

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Transportation Commission

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RE: Pauline Blvd Improvements - Staff response to the Transportation Commission

Water Main Replacement Project Design. Pauline Blvd Water Main Replacement Project is foremost a water main improvement project and secondly a roadway improvement project. The design does include resurfacing the roadway, and installing new pavement markings, but the overall footprint of the roadway is not changing. Curb and gutters are remaining in place, except for bump-outs at strategic intersections. With the addition of new pavement markings, the design does include separate areas for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicular traffic. The Pauline Blvd Water Main Replacement Project design achieves a community interest of replacing the old and undersized water main with a new, larger water main, while also improving the vehicular, pedestrian and bicycling environment.

City's Non-motorized Transportation Plan. Two important recommendations in the City's Non-motorized Transportation Plan were addressed in the design for the Pauline Blvd roadway improvements. Bikes lanes extending the full length from Stadium Blvd to Seventh Street and a mid-block crossing near Arella Blvd were additions to the existing conditions along Pauline Blvd that staff incorporated into the proposed design. Additionally, data collection; engineering analysis; internal project team discussion; and, public meeting and stakeholder input have been reviewed in determining the appropriate design to best accommodate community interests. It was determined after this additional data and input to place a crosswalk at Arbordale Street, just one street west of Arella Blvd., and create bike lanes from Redeemer Avenue to Seventh Street.

Bicyclist Safety: Some Transportation Commission members expressed an interest in separated bike lanes in areas that are currently shared use lanes during the September 6, 2017 meeting. City staff reviewed the potential to include buffered bike lanes as part of the project.

In order to incorporate the separated, buffered bike lanes east of Redeemer where shared use lanes are present, it is necessary to eliminate parking from one side of the road. Chapter 10 of City Code requires Council approval for the restriction of parking for more than one block. Therefore, staff is preparing a resolution to City Council to remove parking along the south side of Pauline Blvd from Redeemer Avenue to South Seventh Street.

Staff requests that the Transportation Commission pass a resolution in support of the removal of parking on the south side of Pauline Boulevard from Redeemer to South Seventh Street in order to accommodate the installation of buffered bike lanes.