

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 08/12/25

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0682

LOG NAME: 20EASTSIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADOPTION

SUBJECT

(CD 5, CD 8 and CD 11) Conduct Public Hearing, Adopt a Resolution Adopting the Eastside Transportation Plan and Incorporate the Plan into the Comprehensive Plan, and Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Revised Eastside Transportation Plan Locally Preferred Alternative: Transit Route 89 Mode and Extension and Cross-Sections for East Lancaster Avenue, Bridge Street, and Brentwood Stair Road

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Staff Available for Questions: Kelly Porter; b. Public Comment; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing regarding the Eastside Transportation Plan;
2. Adopt the attached resolution adopting the Eastside Transportation Plan, which provides recommendations for improving enhanced mobility, safety, and economic development on the City's Eastside with incorporation into the Comprehensive Plan; and
3. Adopt the attached resolution in support of the Revised Eastside Transportation Plan Locally Preferred Alternative: Transit Route 89 Mode and Extension and Cross-Sections for East Lancaster Avenue, Bridge Street, and Brentwood Stair Road.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to adopt the Eastside Transportation Plan (ETP) by reference into the Comprehensive Plan. The City Council approved M&C 22-0783 to appropriate \$1,100,000.00 for the East Lancaster Avenue Corridor and Sub-Regional Planning Study (retitled the Eastside Transportation Plan) on September 27, 2022. The plan outlines policies and capital projects necessary to transform East Lancaster Avenue (SH 180), Brentwood Stair Road, Bridge Street, and other parts of the study area into multi-modal, walkable, mixed-use corridors. The City Council approved M&C 22-1014 to execute a professional services agreement with consultants from WSP USA, Inc. to oversee and develop the plan. The planning process began in January 2023 and ran until January 2025. The plan includes existing conditions analysis, locally preferred alternatives, housing and economic development analysis, and the foundation for a set of catalytic sites with a form-based code. The consultants conducted three rounds of public open houses, a series of neighborhood-specific meetings, surveys, and maintained a website to keep the public informed and receive input. The survey received over 750 responses. This plan contains recommendations only. The City Plan Commission recommended the plan for approval on June 11, 2025, after a public hearing.

The Plan contains 10 chapters to guide the City in the overall development of the area:

- Chapter 1: Introduction and Background
- Chapter 2: Plan Process
- Chapter 3: Previous Planning Efforts
- Chapter 4: Plan Engagement
- Chapter 5: Existing Conditions
- Chapter 6: Growth Factors and Forecasted Conditions
- Chapter 7: Alternatives Analysis
- Chapter 8: Thoroughfare Planning
- Chapter 9: Concept Planning
- Chapter 10: Plan Implementation

The City Council adopted Resolution 5876-01-2024 supporting the Locally Preferred Alternatives on January 23, 2024 (listed in chapter 7 of the attached plan). Once the plan is adopted, City staff will present a form-based code, zoning changes, and Master Thoroughfare Plan amendments to the City Council for consideration. The plan will be used to guide and support the reconstruction of East Lancaster Avenue (west of Loop 820). The roadway is currently under design by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and is fully funded by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). TXDOT is approaching 60% design and includes many of the recommendations shown in the ETP. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Recommendation

Proposed Schedule

Plan Adoption	August 2025
Master Thoroughfare Plan Amendment	August 2025
Form-Based Code Adoption	Winter 2026
Zoning Amendments to Match Form-Based Code	Winter 2026

The TXDOT-led East Lancaster Avenue (west of Loop 820) project is scheduled to break ground in 2027/2028.

This plan is located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 5,8, and 11

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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