



AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2006

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: GPA-16105 - APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS

**** CONDITIONS ****

The Planning Commission (7-0) and staff recommend APPROVAL.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This application seeks to amend Map No. 2 of the Transportation Trail Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan to change one Transportation Trail to a Pedestrian Path and realign the path. The current Multi-Use Transportation Trail along Stewart Avenue will be deleted and replaced with a pedestrian path.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
Month/date/year	Action
01/16/02	The City Council adopted the Recreation and Transportation Trails Elements of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan.
12/01/04	The City Council approved a General Plan Amendment (GPA-5157) to revise certain trail cross sections to clarify maintenance and ownership issues, designate sections of trail alignments in developed areas as Pedestrian Paths, and add Pedestrian Path alignments to coordinate with the Regional Transportation Systems Multi-modal plan.
2/23/06	The City Council approved a General Plan Amendment (GPA 10566) for a trail realignment from Eastern Avenue to Spencer Street.
10/05/06	The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend APPROVAL (PC Agenda Item#36/mah).
<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
9/18/2006	Meeting was held at Raphael Rivera Community Center. No members of the public were in attendance.

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Area Plan			
Las Vegas Spectrum	X		Y
Redevelopment Plan Area	X		Y

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Purpose and Overlay Districts		X	N/A
Trails	X		Y
Rural Preservation Overlay District		X	N/A
Development Impact Notification Assessment		X	N/A
Project of Regional Significance		X	N/A

ANALYSIS

The intent of this application is to revise the pedestrian path alignment depicted on Map No. 2 of the Transportation Trail Element of the 2020 Master Plan. The current alignment along Sunrise Avenue, Isabelle Avenue and a portion of Palm Street is less accessible than the proposed realignment along Stewart Avenue. Continuing the pedestrian path on Bruce Street to Stewart Avenue will allow for a connection with the Multi-Use Transportation Trail along US 95, and better connectivity throughout the trail system in the area.

The proposed alignment will also connect three schools (Crestwood Elementary, Hollingsworth Elementary and Sunrise Acres Elementary and Martin Martin Middle School) creating a safe route for children to travel between home and school.

A pedestrian path trail along Stewart Avenue is more feasible than the current proposed Multi-Use Transportation Trail which would require acquisition of additional right-of-way. The proposed pedestrian path along Stewart Avenue will fall within current City of Las Vegas right-of-way.

FINDINGS

Section 19.18.030.I of the Las Vegas Zoning Code requires that the following conditions be met in order to justify a General Plan Amendment:

1. The density and intensity of the proposed General Plan Amendment is compatible with the existing adjacent land use designations,
2. The zoning designations allowed by the proposed amendment will be compatible with the existing adjacent land uses or zoning districts,
3. There are adequate transportation, recreation, utility, and other facilities to accommodate the uses and densities permitted by the proposed General Plan Amendment; and
4. The proposed amendment conforms to other applicable adopted plans and policies that include approved neighborhood plans.

In regard to each of these conditions, this request does not impact density or intensity of uses. It is intended to more effectively implement the Transportation Trails Element. The realignment will have no impact on existing development and only minor requirements for future development.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED 22

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT N/A

SENATE DISTRICT N/A

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APPROVALS 0

PROTESTS 0