

Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and Councilors

AGENDA SUBJECT: 2024 Radar List Approval for GDOT and non-GDOT Routes in Columbus

AGENDA, SUMMARY: Adoption of an ordinance listing the roadways approved for use of speed detection devices (radar) on all GDOT Routes and non-GDOT Routes in Columbus-Muscogee County.

INITIATED BY: Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance listing the roadways approved for the use of speed detection devices (radar) on all Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) routes and non-GDOT routes in Columbus/Muscogee County.

Background: Section 40-14-2 of the Georgia Code requires all counties and municipalities to have an approved list of streets where speed detection devices (radar) may be used by law enforcement agencies to enforce speed limits. The approved list is submitted to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) every three years by the counties and municipalities. The signed list will be returned to DPS via GDOT.

Analysis: The Department of Engineering has reviewed the list and compared it to the current list. The 2024 list contains the following changes:

1. Added school zone for the opening of the new school off Kennedy St. (Mary A. Buckner Academy).
2. Added school zone for Northside high school on Veterans Pkwy. (SR 1).
3. Adjusted the southbound limits on River Rd (SR 219) for the Brookstone school zone.
4. Removed several non-applicable zones where schools had closed.
5. Customized school zone times based on new bell times for the three school classifications.
6. Added zones on streets around various schools requested by school board.

Financial Considerations: The City will be responsible for the cost of installation and removal of conflicting signs.

Legal Considerations: Columbus must have a current radar list on file with Georgia Department of Public Safety in order for its Public Safety Officers to deploy radar for speed enforcement.

Recommendation/Action: Adopt an ordinance listing the roadways approved for the use of speed detection devices (radar) on all Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) routes and non-GDOT routes in Columbus/Muscogee County.