

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Donna Barron, City Manager

**FROM:** David Salmon, P.E., City Engineer

**VIA** Eric Ferris, Deputy City Manager

**DATE:** August 6, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Lewisville City Code, Section 15-36, Maximum Speed Limits Near Schools, by Repealing the School Speed Zones on Cowan Avenue From 300 Feet South of Mill Street to 400 Feet North of Mill Street, on Mill Street From 600 Feet South of Valley Ridge Boulevard to 400 Feet North of Valley Ridge Boulevard, and on Valley Ridge Boulevard From 400 Feet West of Mill Street to Mill Street.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Existing school speed zones on Cowan Avenue, Mill Street and Valley Ridge Boulevard near the intersection of Mill Street and Valley Ridge Boulevard are unused. Children from the nearby neighborhoods are bussed to College Street Elementary School. Staff observed zero school children using these school zones walking to or from School. The Police Department has relocated the school crossing guard from the Mill Street and Valley Ridge Boulevard intersection to another location. Staff is recommending removal of the unused school speed zones.

### **ANALYSIS**

Currently, 20 mph school speed zones exist on the following streets serving the College Street Elementary School at the southeast corner of Cowan Avenue and College Street.

- On Mill Street - From 600 feet south of Valley Ridge Blvd to 400 feet north of Valley Ridge Blvd
- On Valley Ridge Blvd - From 400 feet west of Mill St to Mill St
- On Cowan Avenue - From 300 feet south of Mill St to 400 feet north of Mill St

The above school zones do not serve a purpose because children in this neighborhood are bussed to the College Street Elementary School. These school zones are not utilized. Moreover, for the 2019-2020 school year, LISD plans to close the College Street Elementary School and move the children to the proposed Mill Street Elementary School at the corner of Mill Street and Purnell Street.

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Staff has observed no kids using the above-mentioned school zones, during the regular school year, on Mill Street, Valley Ridge Blvd and on Cowan Ave. The crossing guard at this location has been assigned to a different school crossing.

Signage, pavement markings and flashing beacons related to the school speed zones will be removed by the Public Services Department.

At the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting, the Transportation Board considered this item and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the item.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is City Staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the ordinance as set forth in the caption above.