

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting March 31, 2015 Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting April 14, 2015

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Ordinance – Amending Transportation Advisory Board to Transportation Advisory Commission and its Organization and Powers and Duties

CAPTION:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, ARTICLE IV, Division 9. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD of the Corpus Christi Code in its entirety; providing for severance; and providing an effective date.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to comprehensively update the Transportation Advisory Board as Transportation Advisory Commission with appropriate organization and powers and duties to address City transportation issues.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Transportation Advisory Board, also informally known as Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), was last updated by Ordinance in 1983.

Since then, TAC has advised City Council on a myriad of transportation issues. In recent times, TAC has been involved in more complex matters, including Mobility CC, Bond Program street projects, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) highway projects, Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) transit projects and the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) planning studies, including a comprehensive revision of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

The update will better define the powers and duties of the Transportation Advisory Commission to effectively advise City Council on transportation issues.

The name change to Transportation Advisory Commission is in line with the other changes to the Ordinance. TAC was originally created as a committee of the City Council to review transportation issues and make recommendations and provide reports. It has transitioned into more of an acting body in that they not only advise City Council but also City staff and the Planning Commission. TAC also sets its own agenda items that it needs to address and performs outreach to other organizations such as the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) and Texas A&M University Corpus Christi (TAMUCC). Two standing subcommittees report to TAC. The designation of "Commission" is appropriate with the Ordinance.

Substantial changes in this amendment include City Traffic Engineer serves as Secretary; its purpose relates to mobility, access management, and traffic safety; make recommendations related to the Capital Improvements Program; monitor and evaluate City's mobility related master plans; review traffic safety reports; and address access management and traffic impact analysis in Unified Development Code.

At TAC December 22, 2014 meeting, the TAC recommended that City Council amend the Ordinance related to Transportation Advisory Board to become Transportation Advisory Commission and about its organization and powers and duties.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Amend the Ordinance with the Transportation Advisory Board and become the Transportation Advisory Commission
- 2. Keep the current Ordinance with the Transportation Advisory Board (Not Recommended)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to City Policy

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

None

 Operating 	□ Revenue	□ Capital	Not applicable	
Fiscal Year 2014-2015	Project to Date Expenditures	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
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RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance as proposed.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance Presentation