



Legislation Text

File #: Ord. 2021-96, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against Ordinance 2021-96, adopting amendments to Appendix A - Thoroughfare Plan and Appendix G - Bicycle Plan of the Transportation Master Plan to modify various roadway alignments and bicycle facility classifications; and consider approval of Ordinance 2021-96, on the first of two readings.

Meeting date: December 15, 2021

Department: Planning & Development Services

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: TMP-21-01 was presented to City Council as an update item on October 19, 2021.

There was no discussion and no action was taken at that time. At their regular meeting on December 7, 2021 City Council held the first of two public hearings required for this item. No action was taken. Council members asked for data on bicycle usage in San Marcos and for data on bicycle safety. Staff is working on obtaining this data, and will provide it to City Council once it is available.

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

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Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

Economic Development - Choose an item.

Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

Land Use - Choose an item.

Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.

- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- Transportation - Multimodal transportation network to improve accessibility and mobility, minimize congestion and reduce pollution
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Transportation Master Plan

Background Information:

The Thoroughfare Plan and Bicycle Plan are Exhibits within the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) which was approved by City Council on December 12, 2018.

The proposed roadway alignment / removal recommendations are based on alignments which have been modified during development approval processes, conversations with other jurisdictions like Hays and Caldwell County, and modifications to better align with developments already in place.

The proposed bicycle facility classification modifications are proposed to increase safety, increase connectivity, work within existing right-of-way where acquisition is not feasible, and align bicycle facility projects with Capital Improvements Plan projects. These modifications are presented as a coordinated effort between staff and local bicycle advocacy groups.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

TMP-21-01 was presented to Neighborhood Commission as an update item on October 20, 2021. There was no discussion and no action was taken.

At their regular meeting on November 9, 2021 the Planning and Zoning Commission considered this item following a public hearing. The Commission recommended **approval** 8-0 with the following recommended changes: 1. Old Ranch Road 12 shall be a protected bike lane. 2. Barnes Drive shall be a buffered bike lane 3. Monterrey Oak shall be a buffered bike lane.

The Commission also discussed the following: complete streets and inclusion of bike and pedestrian facilities on all roadways, general concerns with safety of sharrows, including more clear information for bicycle facility

changes in the presentation to City Council, City Council directed future studies of bicycle facility usage.

Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends **approval** of the requested amendments as presented.