



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Public Hearing and First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 11, 2014  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 18, 2014

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**DATE:** January 23, 2014

**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Urban Transportation Plan Amendment Realignment of the Future Extension of Williams Drive From Lexington Road to Ennis Joslin Road</b></p>
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### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Urban Transportation Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, by realigning Williams Drive between Lexington Road and Ennis Joslin Road; amending related elements of the Comprehensive Plan of the City; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this amendment to the Urban Transportation Plan is to realign the future section of Williams Drive between Lexington Road and Ennis Joslin Road to be in a straight path that will improve the efficiency of the transportation network in this area.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee, and Staff recommend approval of this realignment of Williams Drive from the east side of Lexington Road to Ennis Joslin Road to parallel South Padre Island Drive (SH 358).

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In 2010, the Urban Transportation Plan was amended by allowing the future section of Williams Drive beginning at the east side of Lexington Road to turn southward before connecting back to Williams Drive on the west side of Ennis Joslin Road. At that time, the amendment to offset this section of Williams Drive was approved in order to eliminate a bridge crossing over the Williams Drainage Ditch (see Exhibit A – Current Adopted Urban Transportation Plan). Engineering Services, working with property

owners in the area, has designed a Williams Drainage Ditch improvement that will use box culverts to eliminate the need for a bridge crossing if Williams Drive is extended continuously and parallel with South Padre Island Drive (see Exhibit B – Proposed Alignment of Williams Drive).

The realignment of the future extension of Williams Drive as proposed in this amendment will create better traffic flow by eliminating left turning movements onto Lexington Road and left turning movements onto Williams Drive. An efficient circulation system in the area is critical as this area is expected to develop with high-intensity commercial uses similar to other areas of the city that are already developed along South Padre Island Drive (SH 358).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Not changing the Plan is an alternative. However, keeping the Plan as it is currently adopted will result in a less efficient traffic circulation pattern.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Planning Commission requested that staff contact the two property owners affected by the proposed amendment. Staff has now met with both property owners and or their representatives and they have verbally indicated agreement with the Plan amendment.

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This amendment conforms to City policy. The Urban Transportation Plan states that a "...Collector may be used to support the freeway system by paralleling the freeway and providing a relief route for traffic from high density uses next to the freeway."

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Planning Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee, Engineering Services, Development Services, and former Planning and Environmental Services .

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

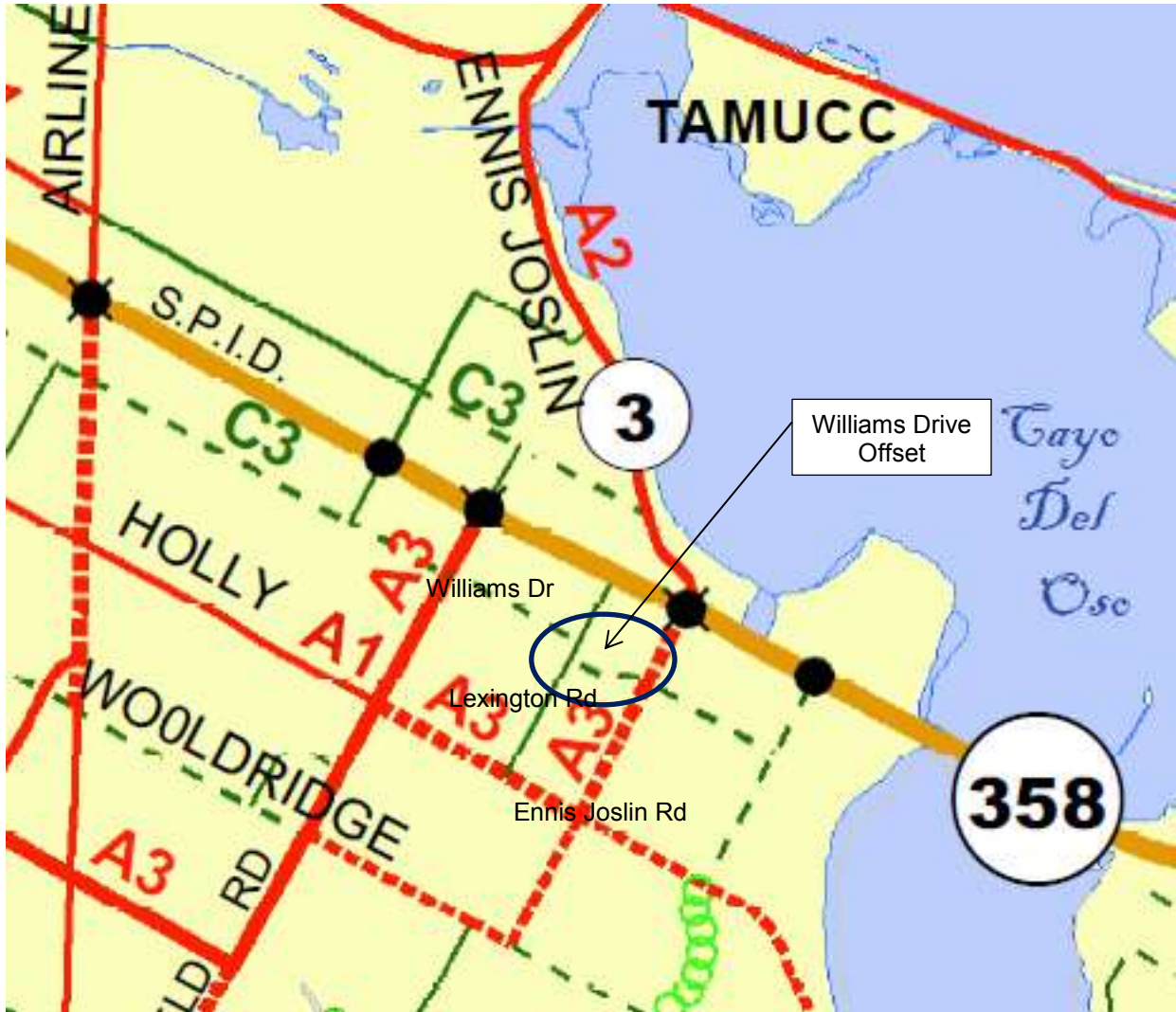
**Comments:** None

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Exhibit A: Excerpt from the Urban Transportation Plan

Exhibit B: Proposed Plan Amendment to Realign Williams Drive Extended

**Exhibit A:  
Excerpt from the Urban Transportation Plan**



**Urban Transportation Legend Street Type & Required Right-of-Way**

Urban Streets	Design Feature	No. of Lanes	Existing	Proposed
<b>Collectors</b>				
C1 / 60'		2		
C2 / 65'	Cont. L/T	3		
C3 / 75'		4		
<b>Parkways/Gulf Beach Access</b>				
P1/80'	Bikeway	2		
CB	Gulf Beach			
PA/60'	Beach Parking			
<b>Arterials</b>				
A1 / 95'	Cont. L/T	5		
A2 / 100'	Median	4		
A3 / 130'	Median	6		

**Exhibit B:  
Proposed Plan Amendment to Realign Williams Drive Extended**

