

Amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles

Move School Crossing Zone on Huebner, from Chapparral to Redbird Lane

City Council Meeting

Public Works Director Melinda Moritz

July 18, 2023



Purpose

- To consider amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12., Division 8 school Crossing Zones, Section 1.09.032 to move a school zone from Huebner at Hoofs Lane to Redbird and just south of Chapparral on Huebner
- Options
 - Approve
 - Approve with modifications
 - Deny
- Recommendation
 - Recommend approval as presented

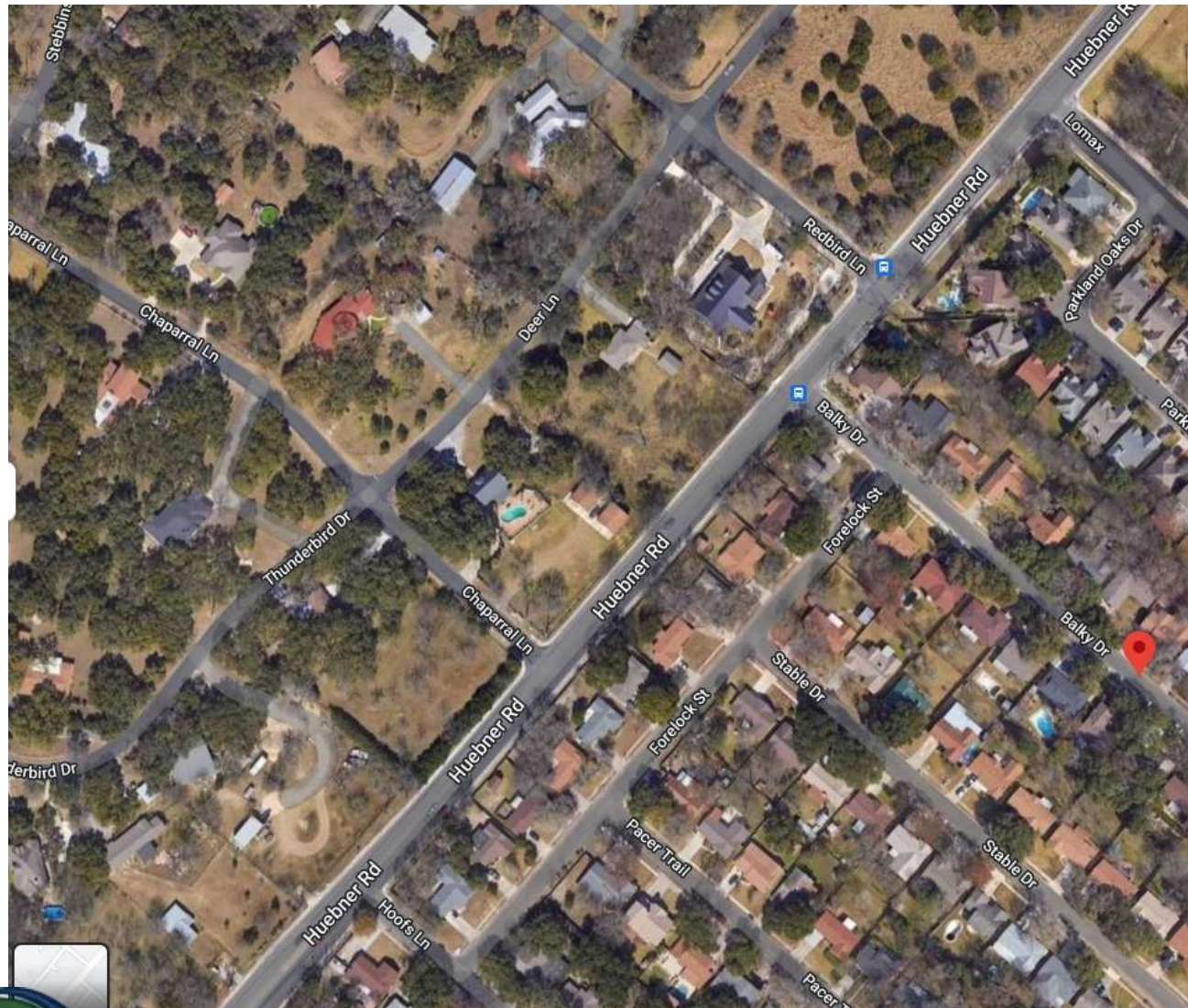
Background

- The current code section states:
 - “(2) Huebner Road from a point fifty feet (50') east of a point on the east right-of-way of Hoofs Lane where it joins the south right-of-way of Huebner Road, five hundred eighty feet (580') easterly therefrom along Huebner Road, when signed as a school zone, shall have a maximum prima facie reasonable and prudent speed limit of twenty (20) miles per hour.
- The proposed revision will state:
 - “(2) Huebner Road from a point one hundred and sixty feet (160') east of a point on the right-of-way of Redbird Lane where it joins the right-of-way of Huebner Road, two hundred feet (200') easterly therefrom along Huebner Road past Chaparral Lane, when signed as a school zone, shall have a maximum prima facie reasonable and prudent speed limit of twenty (20) miles per hour.

