



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

For the Planning Commission Meeting of February 6, 2019

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<p>Urban Transportation Plan Amendment Deletion of Bronx Avenue between Lipes Boulevard and Master Drainage Channel 31</p>
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to remove a portion of a proposed street, Bronx Avenue, from the City's Urban Transportation Plan map.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

AI Development ("Developer") requests the deletion of Bronx Avenue between Lipes Boulevard and the Master Drainage Channel 31 Ditch. The Developer is planning Unit 3, the final phase, of the Airline Crossing Subdivision (the "subject property"). Due to the existing alignment of Bronx Avenue north of the Lipes Boulevard, the proposed alignment of Bronx Avenue south of Lipes Boulevard is located fully within the boundaries of the subject property along its west edge. Without an amendment, the Urban Transportation Plan ("UTP") would require the Developer to construct the full section of Bronx Avenue as a C1 Collector with 60 feet of right-of-way (ROW) and 40 feet of paved width and one-way cycle tracks on both sides.

Collector streets provide access to local, other collector, and arterial streets. The lowest order of collector streets is designed to collect local streets with the intent of connecting to an arterial grid system. In 2016, Del Mar College requested the removal of the proposed segment of Bronx Avenue from Master Drainage Channel 31 to Yorktown Boulevard, south of the subject property. The request was approved, leaving Bronx Avenue as a dead-end at the channel. As a dead-end, Bronx Avenue is no longer needed as a Collector-type street in this area.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial or alteration of the proposed UTP amendments.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The recently adopted Strategic Plan for Active Mobility (Phase 1: Bicycle Mobility) prescribes one-way cycle tracks on both sides of Bronx Avenue that would connect the area to Brockhampton Street going north and Yorktown Boulevard/Bill Witt Park going south. With the elimination of Bronx Avenue, an off road multi-use trail will substitute for cycle tracks. The Developer and Del Mar College will both be required to dedicate and construct their portion of this bike infrastructure, which will enable residents to directly access Bill Witt Park, Del Mar College's future southside campus, Veterans Memorial High School, and the existing bike trail along Master Drainage Channel 31. This segment of the bike plan is also a key portion of the trail system leading to Oso Parkway.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The proposed amendments conform to City policy and master plans.

Plan CC Comprehensive Plan, Transportation and Mobility Goal 1: "Corpus Christi has an efficient and safe transportation network, including bicycles, pedestrians..., and automobiles, that is integrated with land uses and promotes transportation choice, healthy lifestyles, and sustainable development patterns and economic development."

Goal 1, Policy 1: "Support a multi-modal transportation network that is integrated with land uses, where destinations are easily connect by accessible paths."

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Street Operations (Traffic Engineering), Planning, and Development Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2018-2019	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Transportation Advisory Commission recommend approval of the proposed amendment for the following reasons:

- The amendment maintains an adequate transportation network for the area.
- Bronx Avenue is not needed as a Collector because of the 2016 amendment to eliminate its connection to Yorktown Boulevard.
- The request does not eliminate the planned bicycle/ pedestrian infrastructure.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Presentation
Developer's Letter of Request