

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Streets and Maintenance

AGENDA DATE: May 9, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: May 23, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Randy Garcia, Streets and Maintenance 915-212-7005

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Districts 7

STRATEGIC GOAL: 7 – Enhance and Sustain El Paso’s Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL: 7.3 – Enhance a regional comprehensive transportation system

SUBJECT:

Via Ordinance, amend Title 12, Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV – Speed limits), to amend Paragraph G (Forty miles per hour) by deleting Subparagraph 12 Socorro Drive (FM 258) between a point 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and the southeast city limits; to amend Paragraph F (Thirty-five miles per hour) by adding Subparagraphs 107 Socorro Road (FM 258) between a point 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and the southeast city limits; the penalty being provided in Chapter 12.84 of the El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) submitted a request to reduce the speed limit on Zone 1 of Socorro Drive to 35 MPH based on the results of a strip map speed study. The TxDOT Traffic Operations Division is in agreement with the reduction of speed and staff recommends the amendment to Title 12.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

June 15, 2010

- City Council approved the reduction in the speed limit from 45 MPH to 40 MPH on Socorro Road from 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and 450 feet southeast of Avenue of the Americas to 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and the southeast city limits

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Richard Bristol

Richard Bristol, Director, Streets and Maintenance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES), SECTION 12.88.150 (SCHEDULE XIV-SPEED LIMITS), TO AMEND PARAGRAPH G (FORTY MILES PER HOUR); AND TO AMEND PARAGRAPH F (THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR) BY ADDING 107. SOCORRO DRIVE (FM 258) BETWEEN A POINT 400 FEET SOUTEAST OF SOUTHSIDE ROAD AND THE SOUTHEAST CITY LIMITS; THE PENALTY BEING PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 12.84 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV-Speed limits), Paragraph G Forty Miles Per Hour Item 12. Socorro Drive (FM 258) between a point 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and the southeast city limits, be DELETED

SECTION 2. That Title 12 (Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 12.88 (Schedules), Section 12.88.150 (Schedule XIV-Speed limits), Paragraph F Forty Miles Per Hour Item 107, be ADDED to read as follows:

107. Socorro Drive (FM 258) between a point 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and the southeast city limits,

SECTION 3. Except as herein amended, Title 12 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Evy A Sotelo
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Richard Bristol, Director
Streets & Maintenance Department

ORDINANCE NO. _____



Ordinance Amending Title 12.88.150

*Amend ordinance to decrease speed limit on
Socorro Road*

District: 7

Introduction: May 9, 2023

Public Hearing: May 23, 2023

A graphic of a white rectangular speed limit sign with a black border. The sign contains the text 'SPEED LIMIT' in bold black capital letters at the top, and the number '45' in a very large, bold black font below it.

**SPEED
LIMIT
45**

Strategic Plan

Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

7.3 – Enhance regional comprehensive transportation system

Purpose of Amendment

Streets and Maintenance Department requests to decrease the speed limit from 40 MPH From 35 MPH on Socorro Road (FM 258)

Streets and Maintenance Department Justification

- TxDOT speed study – 35 MPH recommended for Zone 1
- TxDOT is requesting all municipalities lower speed on Socorro Road (FM 258)
- Increase safety for the traveling public
- Increase safety for developments and driveways



Staff Recommends Approval

- Studied and Recommended by TxDOT El Paso District
- Approved by the TxDOT Traffic Operations Division
- CoEP staff, Traffic Engineering Division, reviewed and agreed with TxDOT's Strip Map Speed Study

***Staff recommends approval to decrease the speed limit
on Socorro Road to 35 MPH***



Socorro Road (FM 258) Zone 1



Requested Council Action



APPROVE VIA ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 12.88 (SCHEDULES), SECTION 12.88.150 (SCHEDULE XIV-SPEED LIMITS), TO AMEND PARAGRAPH G (FORTY MILES PER HOUR); AND TO AMEND PARAGRAPH F (THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR) THE PENALTY BEING PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 12.84 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

Delete:

G. Forty Miles Per Hour

Item 12. Socorro Drive (FM 258) between a point 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and the southeast city limits

Add:

F. Thirty Five Miles Per Hour

107. Socorro Road (FM 258) between a point 400 feet southeast of Southside Road and the southeast city limits





Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



Values

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople



Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Misión

Brindar servicios excepcionales para respaldar una vida y un lugar de alta calidad para nuestra comunidad

Valores

Integridad, **R**espeto, **E**xcelencia,
Responsabilidad, **P**ersonas

Visión

Desarrollar una economía regional vibrante, vecindarios seguros y hermosos y oportunidades recreativas, culturales y educativas excepcionales impulsadas por un gobierno de alto desempeño

