

City Plan Commission – Transportation Committee

October 20, 2016

Minutes

Attendants: Paul E. Ridley – Chair, Jarred Davis – Vice Chair, Michael Jung, Steve Stoner, Terry Watson, Mark Rieves

Absent: Gary Lawler

Commissioner Ridley called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

First order of business was to approve the July 21, 2016 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the July 21, 2016 meeting minutes and Mr. Stoner seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

1. Central Business District Streets and Vehicular Circulation Plan Amendment

Pearl Street

1. Change the operational characteristics of Pearl Expressway from Pacific Avenue to Live Oak Street from five-lanes southbound in 85-146 feet of right-of-way to two-lanes northbound and two-lanes southbound in 85 feet of right-of-way.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Motion: Mr. Stoner moved to follow staff's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Watson.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Jung stated he would not support the motion. He stated there are too many cars and congestion is too heavy to reduce the number of lanes of traffic. The Lee Engineering study stated Pearl would be operating at a level of service (LOS) F after this proposed change. Downtown employment is suffering and

there is a high vacancy rate in building occupancy as a result of the traffic.

- Commissioner Ridley asked how these changes enhance multimodal transportation.
- Commissioner Davis asked for a definition of a short trip downtown.
- Commissioner Davis stated that we have traditionally looked at vehicles and now we are being told that the typical level of service analysis will change, what does that mean?
- Commissioner Jung stated this amendment will not help bikes or other modes of transportation.

Results: The motion moved forward with a vote of four-for and two-against the motion; motion passes to follow staff recommendation.

For: 3 - Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Rieves, Mr. Watson and Mr. Stoner

Against: 2 - Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jung

2. Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Mr. Watson recused himself, before these items were briefed.

McKinney-Cole Amendments

2. Change the dimensional classification of McKinney Avenue from Allen Street to Harvard Avenue from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) to a special three-lane undivided (SPCL 3U) roadway within 60-80 feet of right-of-way; and
3. Change the dimensional classification of Allen Street from McKinney Avenue to Carlisle Street from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) to a special three-lane undivided (SPCL 3U) roadway within 60 feet of right-of-way; and
4. Change the dimensional classification of Carlisle Street from Allen Street to Cole Avenue from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) to a special three-lane undivided (SPCL 3U) roadway within 60 feet of right-of-way; and
5. Change the dimensional classification of Cole Avenue from Carlisle Street to Harvard Avenue from an existing couplet (EXST CPLT) to a special three-lane undivided (SPCL 3U) roadway within 60-80 feet of right-of-way.

Staff recommends approval of this amendment.

Motion: After hearing from 12 citizens (six on each side) Mr. Stoner motioned to table this item, there was not a second.

Results: The motion failed.

Motion: Commissioner Jung motioned to follow staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Rieves.

Results: The motion moved forward with a vote of three-for and two-against the motion; motion passes to follow staff recommendation.

For: 3 - Commissioner Ridley, Commissioner Jung, Commissioner Rieves

Against: 2 - Commissioner Davis, Mr. Stoner

3. Adjournment

Commissioner Ridley motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jung seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.