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MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2012

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator
Paul P. Holzen, P.E., Interim Director of Engineering
David Parker, P.E., City Engineer

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2012-10: "An Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit on Mack Hatcher Parkway From SR96 to West of SR 6 (US31) to be Forty-Five (45 MPH) Miles Per Hour in Both Directions

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider Ordinance 2012-10 adjusting the speed limit on Mack Hatcher Parkway to 45 miles per hour (MPH).

Background

The Mack Hatcher Parkway (State Route 397) roadway improvement and extension in Franklin, Tennessee is a unique project on which the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) utilized the Context Sensitive Design process to improve and develop a roadway that complements its surroundings. As part of this process, it was determined that the typical cross section would be curb and gutter. Based on current Tennessee Department of Transportation design standards the maximum speed for a curb and gutter section is 45 miles per hour. Based on this information the project was designed based on a 45 MPH design speed.

A June 18, 2007 amendment to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 55-8-152(f)(1)(C) gives municipalities authority "to set speed limits on the public roads and streets within their jurisdictions and not a part of the interstate and national defense highway system nor any access controlled highway on the state road and highway system."

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

Approval of ordinance 2012-10 to reduce the speed limit on Mack Hatcher Parkway from SR96 to West of SR 6 (US31) to be 45 MPH in both directions is recommended.

ORDINANCE 2012-10

TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON MACK HATCHER PARKWAY FROM SR96 TO WEST OF SR 6 (US31) TO BE FORTY-FIVE (45 MPH) MILES PER HOUR IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

WHEREAS, The Mack Hatcher Parkway was part of a Context Sensitive Design process recommending a curb and gutter cross-section; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Department of Transportation is currently widening Mack Hatcher Parkway From SR96 To West of SR 6 (US31); and

WHEREAS, Based on the Tennessee Department of Transportation Design Standards the maximum speed on Curb and Gutter Sections is Forty-Five (45 MPH) Miles Per Hour; and

WHEREAS, The design speed used for the project and approved by the Tennessee Department of Transportation was Forty-Five (45 MPH) Miles Per Hour;

NOW THEREFORE:

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee that the speed limit on Mack Hatcher Parkway From SR96 To West of SR 6 (US31) in both directions be decreased to Forty-Five (45 MPH) miles per hour for both directions.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that the penalty for failure to obey the provisions of this Ordinance shall be as indicated in the Franklin Municipal Code and/or the Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION III: BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage on second and final reading, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Franklin requiring it.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

BY: _____
ERIC S. STUCKEY
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

BY: _____
DR. KEN MORRE
MAYOR

PASSED FIRST READING

PASSED SECOND READING
