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To: Brian Kuhn, PE, Assistant Director of Transportation From: Matt Bushak, PE, Senior Transportation Engineer Date: March 18, 2025



### RE: SPEED STUDY FOR KENNEY FORT BLVD BETWEEN FOREST CREEK DR AND THE SH 45 FRONTAGE ROADS

The City of Round Rock Transportation Department has completed a speed study along Kenney Fort Blvd between Forest Creek Dr and the SH45 Frontage Roads. The objective of this study was to assess the current speed within the area and post speed limit signs that are appropriate based on the collected data. Note that this study did not include evaluations of curve advisory speeds or school zone speed limits. Below is a summary of the study's methodology, findings, and recommendations.

### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

Kenney Fort Blvd is a six-lane arterial road (three lanes in each direction) with a raised center median. Minimal driveways and side streets connect to this section of the roadway. These access points adhere to the City's access management policies in terms of spacing and design. There is currently no posted speed limit. The Texas Transportation Code defines 45 mph for an arterial that has no posted speed limit. Figure 2 shows the study area and the location of proposed speed limit signs. Table 2 shows the boundaries of the existing speed limits.

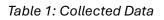
#### DATA COLLECTION

In accordance with TXDOT's *Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones* manual, specific criteria were followed to collect accurate speed data. The manual advises that speed checks should:

- Be conducted on average weekdays during off-peak hours
- Occur under favorable weather conditions
- Include only free-flowing vehicles (not impeded by traffic signals or congestion)
- Record a minimum of 125 vehicles in each direction at each location
- Be completed within a two-hour window when radar equipment is used

NDS Data Services conducted speed measurements using radar technology at four locations along the study area, capturing both northbound and southbound traffic during March 2025. These locations are shown in Figure 1, with detailed data included in the Field Tally Sheets (Appendix A). Below is a summary of the measured 85th percentile speeds at each location.

Location	Point	NB (mph)	SB (mph)
Approx. 850 feet north of the westbound SH 45 frontage road	RAD-001	56	55
Approx. 1,000 feet north of Gattis School Rd	RAD-002	53	55
Approx. 2,200 feet north of Gattis School Rd	RAD-003	56	60
Approx. 3,600 feet north of Gattis School Rd	RAD-004	60	54



#### SPEED STUDY METHODOLOGY

TXDOT's manual recommends using the 85th percentile speed of free-flowing traffic as the basis for determining appropriate speed limits. The 85th percentile speed represents the speed at or below which 85% of drivers are traveling under ideal conditions. This method is widely accepted and based on the assumption that most drivers:

- Are prudent and drive safely
- Aim to avoid crashes
- Want to reach their destinations as quickly as possible

A speed limit set at or near the 85th percentile speed is considered safe under good weather and visibility conditions. The final posted speed limit is typically rounded to the nearest 5 mph. However, it can be adjusted up or down by up to 5 mph, depending on the professional judgment of the supervising engineer.

#### **RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The study's findings indicate 85th percentile speeds ranging from 53 mph to 60 mph, which are generally consistent. Based on this data, the recommended speed limit for the entire study area is 55 mph.

Considering the data collected, the Transportation Department recommends adjusting the speed limits as follows:

From	То	Existing Speed Limit (NB/SB)	Proposed Speed Limit (NB/SB)
Forest Creek Dr	SH 45 Frontage Roads	45 mph (based on Texas Transportation Code)	55 mph

Table 2: Recommendations

Recommended sign locations are shown in Figure 2.



