

AGENDA MEMORANDUM Public Hearing and First Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 20, 2020 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 27, 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 (UTP) Map of Mobility CC, a transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan, by deleting a portion of Civitan Drive between Ayers St and Crosstown Expressway (State Highway 286); and providing for publication.

SUMMARY:

As the Agent of IDEA Public Schools; Halff Engineering has requested the deletion of Civitan Drive between 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 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.

The proposed change will most impact the property, for which the applicants have requested this segment deletion. The proposed alignment of the segment of Civitan Drive from Ayers to Crosstown Expressway is located entirely within the southern extents of the applicant property (IDEA Public Schools). The removal of this UTP roadway segment will allow the applicant greater flexibility to develop their tract. Additionally, an impact of the construction of Civitan Drive as proscribed by the UTP would be the generation of a non-standard intersection at

Civitan Drive and Ayers St. At present a local road named; "Civitan Drive" extends from the current intersection of these two roadways and turns to the North forming the Eastern boundary of the applicant tract (IDEA Public Schools). This turn North is located approximately 125 feet west of the existing intersection of Ayers St and Civitan Drive. If the UTP proscribed segment of Civitan Drive were constructed in its current alignment either a new lighted intersection would need to be constructed approximately 125 feet west of the existing lighted intersection of Ayers St and Civitan Drive (resulting in an non-standard intersection), or the existing local road currently named Civitan Drive would need to be relocated further West.

The vehicular movement that would be facilitated through the connection, east to west of Civitan Drive across 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.

This matter has been addressed by both the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Planning Commission (PC). Both meetings allowed for public input. Neither meeting resulted in public input that was in opposition to the deletion of the Civitan Drive segment from the UTP. Also, both the TAC and the PC both recommended approval of the deletion of this roadway segment from the UTP.

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives were considered for this request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

• There is no financial/fiscal impact associated with this ordinance.

Funding Detail:

Fund: N/A Organization/Activity: N/A Mission Element: N/A Project # **(CIP Only):** N/A Account: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of this amendment to delete the segment of Civitan Drive from Ayers Street to Crosstown Expressway from the City's UTP. The TAC and PC have both recommended the approval of this amendment to delete this segment of Civitan Drive from the City's UTP.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Exhibit Map: Civitan Drive Area Map Applicant Request for UTP Amendment Presentation