

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: January 28, 2025

ITEM NUMBER: 2

SECOND READING:

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TYPE OF ITEM: Informational

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Recommendation on Future Roadway Capacity Projects

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the August 2024 TAB meeting, the Board members unanimously supported a recommendation to City Council regarding policy direction on future transportation projects. TAB typically requests clarification of projects or recommends adding specific project elements during the staff's review of future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) items. This time, the TAB recommendations were policy based, rather than project specific. Due to the policy aspect of the TAB recommendations, staff planned to bring these recommendations back with the upcoming Transportation Mobility Plan (TMP)—to be presented to the TAB for recommendations to City Council at the February 2025 TAB meeting. Many of the TAB recommendations are included as part of a TMP draft to be released later in January 2025 for public review.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Information only

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Information only

FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

During the August 2024 TAB meeting, after the proposed 2025 CIP presentation, Chair Laner moved to approve the recommended CIP project list presented by staff, with the addition of the following four statements to the City Council for adoption into the 2025 budget:

1. No more widening to increase capacity for cars, but instead to increase capacity for vulnerable road users.

2. More emphasis on looking at intersections and roundabouts and the feasibility of said roundabouts.
3. Having separated bicycle facilities when looking at road diets.
4. Looking at vulnerable road users first and then looking at vehicles.

An addition from Board member McInerny was to ask Council to confirm that those Municipal building renovations projects conform to Code restrictions for the use of street tax funds. For this item, the budget process has its own policy requirements, including confirmation of use of specific funds for certain projects.

The base recommendations by TAB were policy statements, outside of the typical budget structure. As such, staff considered these recommendations as policy directives to be included with the TMP process.

During a follow up discussion on January 13, 2025 about the outcome of the CIP-specific TAB recommendations to City Council, TAB requested that an Info Item be created for Council to detail the conversation as it was unclear how these recommendations were reflected in the budget/CIP discussion. TAB also requested that the policy recommendations be provided to City Council at the time the TMP is in front of City Council for adoption in late February 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

August 12, 2024 Action Minutes