



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of May 29, 2012

DATE: May 9, 2012
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Urban Transportation Plan Amendment for realignment of Aquarius Street

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Urban Transportation Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, by providing for modification of street alignment of Aquarius Street; amending related elements of the Comprehensive Plan of the City; providing for severance; providing for publication.

PURPOSE:

An amendment to the Urban Transportation Plan for the extension of Aquarius Street.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The alignment of Aquarius Street has been proposed to deviate from the current adopted Urban Transportation Plan. The proposed realignment would extend the existing Aquarius Drive dead-end at Dasmarnas Drive, north eastward of its current location to connect with Commodores Drive across from Fire Station 15. See Figure 3.

The proposed realignment will allow for circulation as intended by directing traffic from the neighborhood to Commodores Drive and connection with Park Road 22. The purpose of a collector street is to direct traffic to the arterial street system with minimal disruption to areas of low density.

The proposed connection will reduce increases in traffic along a portion of Commodores Drive compared with the existing adopted alignment. The proposed alignment will allow for more direct emergency response, particularly from Fire State 15, to neighborhoods on either side of Whitecap Boulevard.

ALTERNATIVES: Denial of the Amendment to Urban Transportation Plan

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY: An amendment to an existing plan.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting a non-emergency reading. According to Article II, Section 14 of the City Charter, an item can be classified as an emergency because it calls for “immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the city’s affairs”. This is a routine, non-controversial item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Transportation Advisory Committee: On January 23, the Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment to the Urban Transportation Plan.

Planning Commission: On March 28, 2012 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment to the Urban Transportation Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

- Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

| Fiscal Year: 2011-2012 | Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only) | Current Year | Future Years | TOTALS |
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| Line Item Budget | | | | |
| Encumbered / Expended Amount | | | | |
| This item | | | | |
| BALANCE | | | | |

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the Urban Transportation Plan in accordance with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the Transportation Advisory Committee.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance