



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 10, 2016
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 17, 2016

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One-Way Streets and Parking Prohibition Streets – Add Segments of Artesian Street and Mestina Street

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53, Article VIII, Section 53-250 Schedule I – **One Way Streets and Alleys** by changing designated portions of Artesian Street and Mestina Street from a two-way traffic pattern to a one-way traffic pattern and Section 53-252 Schedule III – **Parking Prohibited at all Times on Certain Streets** by adding designated portions of Artesian Street and Mestina Street

PURPOSE:

Both ordinance amendments will improve operations for the CCRTA and Greyhound bus lines.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Construction of the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) Staples Street Center building is anticipated to be complete for the grand opening scheduled in May 2016. This building is located adjacent to the existing Staples Street Station which serves as one of the main CCRTA transfer stations for bus ridership in the City. The Staples Street Center will serve as the CCRTA's headquarters and will also become the new home for Greyhound bus lines.

Artesian Street and Mestina Street are classified as local streets on the Urban Transportation Plan map of Mobility CC. Both streets are heavily utilized by major traffic generators which include the Staples Street Station, Nueces County Courthouse, Nueces County Jail, and Dismas Charities.

Each bus operation will access the transfer station utilizing two different routes. The CCRTA will access the Staples Street Station off of Staples Street and Greyhound will enter off of Leopard Street. Both bus lines will exit onto Staples Street.

Parallel parking and two-way traffic patterns currently exist along Artesian Street and portions of Mestina Street, from Artesian Street to Waco Street. Both the CCRTA and Greyhound were concerned about the ability to maneuver buses along both streets without parking prohibitions. With support of Nueces County officials, the CCRTA approached the City about a traffic plan that would allow safe bus movement along these local streets, while accommodating some on street parking for the Nueces County buildings in the area.

In consultation with both the CCRTA and Nueces County, the City Traffic Engineer proposed the following traffic patterns:

One-way traffic flow

- Artesian Street, from Leopard Street to Mestina Street (South Direction)
- Mestina Street, from Artesian Street to Waco Street (West Direction)

Parking Prohibitions

- Artesian Street, west side, from Leopard Street to Mestina Street
- Mestina Street, north side, from Artesian Street to Waco Street
- Mestina Street both sides, from Waco Street to Staples Street

The City's Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendments and traffic plan at their February 22, 2016 and March 25, 2016 meetings. CCRTA will cover the costs associated with the proposed traffic plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the proposed one-way streets on Artesian Street and Mestina Street and parking prohibition on Artesian Street and Mestina Street.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This one-way streets and parking prohibitions designations conforms to City policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency; two reading item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

City Transportation Advisory Commission, Street Operations

FINANCIAL IMPACT:☐ Operating☐ Revenue☐ Capital☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Comments: None**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Location Map
Presentation