

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****October 27, 2020**

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SUBJECT: MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN MINOR UPDATE

The Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) is the long-range plan for major roadways in the City of Fort Worth and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. It is intended to accommodate the ultimate development of the City's thoroughfare network and is incorporated by reference in the City's Comprehensive Plan. In 2014, the City Council authorized a professional services contract with HDR, Inc. to update the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan, which was adopted in 2016 along with the Complete Streets Policy.

The MTP is a living document and is generally updated every five to seven years, to capture previous amendments and new policies. The contract with HDR allocated funding to complete a minor update after a sufficient period of time to fine tune policies and include new guidance as needed. This minor update will bring the MTP in conformance with previously adopted planning documents and policies such as the Transportation Engineering Manual (2019), Access Management Policy (2019), and the Active Transportation Plan (2019).

Proposed policy updates include the following:

- Incorporated planning for railroads
 - Included guidance on where railroads should be grade separated from thoroughfares and the right-of-way width needed for bridge structures
 - Incorporated guidance on requirements to install railroad quiet zones
- Updated MTP Waivers
 - Added a process flow chart for City and developer driven requests to modify existing or planned two-way-left-turn-lanes to medians
 - Added a waiver to allow for interim roadway cross-sections to allow for future conformance with the MTP
 - Clarified the intention for certain waiver types
- Incorporating new collector cross-sections
 - Added a context sensitive selection process and allows for optional enhanced collectors to provide additional flexibility
 - Reduced the standard industrial collector from 80 feet to 60 feet
- Providing a more comfortable parkway for people walking and bicycling
 - Increased bicycle user comfort by moving most on-street bicycle lanes to combined pedestrian and bicycle shared use paths and established shared use paths as the default bicycle facility in most situations
 - Increased pedestrian and bicyclist user comfort and traffic safety by increasing distance of shared use path/sidewalk further away from the travel lane



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- Selected alignment and map amendments
 - Modified selected alignments, future rights-of-way, street type, and cross-sections due to changes in development, constructability, or land use

The Development Advisory Committee was briefed in June and August of 2020 and the City Plan Commission recommended approval to City Council in September. A City Council public hearing is currently scheduled for November 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Chad Edwards, Transportation and Public Works Regional Mobility and Innovation Officer, at 817-392-7259.

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