

CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, January 25, 2022
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Туре:	ACTION
Subject:	ST-006: RRFB School Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project – Establish School Speed Limits.
Background Information:	This project is included in the 2022 capital improvement plan (CIP). The City was awarded a Transportation Alternatives Grant (TA Grant) in the amount of \$339,840 for this project. The project would improve school pedestrian crossings adjacent to the Marshall Middle School, Southview Elementary School, Park Side Elementary School, and True Light Christian School. The required 20% local match is split 50-50 between participating schools and the City of Marshall.
	In addition to the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) sign assemblies and pedestrian refuge islands, the project would install two School Speed Limit (wher flashing) sign assemblies including dynamic speed feedback signs. During schoo arrival and dismissal periods, the sign would report driver speed as their vehicle passes the sign and flash their speed when the speed exceeds the posted school zone speed limit.
	To establish school zone speed limits in Marshall, staff performed an evaluation of the existing areas to determine an appropriate school zone speed limit. This evaluation is required by State Statute. City staff is recommending establishment of a 20 MPH school zone speed limit in the vicinity of the schools previously referenced There was compliance with this speed limit in prior years at the now-closed Westside Elementary School on S. 4 th Street and TH 19. The MnDOT District 8 Traffic Engineer Cody Brand, has reviewed the recommendation for the True Light Christian School or TH 19 (E. College Drive) and is acceptable to the recommendation of 20 MPH.
	This item will be presented to the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee at their meeting on January 25, 2022 at 1:30 pm.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council adopt RESOLUTION NUMBER 22 which establishes the 20 MPH school zone speed limit in the vicinity of the Marshall Middle School, Southview Elementary School, Park Side Elementary School, and True Light Christian School.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 169.14 Subd. 5a. grants authority to local jurisdictions to establish a school speed limit within a school zone of a public or nonpublic school upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation as prescribed by the commissioner of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, such speed limits shall be in effect when children are present, going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours; and,

WHEREAS, a 20 miles per hour (MPH) school zone speed limit shall be in effect in the school zones of the following schools in Marshall, MN:

True Light Christian School (601 E. College Drive) Marshall Middle School (401 S. Saratoga Street) Southview Elementary School (601 E. Southview Drive) Park Side Elementary School (1300 E. Lyon Street)

WHEREAS, a 20 miles per hour (MPH) school zone speed limit shall be revoked in the former school zones of the following school in Marshall, MN: Westside Elementary School (500 S. 4th Street, Closed)

WHEREAS, Sec. 74-26 of the City Code states:
"No device, sign or signal shall be erected or maintained for traffic or parking control unless the council shall first have approved and directed the same, except as otherwise provided in this section;"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MINNESOTA, that the City Council establishes a 20 miles per hour (MPH) speed limit to be in effect in the school zones of the schools described herein.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council this 25th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Marshall, MN

This Instrument Drafted By: Jason R. Anderson, P.E. Director of Public Works/City Engineer