# Kenney Fort Blvd Speed Study Forest Creek Dr to SH 45 Frontage Rd

Figure 1: Speed Data Collection Locations



LEGEND NB: Northbound Speed SB: Southbound Speed



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Figure 2: Proposed Speed Limit Sign Locations

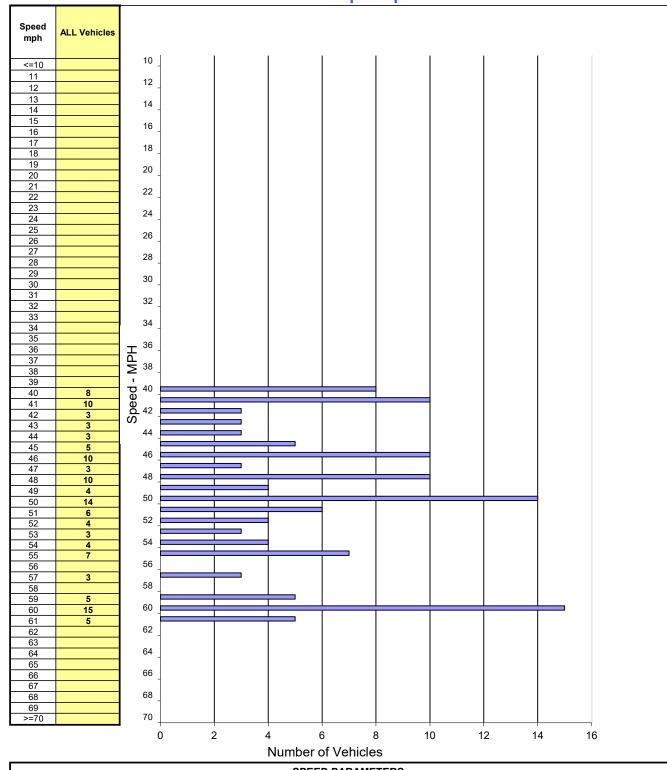


LEGEND NB: Northbound Speed SB: Southbound Speed

#### **City of Round Rock**

 
 Location:
 S Kenny Fort Blvd NB S/O Forest Creek Dr (30.505406,-97.636113)

 ed Speed:
 None
 Weather: Clear/Dry
 Project #: 25-460012-001
DATE: 2/25/2025 TIME: 09:00-10:25 Posted Speed: None

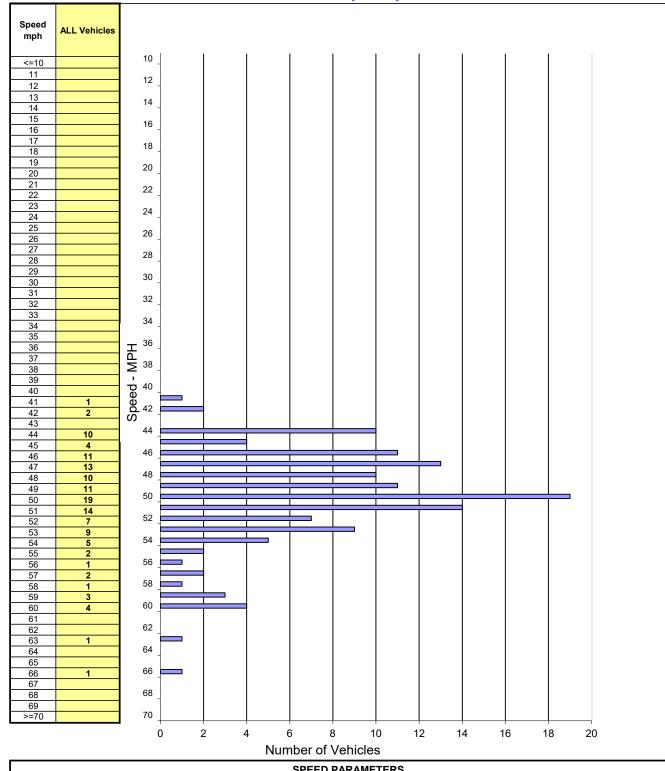


SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in					
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace			
ALL	125	40 - 61	50 mph	60 mph	41 - 50	65	52%	6% / 8	42% / 52			

#### **City of Round Rock**

 
 Location:
 S Kenny Fort Blvd SB S/O Forest Creek Dr (30.505383,-97.636477)

 ed Speed:
 None
 Weather: Clear/Dry
 Project #: 25-460012-002
DATE: 2/25/2025 TIME: 10:30-11:55 Posted Speed: None

