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ACTION FORM
BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date (?) 08/23/2016

Subject Matter* (?) Sul Ross Elementary Speed Zone
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Department of Origin* ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT

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Type of Meeting* ○ BCD ○ Special ◉ Regular

Classification* ○ Public Hearing ◉ Consent ○ Statutory ○ Regular

Ordinance* ○ None ○ First Read ◉ Second Read ○ First & Only Read

Strategic Initiative*
- ☑ Public Safety
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☑ Quality of Life
- ☐ Service
- ☑ Infrastructure

Agenda Item Description* Consideration of an ordinance to amend Chapter 118, Traffic and Vehicles, Article II, Specific Street Regulations, Division 2 - Speed, of the City of Bryan Code of Ordinances, by specifically modifying the limits of the existing school speed zones for Sul Ross Elementary School.

Summary Statement* School speed zones are designated roadway segments approaching or adjacent to school grounds that have reduced speed limits during certain hours. School speed zones are established where children cross or are likely to cross a street but may not have the awareness to do so safely.

As part of the design of the new Sul Ross Elementary School campus, Bryan Independent School District (BISD) had a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) performed to identify any potential adverse impacts resulting from the reconstruction of the campus and to recommend possible mitigation strategies. As part of that analysis, the consultant noted apparent gaps and inconsistencies in the existing school speed zones. In response, the consultant proposed modifications to the limits of the existing school speed zones, which will result in better speed limit compliance and more effective enforcement and adjudication of alleged instances of speeding. The City of Bryan was requested by BISD to consider these modifications and implement them before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

The site plan for the new Sul Ross Elementary School campus is shown in attached Figure 1. The existing school speed zones as are currently signed and codified by ordinance are shown in attached Figure 2. The proposed school speed zones are shown in attached Figure 3.

These school speed zones will be marked and appropriately signed in compliance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and will be maintained by the City of Bryan Traffic Division.

Staff Analysis & Recommendation* Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment to Chapter 118, Traffic and Vehicles, Article II, Specific Street Regulations, Division 2 - Speed, of the City of Bryan Code of Ordinances, by modifying the limits of the existing school speed zones as recommended in the TIA study conducted by BISD for the new Sul Ross Elementary School campus. Removing the apparent gaps and inconsistencies in the existing school speed zones and implementing the proposed modifications will result in better school speed limit compliance and more effective enforcement and adjudication of alleged instances of speeding. Staff also recommends revisions to the existing school zone speed limit signs and beacons be completed before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, which is August 22, 2016.

Options* (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)
1. Adopt the new ordinance as a replacement to the present ordinance.
2. Do not adopt the ordinance replacement and provide direction to staff.

Funding Source* General Fund - Traffic Operations (staff time and material costs)

Attachments

Sul Ross_School Speed Zone Ordinance.docx	29.06KB
Attachments Sul Ross Speed Zone.pdf	3.77MB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

Note: pdf attachments are combined and Word files are combined resulting in only two (2) attachments to this Council Action Form

1. Sul Ross Elementary School Site Plan (pdf file)
2. Map of existing school speed zone limits for Sul Ross Elementary School (pdf file)
3. Map of proposed school speed zone limits for Sul Ross Elementary School (pdf file)
4. Proposed Ordinance (clean) (Word File)
5. Proposed Ordinance (redlined) (Word File)

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