



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Post Oak Trail and Silver Spur Trail Speed Limit
DATE: November 6, 2025
DEPARTMENT: City Council
PRESENTED BY: Council Member Ruben Olvera
Carole Vanzant, CPM, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Last month, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Rolling Acres Trail from 35 miles per hour (mph) to 30 mph. During discussion of the item, Council Member Olvera observed that with both Meadow Creek Trail and Rolling Acres Trail now limited to 30 mph, motorists may begin using Post Oak Trail and Silver Spur Trail—currently posted at 35 mph—as alternate routes to access Ammann Road. He requested a discussion at a future Council meeting.

For Council's discussion staff provides the following (Note - Silver Spur Trail runs between Ralph Fair Road and Wild Oak Hill. Post Oak Trail runs between Silver Spur Trail and Rolling Acres Trail):

1. **City Road Speed Limit Map (Exhibit A).** The adopted speed limit for both streets is 35 miles per hour. On June 27, 1989, the City Council adopted the State of Texas prima facie maximum speed limit of 30 mph on all streets within the City except for Fair Oaks Parkway. Since then, Council has adopted or re-adopted, by ordinance, the maximum, prudent speed limit for Silver Spur Trail and for Post Oak Trail, as follows:
 - October 1989 – adopted 40 mph on Silver Spur Trail from Ralph Fair Road to Intrepid
 - June 1995 – adopted 35 mph on Silver Spur Trail and on Post Oak Trail
 - January 2009 – re-adopted 35 mph on Silver Spur Trail and on Post Oak Trail
2. The City Comprehensive Plan identifies and categorizes several types of city streets. As shown in the **Transportation Map (Exhibit B)**, Silver Spur Trail is designated as a connector street while Post Oak Trail is designated as a local street. The Plan provides the following definitions:
 - Connector Street – for minor circulation within developments and neighborhoods and carrying moderate traffic. They collect traffic from larger areas, or from multiple local streets
 - Local Rural Residential – serving lower density neighborhoods or estate neighborhoods
3. Total speed citations and warnings between October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025:
 - Silver Spur Trail – 5 citations and warnings
 - Post Oak Trail – 51 citations and warnings

4. Total reported vehicle accidents between July 25, 2016 and October 3, 2025, there were:
 - On Silver Spur Trail, seven reported vehicle accidents – three involving mailboxes, one involving another fixed object, one involving a tree and shrub, and two involving driver inattention
 - On Post Oak Trail, one reported vehicle accident involving a fence
5. Potential options in addressing the possibility of increased drivers utilizing Silver Spur Trail and Post Oak Trail:
 - Status quo: no speed limit changes
 - Submit the item to the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee for consideration and recommendation, in accordance with their bylaws
 - Authorize a vehicle count and speed study now, at 6 months and at the 1-year marks to provide the City with an ongoing comparison
 - Request staff provide a proposed ordinance reducing the speed limit on one or both streets to 30 mph at a future meeting for City Council's consideration
 - Other

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

Provides the continued improvement of the residents' quality of life relative to transportation safety.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Currently not applicable.