



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

District Impacted

- ☐ 1 = Anzollitto
- ☐ 2 = Woolard
- ☐ 3 = Boyd
- ☐ 4 = Cisneros
- ☐ 5 = Colvin
- ☒ All

DESCRIPTION	CONSIDER ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-30; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-18 ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL ZONE IN THE AREA OF 121 OLD SAN ANTONIO ROAD AT MEADOWLANDS CAMPUS AND REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT DURING THE DESIGNATED HOURS AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-42 ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL ZONE AT NORTH MAIN STREET FROM THE 200 BLOCK TO THE 400 BLOCK. (Remove school zones on Main Street and Old San Antonio Road by Meadowlands.) <i>(Ordinance was approved on first reading during the August 9, 2016 City Council Meeting, deleting the school zone on Old San Antonio Road from this Ordinance.)</i>
STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION (be specific)	Approve On Second Reading Ordinance No. 2016-30; An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2008-18 Establishing A School Zone In The Area Of 121 Old San Antonio Road At Meadowlands Campus And Reducing The Speed Limit During The Designated Hours And An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2009-42 Establishing A School Zone At North Main Street From The 200 Block To The 400 Block. (Remove school zones on Main Street and Old San Antonio Road by Meadowlands.) <i>(Ordinance was approved on first reading during the August 9, 2016 City Council Meeting, deleting the school zone on Old San Antonio Road from this Ordinance.)</i>
CONTACT PERSON	Michael Mann – Public Works Director
SUMMARY	<p>Overuse of traffic control measures can be counterproductive. Although it may be counterintuitive to some, drivers might tend to speed or ignore other traffic control devices to “make up for lost time” if they sense they needed to slow or stop unnecessarily. In other words, overuse of traffic controls, where they are not necessarily needed, can lead to more dangerous behavior at other possibly more important areas.</p> <p>School Zones, especially those with special speed limits, are intended to enhance pedestrian safety. Based on current conditions, it is Staff's opinion that the existing Special School Speed Zones on Main Street nearest to the former Fabra Elementary School campus, and on Old San Antonio Road adjacent to the Meadowlands campus, be eliminated.</p> <p>With regard to the Main Street Location, Fabra Elementary School has</p>

	<p>been relocated to a location on Johns Road. Council recently approved new School Zone installations for that campus. While it is true that Boerne Middle School North campus will remain in operation on Johns Road, it is located a block away from Main Street and the Johns Road School Zone (along the frontage of the school), will remain. Furthermore, secondary aged school children have less perceived need for special speed zones because they generally have more experience in crossing streets than their Elementary School aged counterparts. Also, the vast majority of pedestrian crossings on Main Street should occur at the Johns Road traffic signal. This signal, as well as the signal at Blanco Road, has marked crosswalks and special pedestrian signage, providing an inherently much safer crossing experience than was provided when the School Zone signage was originally erected.</p> <p>There is very little pedestrian activity along Old San Antonio Road in the area of the Meadowlands campus. Furthermore, there is not a great deal of pick up and drop off vehicular traffic from that location due to the resident nature of the school aged children at that facility. Thus, the presence of a special school speed zone in that area is unwarranted.</p>
COST	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS	N/A
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Seen attached maps of affected areas.

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.

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