

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: February 11, 2013
Public Hearing: February 19, 2013

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Keith Bennett, CNU-A, (915)621-6882,
bennettkd@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 5, 6

SUBJECT:

Approve an Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV – Speed Limits), Paragraph 12.88.150(L) (Speed Limits on Loop 375, the Freeway and Frontage Roads), Sub-Paragraphs 12.88.150(L)(2)(a) and 12.88.150(L)(2)(b)(Speed Limit on the Freeway), to amend existing speed limits, the penalty being as provided in Chapter 1.08 (General Penalty) of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

This ordinance is to codify the new speed limit that the Texas Department of Transportation has posted on Loop 375. The El Paso District office of the Texas Department of Transportation recently conducted a radar speed study on Loop 375 between Interstate 10 and Montana Avenue. This information was then forwarded to Traffic Operation Division, Austin, which concurred with the results. The Texas Transportation Commission passes a Minute Order #113220 on July 26, 2012 raising the speed limit on this portion of Loop 375 to 65 MPH.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Ted Marquez, Interim Director
Department of Transportation

Information copy to Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES), SECTION 12.88.150 (SCHEDULE XIV – SPEED LIMITS), PARAGRAPH 12.88.150(L) (SPEED LIMITS ON LOOP 375, THE FREEWAY AND FRONTAGE ROADS), SUB-PARAGRAPHS 12.88.150(L)(2)(a) AND 12.88.150(L)(2)(b) (SPEED LIMIT ON THE FREEWAY), TO AMEND EXISTING SPEED LIMITS, THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Section 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV – Speed Limits), Paragraph 12.88.150(L) (Speed limits Loop 375, the freeway and frontage roads), Sub-Paragraphs 12.88.150(L)(2)(a) and 12.88.150(L)(2)(b) (Speed limit on the freeway) of the El Paso City Code, are amended as follows:

12.88.150 L. 2. Speed limit on the freeway:

a. Maximum speed of 60 m.p.h. and a minimum of 45 m.p.h. from 5,070 feet east of Park Street to Interstate Highway 10.

b. Maximum speed of 65 m.p.h. and a minimum of 45 m.p.h. for the portion of Loop 375 from Interstate Highway 10 to the east city limit (Railroad Drive).

Section 2. Except as herein amended, Title 12 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____ 2013.

CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

John F. Cook, Mayor

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



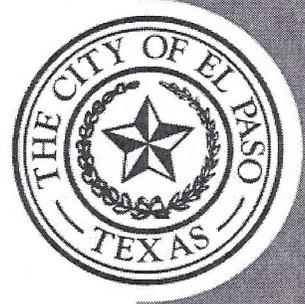
Cynthia Osborn
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Ted Marquez, Interim Director
Department of Transportation

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DATE: January 30, 2013
TO: Cynthia Osborn, Assistant City Attorney
FROM: Rudy Pino, P.E., Traffic Engineer *R.P.*
SUBJECT: Speed Limit Ordinance

It is requested that an ordinance be drafted amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 Schedule XIV—Speed Limits, of the El Paso City Code, to amend an existing speed limits.

12.88.150

L. Speed limits on Loop 375, the freeway and frontage roads:

Amend:

2. (a) Maximum speed of 60 m.p.h. and a minimum of 45 m.p.h. from 5,070 feet east of Park Street to north city limit (Montana Avenue)

To Read:

(a) Maximum speed of 60 m.p.h. and a minimum of 45 m.p.h. from 5,070 feet east of park street to Interstate Highway 10,

Amend:

2. (b) Maximum speed of 65 m.p.h. and a minimum of 45 m.p.h. for the portion of Loop 375 (also known as Purple Heart Highway) from the north city limit (Montana Avenue) to the east city limit (Railroad Drive),

To read:

(b) Maximum speed of 65 m.p.h. and a minimum of 45 m.p.h. for the portion of Loop 375 from Interstate Highway 10 to the east city limit (Railroad Drive),

This speed limit change is at the request of Texas Department of Transportation.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 599-6204 or Keith Bennett at 621-6882.

