



AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2007

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: GPA-18403 - APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS

**** CONDITIONS ****

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

**** STAFF REPORT ****

APPLICATION REQUEST

This application seeks to amend Map 2 of the Transportation Trails Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan to realign the Cultural Corridor multi-use trail.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The intent of this application is to revise the Cultural Corridor multi-use trail alignment depicted on Map No. 2 of the Transportation Trail Element of the 2020 Master Plan. The current alignment of the multi-use trail extends North/South along Veterans Memorial Drive from Stewart Avenue to Las Vegas Boulevard North. The proposed realignment will place the multi-use trail on Stewart Avenue from 4th Street to Casino Center Boulevard, then north on Casino Center Boulevard, then east on Bonanza Road to Las Vegas Boulevard North, then north to Washington Avenue.

BACKGROUND DATA:

- 11/07/03 The City Council approved GPA 3000 to amend the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan to include urban trail objectives and locations.
- 01/11/07 The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend APPROVAL (PC Agenda Item #18/mh).

DETAILS OF APPLICATION REQUEST

<i>SPECIAL DISTRICTS/ZONES</i>	YES	NO
SPECIAL PLAN AREA	X	
RURAL PRESERVATION NEIGHBORHOOD		X
RURAL PRESERVATION NEIGHBORHOOD BUFFER		X
PROJECT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE		X

INTERAGENCY ISSUES

There are no interagency issues associated with the General Plan Amendment.

SPECIAL PLAN AREA

The subject site is located within the Redevelopment Plan area. This Special Plan Area will have no effect on the proposed trail alignment.

ANALYSIS

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The proposed alignment will give trail users a more scenic route through the downtown area along Las Vegas Boulevard. The new alignment will allow residents in the area access to the trail and the commercial and civic uses along Bonanza Road and Las Vegas Boulevard. The trail will provide for better connectivity between the North and South sides of US 95. This will enhance the neighborhoods on either side of US 95 by allowing pedestrian travel from the South side of the highway to the North.

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.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Per policy set forth in the city of Las Vegas application packet, a neighborhood meeting shall be held with the surrounding property owners. The applicant is requested to hold this meeting within 14 days of the closing date of this application. In accordance with the above, on December 18, 2006 a neighborhood meeting was sponsored by the City of Las Vegas. No citizens attended.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED N/A

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT N/A

SENATE DISTRICT N/A

NOTICES MAILED N/A

APPROVALS 0

PROTESTS 0