



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing and First Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 28, 2012
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 11, 2012

DATE: August 6, 2012
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**Urban Transportation Plan Amendment-Northwest Area Proposed Collector
Street Amendment to Designate County Road 52 from an A-2 Arterial to an
A-1 Arterial between US 77 and Callicoatte Road**

CAPTION:

Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance amending the Urban Transportation Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, by re-designating County Road 52 from an A-2 Arterial (100-foot right-of-way, four lanes, and a median) to an A-1 Arterial (95-foot right-of-way, four lanes, and a continuous left turn lane) between U.S. Hwy. 77 and Callicoatte Road; amending related elements of the Comprehensive Plan of the City; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

PURPOSE:

A property owner has requested that the City consider changing the Urban Transportation Plan by re-designating of County Road 52 from an A-2 Arterial (100 foot right-of-way, with 4 lanes and a median) to an A-1 Arterial (95 foot right-of-way, with 4 lanes and a continuous left turn lane) between US 77 and Callicoatte Road. See the Exhibit map in the attached Ordinance.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Approximately 500 feet of County Road 52 has been built without a median and prior to designation on the Urban Transportation Plan as an A-2 Arterial with a median. The portion of the roadway proposed for re-designation is approximately 1 mile in length. The property owner of land that abuts the proposed extension of the street has proposed a light industrial development.

Existing land uses in the area include a car dealership, an auto sales lot, a mobile home subdivision, vacant land and a large drainage ditch between the proposed development and an existing single family subdivision.

The purpose of County Road 52 on the plan is to provide an alternative route between Calallen and Tuloso Midway areas. The vision for the roadway is to have an attractive boulevard that will connect the Calallen and Tuloso Midway neighborhoods.

A roadway with a median (A-2, Arterial) can provide better traffic flow and limit left turn movements to enhance traffic safety. However, where the future development is expected to

involve truck movement, a street with a continuous left turn lane provides more storage space for truck turning movements. In general, staff has not apposed re-designation of roadways where it appears the future development trend will involve significant truck movement.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the Amendment to Urban Transportation Plan.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The Future Land Use Plan was reviewed by staff and no changes are necessary.

This portion of County Road 52 is not in the 2012 Bond Program.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The roadway alignment on the attached development plan conforms to the roadway alignment on the City's adopted Urban Transportation Plan.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

City Traffic Engineer's recommendation: Approval.

Transportation Advisory Committee recommendation: Approval on June 25, 2012.

Planning Commission recommendation: Approval on July 18, 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

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

Fund(s):

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends re-designation of County Road 52 extended, between US 77 and Callicoatte Road, from an A-2 Arterial Roadway with a median to an A-1 Arterial Roadway with a continuous left turn lane. (See Exhibit in the attached Ordinance)

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Planning Commission Unofficial Minutes 7-18-2012
Ordinance
Powerpoint