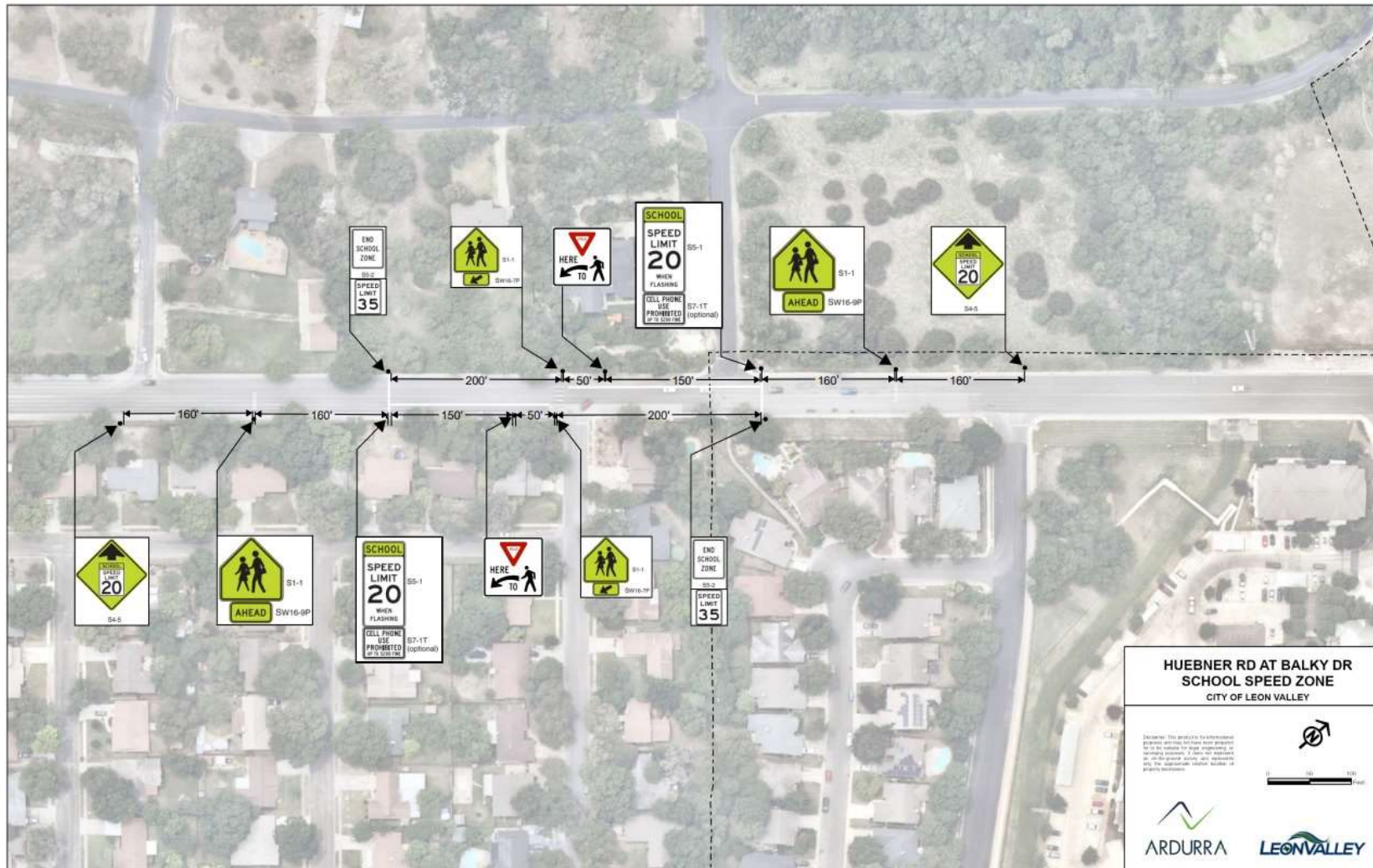
Background

- The City had a school zone on Huebner at Hoofs Lane, but it was discontinued, as school aged children were no longer using the crossing
- The neighborhood demographic in Canterfield changed and, due to an increase in school aged children, the City installed a crosswalk at Balky & Huebner
- The crosswalk is not in the old school zone area

Aerial View



Proposed School Zone



Mast Arm



Fiscal Impact

- The project is expected to cost approximately \$80,380
- Funding could come from Traffic Safety Fund
- The project will be advertised for bids and Staff will request a budget adjustment at time of award

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance

S.E.E. Statement

- *Social Equity* – Reducing the speed of traffic in areas where children cross the road increases the safety of all children crossing
- *Economic Development* – Slowing down traffic in this area may encourage persons to discover the area and elect to move here
- *Environmental Stewardship* – Slowing traffic in this area may reduce the number of deer hit by vehicles in this area