C: Department of Transportation. Location File

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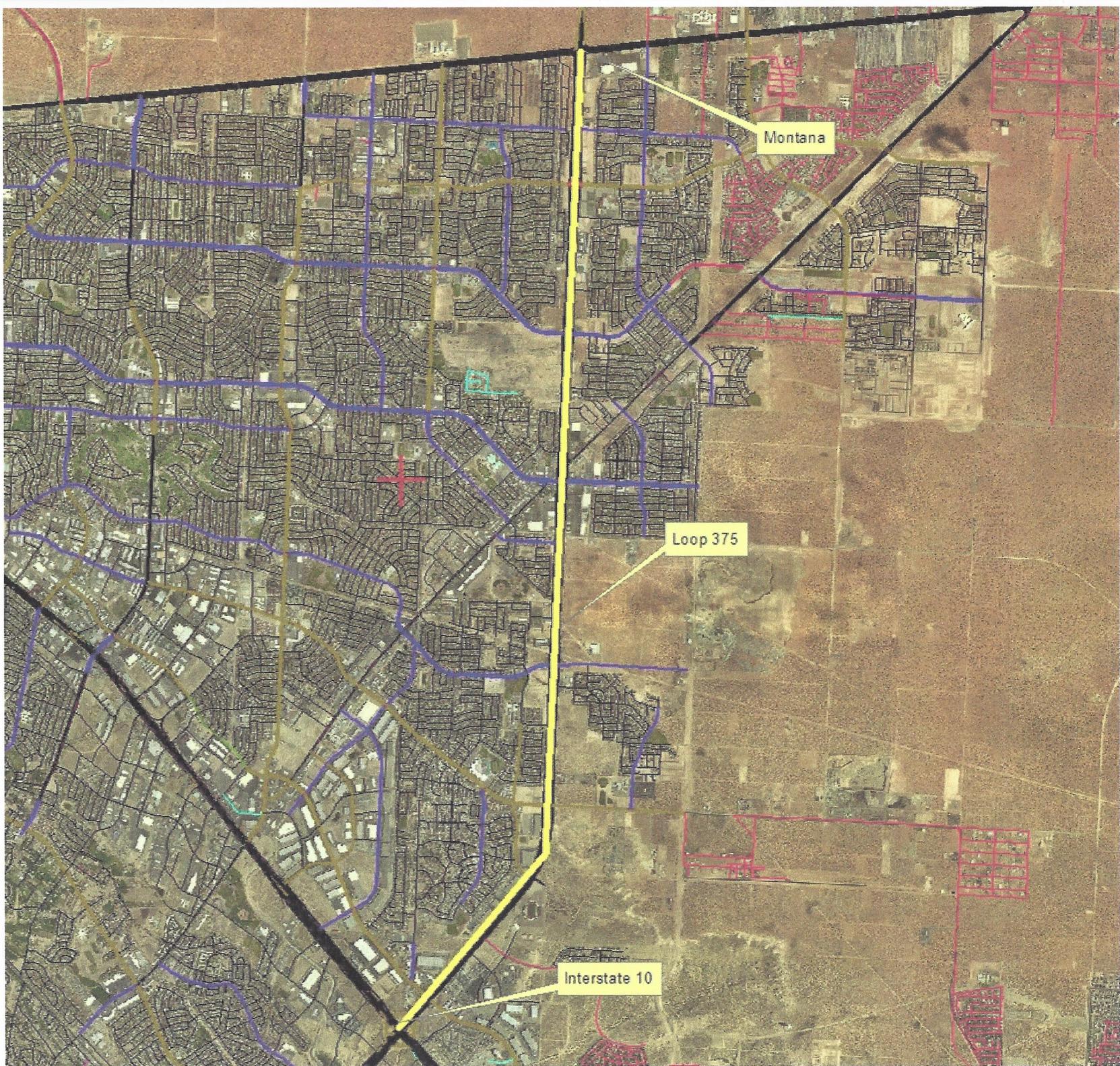
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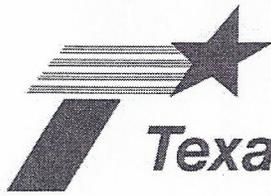
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Montana

