



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the Planning Commission Meeting September 30, 2020

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Proposed Urban Transportation Plan Amendment – Deletion of Civitan Drive between Ayers Street and Crosstown Expressway (State Highway 286)

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Urban Transportation Plan Map, of Mobility CC, a transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, by deleting a portion of Civitan Drive between Ayers St and Crosstown Expressway (State Highway 286); amending related elements of the Comprehensive Plan of the City; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

SUMMARY:

As the Agent of IDEA Public Schools; Halff Engineering has requested the deletion of Civitan Drive Ayers Street and Crosstown Expressway (State Highway 286). This request is associated with the future development of a 15.42 ac tract located between Ayers Street and Crosstown Expressway and containing the subject segment of Civitan Drive.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The segment of Civitan Drive; whose removal is being requested is categorized as a C1 – Minor Collector.

The Collector Street type collects and distributes traffic to and from local streets, other collectors, arterials, and freeway frontage roads. The function of this street type is to “collect” neighborhood traffic and strategically direct the traffic to the arterial grid system. However, the Collector Street system should not create high speed “short cuts” through residential neighborhoods. The ideal collector street intersection spacing between arterials is 0.25 to 0.50 miles apart. On-street parking and direct access to homes from this street type is discouraged.

Given the current condition of the Crosstown Expressway at the proposed intersection with Civitan Drive, it is not feasible to make that connection without first constructing an overpass. This portion of the current Urban Transportation Plan has not been modified since the extension

of the Crosstown Expressway south of the interchange with South Padre Island Drive. Without a connection to the west side of Crosstown, this new segment of Civitan Drive will not provide meaningful connectivity which would precipitate a C1 roadway. The construction of Civitan Drive as a C1 roadway through the subject property would generate a non-standard intersection at Ayers St. The Existing Civitan Drive and Ayers Street intersection is controlled by a signal. If the Civitan Drive C1 roadway were constructed through the subject property, the existing Civitan Drive local roadway to the west of the intersection would intersect with the proposed C1 roadway too close to the signalized intersection and generate a potentially unsafe situation. The vehicular movement that would be facilitated through the connection, east to west of Civitan Drive across of the Crosstown Expressway is already facilitated by Holly Road, approximately 2,000 feet to the south of the intersection of Ayers Street and Civitan Drive.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the request to remove this portion of the (C1) Minor Collector.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Exhibit B Map: Civitan Drive Area Map

Applicant Request for UTP amendment

Power point