



**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**  
City Council Meeting of March 18, 2025

**DATE:** March 18, 2025  
**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager  
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**Ordinance Amending Corpus Christi Code to Reduce the Speed Limit on Weber Road (FM 43) between Saratoga Boulevard (SH 357) and Oso Creek Bridge and reduce the speed limit on Ennis Joslin (Spur3) between South Padre Island Drive and Ocean Drive**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending Section 53-254 of the City Code to reduce the speed limit on Weber Road (FM 43), between Saratoga Boulevard (SH 357) and Oso Creek Bridge, and reduce the speed limit of Ennis Joslin Road (Spur 3), between South Padre Island Drive and Ocean Drive; providing for penalty and publication

**SUMMARY:**

This is an ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to reduce the speed limit on Weber Road (FM 43) between Saratoga Boulevard (SH 357) to Oso Creek Bridge and reduce the speed limit on Ennis Joslin (Spur3) between South Padre Island Drive and Ocean Drive.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City of Corpus Christi received a request from The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to review and authorize a reduction in speed limits for two (2) state-maintained roadway corridors in Corpus Christi City limits. The segments and speed reductions include:

- Weber Road (FM43) – Saratoga Boulevard (SH357) to Oso Creek Bridge
  - Speed limit reduced from 45MPH to 40MPH
- Ennis Joslin Road (Spur 3) – South Padre Island Drive to Ocean Drive
  - This segment has varying speed limits of 35MPH, 40MPH and 45MPH. Speed limit reduced to 35MPH across the entire segment.

TxDOT conducted engineering and traffic studies for both corridors in accordance with guidelines for state-maintained roads found in the “Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones”. Studies performed evaluated various factors including existing speeds, crashes, roadway alignment, driveways, pedestrians, and bus stops. These studies were reviewed

by TXDOT's Traffic Division and approval from their Transportation Commission.

The Public Works Department is recommending the City amend city ordinance Section 53-254 to adjust the speed limits for segments of Weber Road and Ennis Joslin Road identified in the study. Passage of the ordinance is in conformance with TxDOT requirements and allows enforcement by the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD).

After the Council approves the ordinance amending the Corpus Christi code, TXDOT will coordinate with the City on the timeline to install signs. At this time, TXDOT has estimated installation within a month of City Council approval of the changes. There will also be collaboration on educating the citizens on when the speed limit changes will be enforced using various media and message boards along each corridor. Once the new signs are installed and communicated to the public, there will be a grace period of two weeks by CCPD before actual citations are being issued to non-compliant drivers.

**PROCUREMENT DETAIL:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

An alternative is to not approve the ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to reduce the speed limit on Weber Road (FM 43) between Saratoga (SH 357) and Oso Creek Bridge and reduce the speed of Ennis Joslin (Spur3) between South Padre Island Drive and Ocean Drive. However, TXDOT would proceed with the installation of signs. This would create enforcement issues with a lack of an adopted City ordinance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	N/A
Department:	N/A
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval to execute this ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to reduce the speed limit on Weber Road (FM 43) between Saratoga (SH 357) and Oso Creek Bridge and reduce the speed of Ennis Joslin (Spur3) between South Padre Island Drive and Ocean Drive, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Presentation