



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting May 25, 2021

**DATE:** May 25, 2021  
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### Decrease of State Law Maximum Speed During School Zone Hours – Park Road 22

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code to decrease the speed limit on Park Road 22 from 55 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour on school days and hours for a school zone adjacent to Seashore Learning Center.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance will decrease the speed limit, during school zone hours, from 55 mph to 35 mph along Park Road 22 beginning at a point 0.249 miles (1315-feet) north of Encantada Avenue and ending at a point 0.122 miles (644-feet) south of Encantada Avenue. This will establish a school zone for Seashore Learning Center.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Island Foundation Board of Directors submitted a formal petition to the City of Corpus Christi to reduce the speed limit and/or install a school zone along Park Road 22 adjacent to the Seashore Learning Center. This request was forwarded to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) since Park Road 22 is a State maintained roadway.

Chapter 25 of the Texas Administrative Code provides the information and procedures necessary for governmental entities to establish a speed zone on State Highway systems. These procedures require an engineering and traffic study which was conducted by TXDOT in January 2021. They also require the respective city to pass an ordinance establishing the speed zone and allow TXDOT to install signage. The City will notify the Corpus Christi Police Department upon installation of signs.

The local TXDOT office conducted a traffic study, who then sent their findings to the TXDOT Divisions Office for review. TXDOT's findings and proposal to reduce the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph during school zone hours were approved by the Austin Traffic Division on February 22, 2021. TXDOT subsequently requested that the City of Corpus Christi pass an ordinance to establish the reduced speed zone so that TXDOT can install signage. The item was recommended for approval by the City's Transportation Advisory Commission during their monthly meeting in March 2021.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to pass an ordinance to establish a school zone for Seashore Learning Center.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

TXDOT will be responsible for establishing the speed zone, to include, all signs, pavement markings, flashing beacons, etc. The City will be responsible for the maintenance, which the department allocates within its operating budget for maintenance of traffic signal equipment city-wide.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund:	1041	Streets
Organization/Activity:	12460	Traffic Lighting
Mission Element:	051	Maintain, Pavement & Associated Improvements
Project # (CIP Only):	n/a	
Account:	530235	Infrastructure Maintenance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council approve the passage of this ordinance to establish a school zone for Seashore Learning Center.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Strip Map  
Proposed Signage  
Ordinance