Loop 375

Interstate 10



Texas Department of Transportation

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January 23, 2013

Highway: LP-375

County: El Paso

Ted Marquez, Deputy Director
Department of Transportation
City of El Paso
7968 San Paulo Drive
El Paso, Texas 79907

Dear Mr. Marquez:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently conducted a radar speed study on LP-375 (Joe Battle Blvd). TxDOT is recommending an increase in speed limit from 60 mph to 65 mph along LP-375 from US-62/180 (Montana Ave) to IH-10. TxDOT Traffic Operations Division has concurred with the results of the attached strip map. Please provide us with an ordinance showing the appropriate speed limits reflected on the attached strip map.

Feel free to contact me at (915) 790-4309 if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Edgar Fino, P.E.
Transportation Engineering Supervisor

REGULAR SPEED ZONES

County (City)	Highway Control Section	Limits			Length (Miles)	Speed (MPH)
		BEGIN	MP-Milepoint	END		
<i>El Paso District</i>						
El Paso (El Paso)	SL 375 2552-3	MP 5.000	MP 12.574	7.574	65	
<i>Fort Worth District</i>						
Johnson	FM 731 1094-4	MP 10.765	MP 10.979	0.214	45	
Johnson	FM 731 1094-4	MP 11.131	MP 14.512	3.381	55	
<i>Houston District</i>						
Montgomery	FM 1097 1259-1	MP 10.740	MP 18.047	7.307	55	
Montgomery	FM 1097 1259-1	MP 18.047	MP 22.097	4.050	50	
<i>Laredo District</i>						
Val Verde	SL 25 22-11	MP 0.000	MP 0.521	0.521	40	
Val Verde (Langtry, uninc.)	SL 25 22-11	MP 0.521	MP 0.913	0.392	35	
Val Verde	SL 25 22-11	MP 0.913	MP 1.335	0.422	40	

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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VARIOUS Districts

Transportation Code, §545.352 establishes prima facie reasonable and prudent speed limits for various categories of public roads, streets and highways.

Transportation Code, §545.353 empowers the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to alter those prima facie limits on any part of the state highway system as determined from the results of an engineering and traffic investigation conducted according to the procedures adopted by the commission.

The Texas Department of Transportation (department) has conducted the prescribed engineering and traffic investigations to determine reasonable and safe prima facie maximum speed limits for those segments of the state highway system shown in Exhibits A and B.

Exhibit A lists construction speed zones in effect when signs are displayed within construction projects. The completion and/or acceptance of each project shall cancel the provision of this minute order applying to said project and any remaining construction speed zone signs shall be removed.

Exhibit B lists speed zones for sections of highways where engineering and traffic investigations justify the need to alter the speeds.

It has also been determined that the speed limit on a segment of the state highway system, previously established by the commission by minute order and listed in Exhibit C, is no longer necessary or has been incorporated by the city which has the authority to set the speed limit on this section of the highway.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the reasonable and safe prima facie maximum speed limits determined in accordance with the department's "Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones" and shown on the attached Exhibits A and B are declared as tabulated in those exhibits. The executive director is directed to implement this order for control and enforcement purposes by the erection of appropriate signs showing the prima facie maximum speed limits.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a provision of any prior order by the commission which is in conflict with a provision of this order is superseded to the extent of that conflict, and that the portion of the minute order establishing the speed zone shown on the attached Exhibit C is canceled.

Submitted and reviewed by:



Director, Traffic Operations Division

Recommended by:



Executive Director

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Minute Date
Number Passed