

# City of Copperas Cove Information Item No.

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## Reduction of Speed Limit on Bus US Hwy 190

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE REQUEST TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON BUS US HWY 190 IN COPPERAS COVE.

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### 1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Copperas Cove and the Texas Department of Transportation Waco District entered into a Municipal Maintenance Agreement dated May 7, 2013.

Chapter 311 of the Transportation Code gives the City exclusive dominion, control, and jurisdiction over and under the public streets within its corporate limits and authorizes the City to enter agreements with the State to fix responsibilities for maintenance, control, supervision, and regulation of State highways within and through its corporate limits.

Section 221.002 of the Transportation Code authorizes the State, at its discretion, to enter agreements with cities to fix responsibilities for maintenance, control, supervision, and regulation of State highways within and through the corporate limits of such cities.

The Executive Director, acting for and in behalf of the Texas Transportation Commission, has made it known to the City that the State will assist the City in the maintenance and operation of State highways within such City, conditioned that the City will enter into agreements with the State for the purpose of determining the responsibilities of the parties thereto.

### 2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

On February 10, 2015, Council Member Russell listed the need to reduce the speed limit through the City of Copperas Cove on Business 190 for the City Manager or Directorates to complete under the "Items for Future Agendas" portion of the meeting.

The General Conditions section, Item 4, of the May 7, 2013, Municipal Maintenance Agreement states, "Traffic regulations, including speed limits, will be established only after traffic and engineering studies have been completed by the State and/or City and approved by the State."

The last traffic and engineering study generated for a City street, not State roadway, was completed at a cost of \$18,973.00.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

No financial impact is associated with the preparation of the update; however, the true cost of a traffic and engineering study that meets State approval is unknown.

**4. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

TxDOT has conducted traffic and engineering studies in the past for various State roadways located in Copperas Cove and staff recommends Council continue to allow TxDOT to proceed as normal in regards to determination of the need for such studies.