

**TO:** Maleshia Farmer, City Attorney  
**FROM:** Caroline Waggoner, P.E., City Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** IL Texas School Zone on Rufe Snow Drive and Glenview Drive  
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The International Leadership of Texas Charter School began classes at its North Richland Hills K-8 campus in January 2017. As a charter school with a large attendance zone, the school differs operationally from traditional local schools in that most students are not from the immediate area. The school has a student capacity of 1,416 students in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and is currently at or near capacity. A school zone was not created for this campus as it was anticipated that there would be virtually no school age pedestrians walking to/from the campus. Now in their second year of enrollment in NRH, the school has seen the number of walking students double, and anticipates that number will increase with time. The school administration indicates that they see a trend in increased local enrollment at their campuses and all signs indicate that will be the case here as well.

City staff was provided with the addresses and grades of students with permission to walk to/from school during the 2017/2018 school year, and mapped those students to determine their locations and likely routes to the campus. There are a number of students within a half mile of the campus that use Rufe Snow and Glenview Drive to walk or bike to/from school. I have personally observed groups of IL Texas students (easily identified in their uniforms) using the Rufe Snow / Glenview signal to cross busy streets as well as walk alongside Rufe Snow and Glenview.

Rufe Snow and Glenview Drive are both minor arterials. Rufe Snow Drive has a 35mph speed limit, and Glenview Drive has a 30mph speed limit. Given the age and number of students accessing the campus on foot, I believe it is appropriate to temporarily reduce the speed limit to 20mph adjacent to the campus during peak drop off / pick up times.

I am proposing a school zone on Rufe Snow Drive and Glenview Drive flanking the IL Texas campus and extending beyond the school's driveways. The limits are as follows:

- 4000 – 4200 Rufe Snow Drive
- 6500 – 6700 Glenview Drive.