

**City Council  
Agenda Memo**



**City Council  
Meeting Date: 4-23-2015**

**TO: David Vela, Interim City Manager**  
**FROM: Jon James, Director of Development Services**

**SUBJECT: First 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:

Name: Jon James, AICP

Title: Planning Director

Item No. 7.1

Disposition by City Council

- Approved      Ord/Res# \_\_\_\_\_
- Denied            \_\_\_\_\_
- Other              \_\_\_\_\_

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City Secretary

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2015.

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY

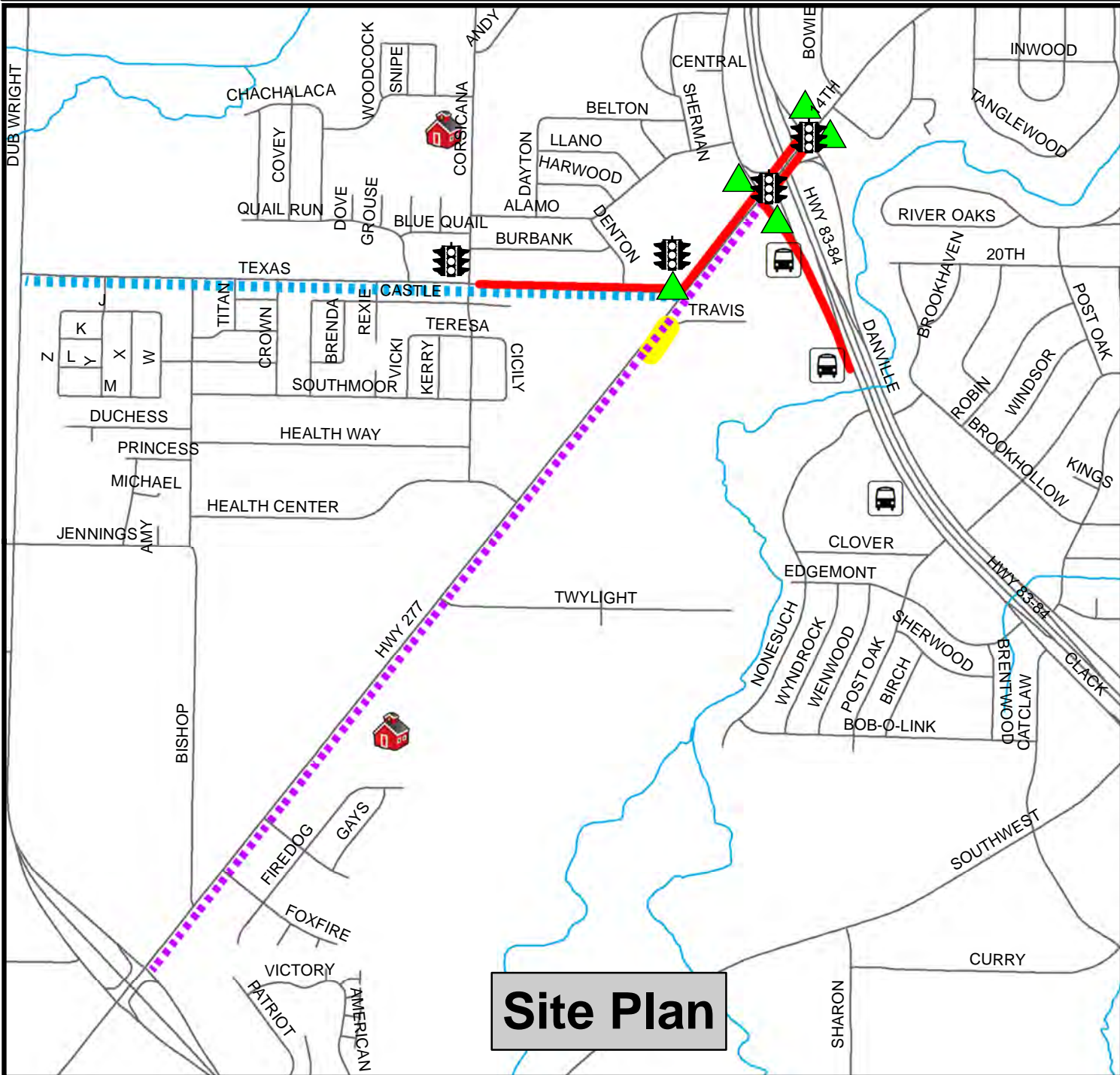
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MAYOR

APPROVED:

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CITY ATTORNEY

# US 277 Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Project

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## Site Plan

**Projects To Be Constructed**

- Traffic Signals Improvements
- Proposed Islands
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Proposed Lane
- Proposed Path
- ADA Culvert Bridge

**Legend**

- School
- Bus Shelters

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