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MEMORANDUM

December 13, 2012

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator
David Parker, City Engineer/CIP Executive
Paul Holzen, Director of Engineering
William Banks, Staff Engineer

SUBJECT: **Consideration of Ordinance 2012-63, An Ordinance To Temporarily Reduce The Speed Limit On 5th Avenue North/Hillsboro Road (SR106) From Fair Street To Joel Cheek Blvd./Granville Road To Twenty Five Miles Per Hour (25 MPH) In Both Directions For The Duration Of The Hillsboro Road Improvements Construction Project.**

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to recommend approval of Ordinance 2012-63, an Ordinance to temporarily reduce the speed limit On 5th Avenue North and Hillsboro Road from Fair Street to Joel Cheek Blvd. and Granville Road to twenty five miles per hour (25 mph) in both directions for the duration of the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project, SR-96W to Independence Square (COF Contract No. 2012-0110).

Background

The first phase of the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project, SR-96W to Independence Square, was bid on December 3rd, and is on track to break ground in mid-January. Because of the size and scope of the roadway improvements, the project's construction limits stretch from Fair Street to Joel Cheek Blvd. For the safety of drivers and construction workers, staff recommends reducing the existing 35 MPH speed limit to 25 MPH. Previous Streetscape projects did not require a speed limit reduction, because the existing traffic patterns and signalization helped control excessive speeding. Drivers on 5th Avenue North and Hillsboro Road tend to drive the speed limit, or faster.

This Ordinance will allow the COF Police Department to enforce the lower construction speed limit throughout the duration of the construction project. The Ordinance is written with a "sunset" provision that has the speed limit reverting back to the original 35 MPH once construction activities are completed.

Financial Impact

The COF Streets Department will fabricate and install the necessary regulatory signage.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2012-063 to temporarily reduce the speed limit on 5th Avenue North and Hillsboro Road.

ORDINANCE 2012-63

TO BE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON 5TH AVENUE NORTH/HILLSBORO ROAD (SR106) FROM FAIR STREET TO JOEL CHEEK BLVD./GRANVILLE ROAD TO TWENTY FIVE MILES PER HOUR (25 MPH) IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE HILLSBORO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”

WHEREAS, 5th Avenue North/Hillsboro Road (State Route 106) is classified as a Major Arterial within the City’s Major Thoroughfare Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Current speed limit of 5th Avenue North and Hillsboro Road is thirty-five miles per hour (35 MPH); and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen have approved COF Contract No. 2012-0110, the Construction Contract for the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project, from SR96W to Independence Square; and

WHEREAS, the construction zone required to complete the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project, SR96W to Independence Square, will stretch from Fair Street to Joel Cheek Blvd./Granville Road; and

WHEREAS, engineering principles/judgment related to vehicular driver and construction worker safety give justification for temporarily reducing the speed limit from thirty-five miles per hour (35 MPH) to twenty-five miles per hour (25 MPH) for the duration of the Hillsboro Road Improvements Construction Project.

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 5th Avenue North/Hillsboro Road (SR106) from Fair Street to Joel Cheek Blvd./Granville Road be temporarily decreased to twenty-five miles per hour (25 MPH) for both directions for the duration of the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project, SR96W to Independence Square.

SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee that the speed limit on 5th Avenue North/Hillsboro Road (SR106) from Fair Street to Joel Cheek Blvd./Granville Road be returned to thirty-five miles per hour (35 MPH) for both directions after the completion of the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project, SR96W to Independence Square.

SECTION III: 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 IV: 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 MOORE
MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

Shauna R. Billingsley
City Attorney

PASSED FIRST READING

PASSED SECOND READING