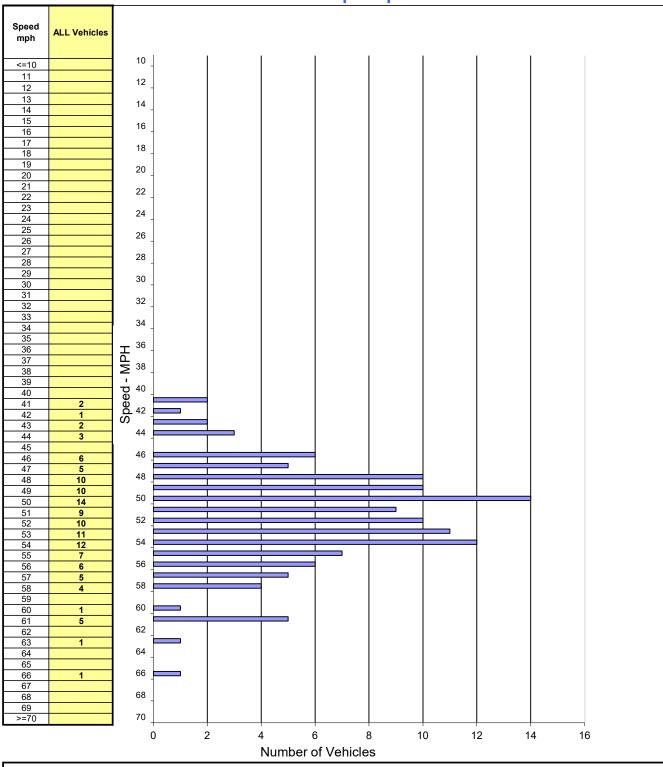


	SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in						
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace				
ALL	131	41 - 66	50 mph	54 mph	44 - 53	108	82%	2% / 3	16% / 20				

### **City of Round Rock**

 
 Location:
 S Kenny Fort Blvd NB Bet Forest Creek Dr & Gattis School Rd/CR 30 (30.502486,-97.63521)

 ed Speed:
 None
 Weather: Clear/Dry
 Project #: 25-460012-003
DATE: 2/25/2025 TIME: 14:00-14:55 Posted Speed: None

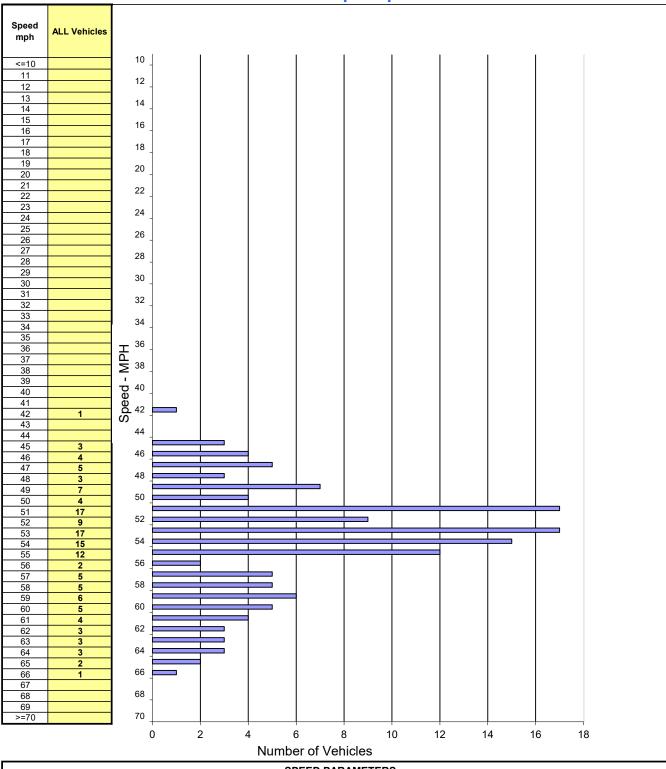


	SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in						
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace				
ALL	125	41 - 66	52 mph	56 mph	46 - 55	94	75%	6% / 8	19% / 23				

