



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0670, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

5/8/2025

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-64 (Speed Limits) to establish a maximum speed limit of 20 miles per hour on a segment of Wolfrap Drive, from 160 feet south of West Slaughter Lane to 933 feet south of West Slaughter Lane, for students attending Bowie High School. Funding is available from the Transportation and Public Works Department's Operating Budget.

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works

Fiscal Note

Funding for the installation of static school zone signs is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Transportation and Public Works Department's Operating Budget. This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

Bowie High School in the Austin Independent School District (AISD) opened in 1988 and had enrollment of approximately 2,900 students in the 2023-2024 school year. The school is at the southwest corner of West Slaughter Lane and Wolfrap Drive.

A pedestrian refuge island with a marked crossing exists on Wolfrap Drive along the school frontage to facilitate students using the church parking lot on the east side of Wolfrap Drive. A marked crosswalk farther south on Wolfrap Drive near the school driveway serves students walking from the residential area to the south. Observations were made by Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) staff during the school's morning and afternoon peak times in February 2025. Both pedestrian crossings on Wolfrap Drive are actively utilized by students, with more than 180 pedestrians during the morning peak and more than 260 pedestrians during the afternoon peak at the crossing nearest West Slaughter Lane. During these same times, there is also heavy vehicle utilization of Wolfrap Drive.

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 limit on Wolfrap Drive is 30 MPH.

Based on its investigation, TPW recommends installing a reduced school speed zone through the existing pedestrian crossings that are utilized on the route to Bowie High School on Wolfrap Drive. The school zone provides safer crossings with enhanced visibility for students to reach the school and all proposed school zones have been coordinated with AISD staff and received no objections.

The Transportation Engineering Division recommends adding the following amendment to City Code Section 12-4-64 (D) (Speed Limits).

Add: Wolfrap Drive from 160 feet south of West Slaughter Lane to 933 feet south of West Slaughter

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