

#### AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing and First Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 17, 2016 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 24, 2016

**DATE:** May 2, 2016

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

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Proposed Amendment to Mobility CC – Adoption of the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan)

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending MobilityCC, a transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, by adopting the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan; providing for severance; providing for a repealer clause; and providing for publication.

### **PURPOSE:**

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CCMPO) 2005 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is the current plan identifying the bicycle and pedestrian network adopted by the City. This ordinance amendment would modify MobilityCC by replacing the CCMPO's 2005 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan).

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In 2013 the City adopted MobilityCC which consolidated existing transportation related plans into a single transportation planning framework. MobilityCC serves as the transportation element of the City's Comprehensive Plan and allows a process for design, operation and maintenance of existing and proposed transportation infrastructure. Existing plans that were incorporated and modified by Mobility CC include the following:

- Urban Transportation Plan (UTP) City's Thoroughfare Plan (Roadway Classification)
- ADA Master Plan City's Accessible Route Master Plan
- HikeBikeCC City's Trails Master Plan for Off-Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

 CCMPO 2005 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – City's On-Street Bicycle Facilities Master Plan

To address the ever-changing transportation network, the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CCMPO) initiated the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility to coordinate and fund transportation projects for both bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The Bicycle Mobility Plan, which is the first phase of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, fosters bicycling as a meaningful transportation alternative for riders of diverse abilities. It integrates bicycle mobility for on-street and off-street bicyclists. The Bicycle Mobility Plan serves as a guide to determine where the City should strategically plan for investments in bicycle infrastructure. The prescribed Bicycle Mobility Network (290 miles) has various prescriptions for the type of bicycle infrastructure to be installed (i.e., bike boulevard, buffered bike lane, multi-use side path, one-way cycle track, and off-road multi-use trail). The Bicycle Mobility Plan includes best practices to develop this Bicycle Mobility Network.

Adoption of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan) requires amending Mobility CC to repeal the 2005 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan on the Urban Transportation Plan map and modification to HikeBikeCC. Deletion of the 2005 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and its replacement with the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan) allows for the adoption of an improved Bicycle Mobility Network for the City. HikeBikeCC contains prescriptions for trails and/or bikeways, which conflict with the bicycle infrastructure types outlined in the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan). Therefore, this proposed ordinance amendment would repeal only the conflicting provisions of HikeBikeCC in MobilityCC.

The City Traffic Engineer recommended approval of the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan) to the City Transportation Advisory Commission (CTAC). At its monthly meeting on February 22, 2016, CTAC recommended its approval to City Council. The City's Park and Recreation Advisory Committee also passed a resolution of support on March 9, 2016.

Planning Commission recommended approval of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan) excluding the Matrix of Best Practices at the March 23, 2016 meeting.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Denial or amendment of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan).

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

### **CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This amendment conforms to City Policy.

## **EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency

## **DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

□ Revenue

Street Operations, Engineering Services, Parks & Recreation, Development Services, Legal, and Planning Commission.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**:

□ Operating

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	Project to Date			
	Expenditures	Current	Future	
Fiscal Year 2015-2016	(CIP only)	Year	Years	TOTALS

□ Capital

Fiscal Year 2015-2016	(CIP only)	Year	Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered /				
Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments: None

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval of the Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility Plan) without adopting the Matrix of Best Practices at this time.

# **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance with Plan as Exhibit Presentation