### **City of Round Rock**

 
 Location:
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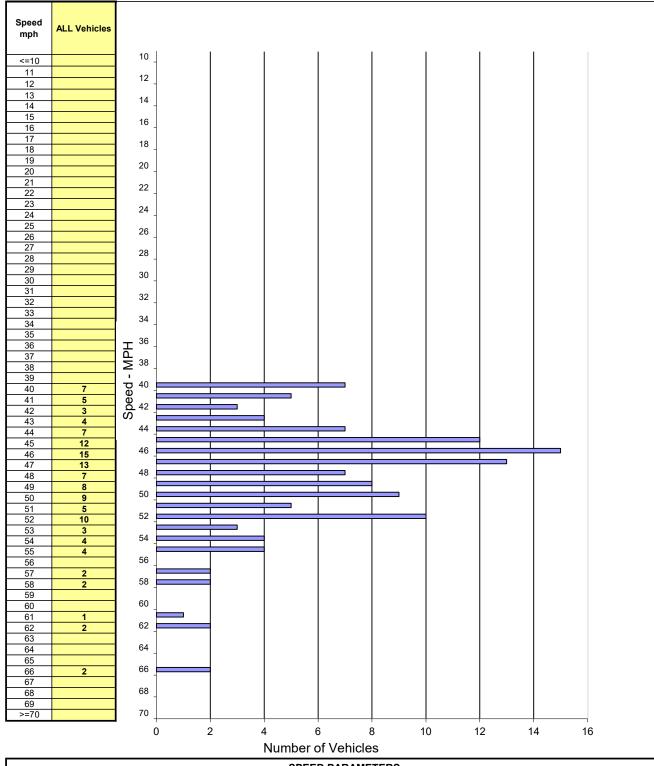
 ed Speed:
 None
 Weather: Clear/Dry
 Project #: 25-460012-004
DATE: 2/25/2025 TIME: 11:57-12:39 Posted Speed: None



	SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in						
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace				
ALL	136	42 - 66	53 mph	60 mph	46 - 55	93	68%	2% / 4	29% / 39				

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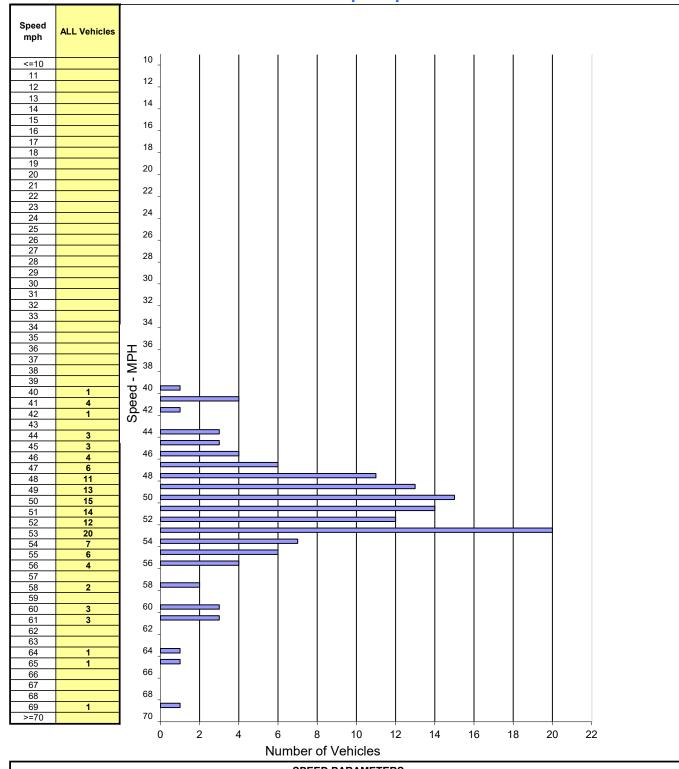
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	SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in						
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace				
ALL	125	40 - 66	47 mph	53 mph	43 - 52	90	72%	12% / 15	16% / 20				

