City Council Agenda Memo



City Council

TO: David Vela, Interim City Manager

Meeting Date: 05-14-2015

FROM: Jon James, Director of Development Services

SUBJECT: Final Reading and Public Hearing on an ordinance amending the City's Bicycle Plan to incorporate the "US 277 Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Project"

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council approved a resolution of support for a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the "US 277 Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Project". This project will include a pedestrian/bike path along US 277 from Clack Street to Rebecca Lane; sidewalk connections along the southeast side of US 277 from Danville Dr to Clack St, along the northwest side of US 277 from Danville Dr to Texas Ave, and along the north side of Texas Ave from US 277 to Corsicana Ave; a bike lane on Texas Ave from US 277 to Dub Wright Blvd.; intersection improvements with pedestrian islands, signal upgrades, and pavement marking improvements; and a portion of the sidewalks along Clack Street connecting to the Elm Creek bridge project. The project will provide safer bicycle and pedestrian connections to Bassetti Elementary School and Clack Middle School and will create a much-improved pedestrian and bicycle network within this area with connections from many apartments and homes to schools and retail areas.

This item is to amend the City's existing 1983 Bicycle Plan to incorporate all elements of this proposed project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this plan amendment.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this plan amendment by a vote of 4 in favor (Calk, McClarty, Rosenbaum, Famble), none opposed, and one abstention (Bixby).

ATTACHMENTS

Plan Amendment Ordinance Project Map

Prepared by:		Disposition by City Council		
			Approved	Ord/Res#
Name: Jon James, AICP			Denied	
	6 2		Other	
Title: Planning Director	Item No			
			City Secreta	ary

ORDINANCE	NO.
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THOROUGHFARE PLAN AMENDING AND INCORPORATING THE US 277 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROJECT AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE CITY OF ABILENE BICYCLE PLAN; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

- PART 1: That the Bicycle Plan within the Thoroughfare Plan of the City of Abilene, an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, is hereby amended adding the US 277 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project as shown on Exhibit "A" as an addendum to the Plan and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 2: That if any provision or any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- PART 3: That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day such violation shall continue or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 23rd day of April A.D. 2015.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage, was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 20th day of March, 2015, the same being more than fifteen (15) days prior to a public hearing to be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m., on the 23rd day of April, 2015, to permit the public to be heard prior to final consideration of this ordinance. Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS 14th day of May, A.D. 2015.

ATTEST:		
CITY SECRETARY	MAYOR	_
	APPROVED:	
	CITY ATTORNEY	

US 277 Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Project VOODCOCK SNIPE INWOOD CENTRAL CHACHALACA **Projects To Be Constructed** BELTON LLANO Traffic Signals Improvements HARWOOD Proposed Islands DOVE RIVER OAKS BLUE QUAIL **BURBANK** 20TH Proposed Lane **TEXAS** Proposed Path TERESA ADA Culvert Bridge SQUTHMOOR KERRY CICILY Legend plan 3-19-15.mxd **DUCHESS HEALTH WAY** PRINCES KINGS **Bus Shelters** MICHAEL **HEALTH CENTER** JENNINGS⋛ site ABILENE **CLOVER** EDGEMONT 27 **TWYLIGHT** SHERWOOD WENWOOD Document Path: V:\Abilene MPO\Maps\TAPS\South CITY OF ABILENE M. P. O. POSTOAK BRENTWOOD N. T. S. BISHOP BOB-O-LINK CURRY VICTORY Site Plan 6.2 Page 3