Speed Limits on Certain Roads and Highways" in accordance with the results of TxDOT approvals and communications with DISD.

#### **OPTIONS**

- 1. Recommend approval of proposes speed limit changes, and School Zones adjustments.
- 2. Provided staff with additional direction on the proposed changes.
- 3. Reject the proposed changes.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the updated tables within Chapter 18 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article

III "Speed of Vehicles", Section 18-73 "Speed Limits on Certain Roads and Highways" as presented.

## ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The School Zone Speed Limit signs will be installed 30 days after the City Council approves the ordinance. Additionally, the Denton Police Department will begin enforcing the no parking rules on the designated section of Paisley Street 30 days after the installation of the signs.

## **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Materials for this project will be funded through the Traffic Operations general operating budget.

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

- Exhibit 2 School Zone Signs Maps
- Exhibit 3 Draft Ordinance

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