



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing and First Reading for the City Council Meeting October 18, 2016
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting October 25, 2016

DATE: September 27, 2016

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<p>Amendment to the Urban Transportation Plan Map – Proposed Removal of Mustang Trail between McArdle Road and South Padre Island Drive</p>
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CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Urban Transportation Plan map, an element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, by eliminating the proposed extension of Mustang Trail Drive between McArdle Drive and SPID (SH 358); amending related elements of the Comprehensive Plan of the City; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to remove a proposed C1 Residential Collector Street (Mustang Trail extended) between McArdle Road and South Padre Island Drive (SPID) from the Urban Transportation Plan map because it is proposed through Mount Vernon Park which is under contract for sale for future development.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

This proposed portion of Mustang Trail, a C1 Residential Collector, is generally located on the City's Urban Transportation Plan map for the purpose of providing a relief route to traffic congestion at South Staples Street and McArdle Road and traffic congestion at Everhart Road and McArdle Road. Blanche Moore Drive in Moore Plaza functions in a similar way by providing a connecting link to Williams Drive between arterial street intersections of South Staples Street and Everhart Road.

Since nearly half the property along the route of this C1 Residential Collector is in Mount Vernon Park, considerable cost for the road extension would likely be borne by the City. But, if the city park is sold to a private developer then the developer would pay for and construct the street.

Staff recommends removal of Mustang Trail from the UTP map for the following reasons:

- This proposed segment of Mustang Trail is not needed as neighborhood streets and the mall parking lot circulation pattern provides multiple alternatives for access between McArdle Road and SPID.
- Constructing the extension of Mustang Trail through existing developed properties is unlikely and costly.
- Taking this street segment off the Urban Transportation Plan will generate income to the City through the sale of the park.
- Deletion of this proposed segment of Mustang Trail will reduce future street construction costs.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the proposed Urban Transportation Plan Amendment.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

On the south side of SPID, Blanche Moore Drive is a more important connection than Mustang Trail since there are no alternative streets which parallel and provide relief to the congested arterial street system. For Mustang Trail, on the north side of SPID, Holmes Street, Wexford Drive, Princeton Drive, and several other neighborhood streets provide relief to traffic congestion alleviating the need for Mustang Trail.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

A plan amendment requires at least one Planning Commission public hearing, a Planning Commission recommendation to City Council, and a City Council public hearing and approval.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Street Operations (Traffic Engineering), Development Services, Transportation Advisory Commission, Planning Commission

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the proposed UTP map amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Presentation