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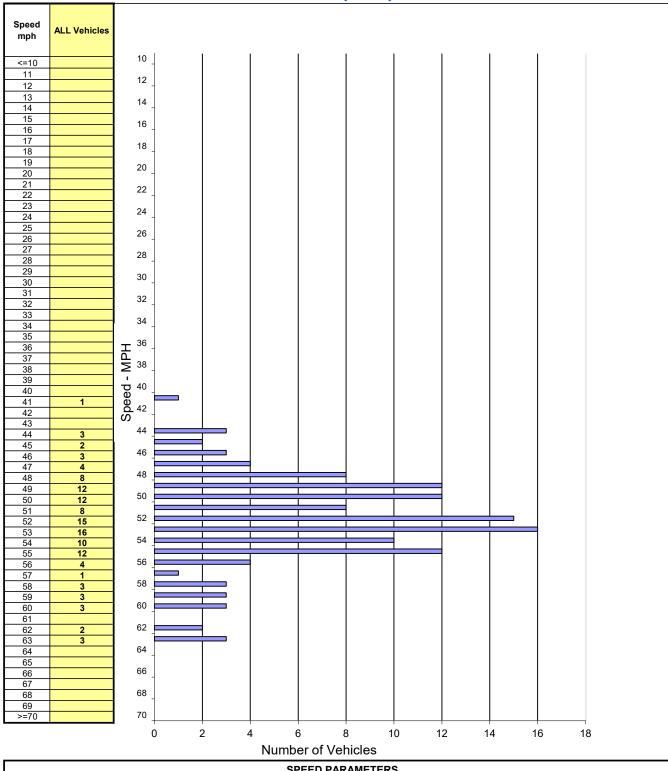
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	SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in						
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace				
ALL	135	40 - 69	51 mph	55 mph	46 - 55	108	80%	8% / 12	12% / 15				

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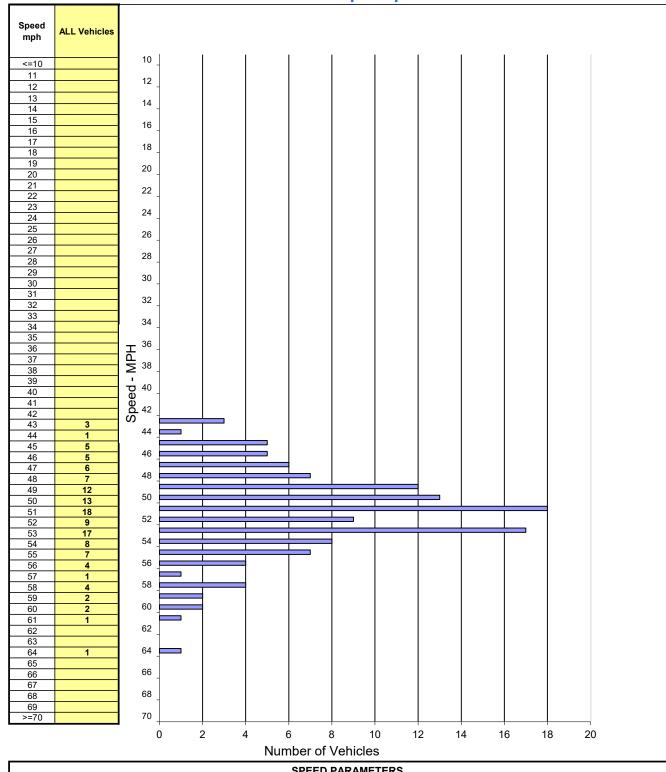
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	SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in						
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace				
ALL	125	41 - 63	52 mph	56 mph	47 - 56	101	81%	7% / 9	12% / 15				

### **City of Round Rock**

Location: S Kenny Fort Blvd SB N/O Louis Henna Blvd/SR 45 (30.490978,-97.630178)ed Speed: 50 MPHWeather: Clear/DryProject #: 25-460012-009 DATE: 2/25/2025 TIME: 13:05-13:35 Posted Speed: 50 MPH



	SPEED PARAMETERS												
			50th	85th	10 MPH		Percent in						
Class	Count	Range	Percentile	Percentile	Pace	# in Pace	Pace	% / # Below Pace	% / # Above Pace				
ALL	126	43 - 64	51 mph	55 mph	46 - 55	102	81%	7% / 9	12% / 15				