



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 28, 2023

DATE: March 28, 2023
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Resolution Concurring With Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Proposed Plans for US181 Southbound Exit Ramps and Padre Street

CAPTION:

Resolution concurring with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) proposed plans to close US 181 Southbound exit ramps for Power Street and Padre Street and keeping Padre Street as two-way traffic flow.

SUMMARY:

TXDOT has proposed a plan to maintain closure of two US 181 southbound exit ramps at Power Street and Padre Street. This plan will also restore two-way traffic flow along Padre Street, a TXDOT frontage road, from North Tanchua Street to Ramirez Street.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On March 7, 2023 TXDOT advised city staff of the latest safety steps related to their ongoing campaign to deter wrong-way drivers onto US 181 via southbound exit ramps. The plan indicated that the southbound Padre exit ramp would be closed and Padre Street, from North Tanchua Street to Ramirez Street, would be reconfigured to a single travel lane with one-way traffic flow. This segment of Padre Street had previously functioned as a two-lane, two-way travel roadway.

On March 14, TxDOT and city staff met with multiple business owners in the area to discuss the recent closures and travel lane reconfiguration. In this meeting, the business owners expressed that the change to one-way traffic flow along Padre Street have impacted access to their businesses. Businesses have indicated support to maintain closure of the exit ramps, but request Padre Street be reconfigured to two-way travel. TXDOT will support the request, but have asked the City Council to provide a resolution showing concurrence.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

Funding Detail:

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # **(CIP Only)**:

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution in the interest of protecting and providing traffic circulation to impacted business owners.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution