

**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: All

SUBJECT:

Approve an Ordinance amending Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV – Speed Limits) to Amend Speed Limits on Mesa Street and to Delete Obsolete Temporary Construction Zone Speed Limits on Various City Streets, the Penalty Being as Provided in Sections 1.08.010-1.08.030 and 6.16.110, of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

This ordinance is to lower the speed limit on Mesa Street (SH 20) between Crestmont Drive and Executive Center Boulevard to 45 MPH from the current 50 MPH. The Texas Department of Transportation recently conducted radar speed survey along SH-20 (Mesa) from Doniphan to Montana. This information was then forwarded to Traffic Operations Division, Austin, which concurred with the results.

This ordinance is also deleting temporary construction speed limits that are no longer valid.

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) TO AMEND SPEED LIMITS ON MESA STREET AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ZONE SPEED LIMITS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS, THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 1.08.010-1.08.030 AND 6.16.110, 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 O (Speed limits on parts of Doniphan Drive (S.H. 20) and Mesa Street (S.H. 20 and U.S.B.R. 80)) of the El Paso City Code, is amended to delete the following paragraph:

5. 50 m.p.h. on Mesa Street from Crestmont Drive/Crown Point Drive to Executive Center Boulevard.

Section 2. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV – Speed Limits), Paragraph O (Speed limits on parts of Doniphan Drive (S.H. 20) and Mesa Street (S.H. 20 and U.S.B.R. 80)), Sub-paragraph 6. of the El Paso City Code, is amended to read as follows:

6. 45 m.p.h. on Mesa Street from Crestmont Drive/Crown Point Drive to Gregory Avenue.

Section 3. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV – Speed Limits), is amended to delete the following paragraphs:

T. Temporary reduction of the 45 miles per hour speed limit, to 35 miles per hour on Doniphan Drive between Edgar Road and Easy Way Road.

Y. Temporary reduction of the 50 and 55 m.p.h. speed limits, to 40 m.p.h. on U.S. 85 (Paisano Drive), between reference marker 322+1.0850 Sta. 235+10.00 and reference marker 326+0.6430 Sta. 423+07.34.

BB. Temporary reduction of the existing speed limits to 30 m.p.h., within the construction zone for the intersection of Alabama Street and McKelligon Canyon Road, for the duration of the construction project.

CC. Temporary reduction of the existing 60 m.p.h., on IH-10 between Sta. 535+00 and Sta. 570+00, for the duration of the IH-10 construction project.

DD. Temporary reduction of the existing 55 m.p.h. speed limits to 45 m.p.h., on the frontage roads of IH-10 between Sta. 535+00 and Sta. 570+00 for the duration of the IH-10 construction project.

EE. Temporary reduction of the existing 55 m.p.h. speed limit to 45 m.p.h., on Loop 375 construction project.

FF. Temporary reduction of the existing 70 m.p.h. speed limit to 55 m.p.h., on Interstate Highway 10 for both directions from 240 feet north of milepost 5 to 1550 feet north of milepost 8, for the duration of the IH-10 and Loop 375 Interchange Construction Project.

HH. Temporary reduction of the existing 60 m.p.h. speed limits to 45 m.p.h., on Loop 375 from one mile south of Bob Hope Drive to one mile north of Montana Road (US 62/180), in both directions, for the duration of the construction of the main lanes on Loop 375 from Bob Hope Drive to Montana Road.

II. Temporary reduction of the existing sixty m.p.h. speed limit to fifty m.p.h., on U.S. 54 between Hondo Pass Drive and Yandell Drive, for the duration of the U.S. 54 construction project.

JJ. Temporary reduction of the existing 60 m.p.h. speed limit to 50 m.p.h., on IH-10 East, between McRae Boulevard to 1.56 miles west of FM 659 (Zaragoza Road) for the duration of the Texas Department of Transportation rehabilitation work on IH-10.

Section 4. Except as herein amended, Title 12, Chapter 12.88, of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS _____ **day of** _____ **2013.**

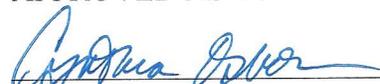
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ATTEST:

John F. Cook, Mayor

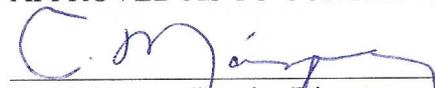
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Cynthia Osborn
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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DATE: January 17, 2013
TO: Cynthia Osborn, Assistant City Attorney
FROM: Rudy Pino, P.E., Traffic Engineer *R.P.*
SUBJECT: Speed Limit Ordinance

Mayor
John F. Cook

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 delete and amend an existing speed limit.

12.88.150

O. Speed limits on parts of Doniphan Drive (S.H. 20) and Mesa Street (S.H. 20 and U.S.B.R. 80)

Delete

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Amend:

6. 45 m.p.h. on Mesa Street from from Executive Center Boulevard to Gregory Avenue,

To read:

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These temporary speed limit reductions are no longer required. The construction projects have been completed.

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

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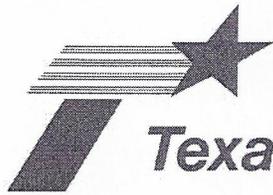


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January 15, 2013

Highway: SH 20
County: El Paso

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

Dear Mr. Marquez:

We have recently conducted a radar speed survey on SH 20 (Mesa) from SH 20 (Doniphan) to Montana. Along SH 20 (Mesa) we are recommending decreasing the speed limit from 50 mph to 45 mph from Crestmont to Executive. TxDOT TRF Division has concurred with the results of the attached strip map. Please provide us with an ordinance showing the appropriate speed limits so that it will reflect the speed limits of the attached strip map.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Willie Garcia, P.E. at (915) 790-4385.

Sincerely,

Edgar E. Fino, P.E.

Transportation Engineering Supervisor

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