

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 05/13/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0427

**LOG NAME:** 20EAST BERRY STREET CORRIDOR PLAN ADOPTION

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 5, CD 8 and CD 11) Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution Adopting the East Berry Street Corridor Plan and Incorporating the Plan into the Comprehensive Plan (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

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

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and adopt the attached resolution adopting the East Berry Street Corridor Plan, which provides recommendations for the creation of a multimodal mixed-use corridor from Interstate 35 to the edge of Lake Arlington, and incorporating the Plan into the Comprehensive Plan.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to adopt the East Berry Street Corridor Plan (Plan) by reference into the Comprehensive Plan. The 2022 Bond Program identified East Berry Street as an established corridor in need of redesigning the road to support walking, biking, and transit. On November 29, 2022, City Council authorized execution of an agreement with Kimley-Horn Associates (Consultants) to perform the East Berry Street Corridor Study (M&C 22-1007). The study period began in January 2023 and ran until August 2024. The study focused on safety and operational improvements to the roadway, creation of a form-based code to spur economic development, and increased options for travel. The consultants conducted four rounds of open houses, a series of focus groups, surveys, and maintained a website to keep the public informed and receive input. The Plan contains an existing conditions report, a needs analysis, a project list, an implementation plan, and the framework for creating a form-based code with associated zoning recommendations. The Plan contains recommendations only.

The Plan contains 9 chapters to guide the City in overall development of the corridor:

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Vision & Goals
- Chapter 3 Public Engagement
- Chapter 4 Existing Conditions
- Chapter 5 Analysis
- Chapter 6 Concepts
- Chapter 7 Zoning Framework
- Chapter 8 Catalyst Site Economic Strategies
- Chapter 9 Implementation

After the plan is adopted, City staff will present a form-based code, zoning changes, and Master Thoroughfare Plan amendments to City Council for consideration. This series of adoptions provide the foundation by which the City can turn The Plan into projects that increase safety, mobility and opportunity along the corridor. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- Plan Adoption - Spring 2025
- Master Thoroughfare Plan Amendment - Spring/Summer 2025
- Form Based Code Adoption - Fall 2025
- Zoning Amendments to Match Form Based Code - Fall/Winter 2025
- East Berry Schematic from Interstate Highway 35 to Miller Ave - Fall 2025

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.

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## **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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