

<b>Meeting Date</b> (?)	12/06/2016
<b>Subject Matter</b> * (?)	Temporary Speed Limit Reduction - SH6 X-Ramp Construction This must match rolling agenda entry
<b>Department of Origin</b> *	ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT
<b>Submitted By</b> *	W. Paul Kaspar
<b>Type of Meeting</b> *	<input type="radio"/> BCD <input type="radio"/> Special <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular
<b>Classification</b> *	<input type="radio"/> Public Hearing <input type="radio"/> Consent <input checked="" type="radio"/> Statutory <input type="radio"/> Regular
<b>Ordinance</b> *	<input type="radio"/> None <input checked="" type="radio"/> First Read <input type="radio"/> Second Read <input type="radio"/> First & Only Read
<b>Strategic Initiative</b> *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Life
<b>Agenda Item Description</b> *	Consideration of an ordinance changing the posted speed limit of State Highway 6 from 70 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour from 0.12 miles south of William Joel Bryan Parkway (FM158) to 0.24 miles north of State Highway 21. The speed limit change is for the duration of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) highway improvement project, CSJ 0049-12-096, on SH 6, modifying the access ramps on this 2.456 mile stretch of the main lanes of SH 6.
<b>Summary Statement</b> *	<p>Previously the City Council lowered the speed limits for the current ramp construction project by TxDOT from 75 miles per hour to 65 miles per hour. This reduction was consistent with TxDOT practice of lowering the speed limit by 10 MPH to improve the safety of the construction crews in the work area and the motoring public traveling through the work zone.</p> <p>The speed limit along all of State Highway 6 through Bryan has since been lowered to 70 MPH through a TxDOT Mminute Order, and in keeping with normal practice, TxDOT has requested that the City of Bryan temporarily reduce the regulatory speed in the work zone to 60 miles per hour. The project limits are from just south of William Joel Bryan Parkway (FM158) at Mile Post 21.001 on US190 to just north of State Highway 21 at Mile Post 6.426 on State Highway 6 running approximately 2.456 miles.</p> <p>TxDOT's Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones manual describes the process for establishing a regulatory construction speed zone within an incorporated city, which includes two options. The first (and preferred) option is the local government establishes a regulatory construction speed zone by adopting an ordinance; the second option is for TxDOT's Transportation Commission to enact an official Mminute Order of the same effect. TxDOT prefers the local government establish an ordinance because it more easily allows local public opinion to be considered, and it ultimately is the local government's responsibility to enforce this regulation. The accompanying ordinance establishes a temporary 60 mile per hour regulatory construction speed zone along the section of SH 6 listed above and as shown on the attached map.</p> <p>The construction speed zone is temporary, only effective during construction, and expires after the completion of the TxDOT construction project. TxDOT and its contractor will be responsible for placing all signs and establishing the times when the reduced speed zone is in effect based upon the work in progress and traffic control plan in the construction plans.</p> <p>The speed limit will be posted early in the project and will remain until the work is complete.</p>
<b>Staff Analysis &amp; Recommendation</b> *	Staff recommends approving an ordinance temporarily amending Chapter 118 of the Bryan Code of Ordinances by changing the posted speed limit on SH 6 from 70 to 60 miles per hour between Mile Post 21.001 on US190 to Mile Post 6.426 on State Highway 6 for the duration of TxDOT's highway improvement project on SH 6 (Project CSJ 0049-12-096). The proposed change will enhance worker and motorist safety in this area. Passage of the construction speed limit will allow TxDOT to more safely construct the proposed improvements on SH 6. Adoption of this ordinance may cause minor inconvenience to motorists using SH 6 during the construction period of the project.
<b>Options</b> *	(In Suggested Order of Staff Preference) 1. Approve the ordinance amendment  2. Do not approve the ordinance amendment.
<b>Funding Source</b> *	Not Applicable

**Attachments**

SH 6 North XRamp Speed Reduction Ordinance - 12\_6\_2016.pdf

50.1KB

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

1. Proposed ordinance with exhibit

**Dept. Head Signature**

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*Hugh R. Walker*

**City Manager Signature**



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