

# Jester Homeowners Association

## Resolution on Speed Cushions

- WHEREAS** the City of Austin has adopted Vision Zero as a framework for reducing traffic fatalities and injuries;
- WHEREAS** Vision Zero recognizes a variety of methods for achieving this objective, including education, engineering, evaluation, enforcement and policy;
- WHEREAS** the Jester Homeowners Association embraces the objective of Vision Zero and supports compliance with posted speed limits in the Jester neighborhood as a means of reducing the severity of accidents;
- WHEREAS** the Jester Homeowners Association supports a tiered approach to enforcement of speed limits that begins with education and behavioral modifications for drivers, and progressively adds engineering controls, such as lighted radar signs and "road diets" before considering the need for speed cushions;
- WHEREAS** the Jester neighborhood conducted a speed awareness campaign from November-December 2017 that demonstrated the commitment of Jester residents to changing their behaviors and complying with posted speeds; and
- WHEREAS** the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), as an agency of city government, should be working cooperatively with and be responsive to the interests of neighborhood and civic associations in pursuing Vision Zero, as opposed to dictating a "one size fits all" solution of installing speed cushions as a default first choice for speed control;
- WHEREAS** ATD is now proposing to add new speed cushions on Beauford Drive after just having removed two speed cushions on Jester Boulevard following a cooperative and successful collaboration with Jester residents;
- WHEREAS** the proposed addition of speed cushions on Beauford Drive is being based on a 2012 traffic survey that doesn't reflect current speeding conditions; **NOW THEREFORE,**

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JESTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION:**

The City Council should direct the Austin Transportation Department to:

1. Temporarily suspend installation of additional speed cushions in the Jester neighborhood;
2. Collect an updated measure of support for speed cushions on Beauford Drive from eligible petitioning residents, as it appears that the level of support has fallen since the 2012 petition, and from all Jester residents who utilize Beauford Drive.
3. Consider classifying Beauford Drive as a collector road, based not only on the road's physical characteristics but also the road's critical mobility function as a traffic collector for the Jester neighborhood.
4. Cooperate and collaborate with the Jester Homeowners Association and Jester residents to explore alternative speed mitigation options, such as lighted radar signs and community outreach activities, as a basis for achieving speed compliance before resorting to speed cushions.

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