



AGENDA MEMO

9/1/2020 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jacob Speer, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Consider an ordinance establishing a school zone near Boone Elementary School, establishing new school zone time limits, and repealing two school zones on Hillcrest Avenue

BACKGROUND:

With all five elementary schools preparing to open for the 2020-2021 school year and revised attendance zones for each campus, the school district asked a consulting firm to perform a Safe Routes to School Study for students and parents walking and riding to and from school. The study made recommendations regarding crossing guard locations, school zone limits, and preferred walking routes for each elementary school and the intermediate/middle school. The study included a recommendation for new school zones near Boone Elementary that span University Park and Dallas. In University Park, the school zones are comprised of the following streets:

- Wentwood Drive from a point 445 feet west of its intersection with Airline Road
- Centenary Drive from a point 445 feet west of its intersection with Airline Road
- Marquette Street from a point 445 feet west of its intersection with Airline Road
- Southwestern Boulevard from a point 370 feet west of its intersection with Airline Road and a point 310 feet east of its intersection with Durham Road
- Durham Street from a point 300 feet south of its intersection with Southwestern Boulevard and 305 feet north of its intersection with Southwestern Boulevard
- Airline Road from a point 300 feet south of its intersection with Southwestern Boulevard and a point 305 feet north of its intersection with Southwestern Boulevard

In addition to the new school zones, two existing school zones are no longer recommended. These are on Hillcrest Avenue from a point 260 feet north of Wentwood Drive and a point 315 feet south of Wentwood Drive, and Hillcrest Avenue from a point 170 feet north of its intersection with Caruth Boulevard and a point 190 feet south of its intersection with Caruth Boulevard.

Currently there are different times zones for elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school. In conjunction with the HPISD and UP police departments, staff recommends establishing new time zones that are consistent throughout the City. The new proposed times are 7:15am - 8:30am and 2:45pm - 4:15pm for all school zones.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance establishing a school zone near Boone Elementary, repealing the enabling ordinances for the two school zones no longer needed on Hillcrest Avenue, and establishing new school zone hours throughout the city.