

TITLE: Consider/Discuss/Act on an Ordinance Modifying the School Zone for

Cockrill Middle School

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2011

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RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

Approval of the Ordinance.

ITEM SUMMARY:

• This Ordinance will modify the existing school zone for Cockrill Middle School by extending the reduced speed onto White Avenue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- McKinney ISD opened Cockrill in 2008.
- The guidance provided by the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) specifies a reduced speed school zone is to be established along the street adjacent to a school.
- The existing school zone was established in conformance with the TMUTCD criteria
- Currently the students south of White Avenue are bused to Cockrill; however, beginning next year, the school district will discontinue this service.
- Additionally, students have already been observed walking this route; therefore, staff recommends modifying the school zones.
- The school zone will continue to be effective at the following standard times:
 - The morning school zone will begin 45 minutes before the beginning of the school for the day and end 15 minutes after the beginning of school.
 - The afternoon school zone will begin 15 minutes before dismissal of school and will end 45 minutes after the dismissal time.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

None

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

Ordinance Location Map