



AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2008

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: MSH-29429 - APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS

**** CONDITIONS ****

The Planning Commission (5-0-2/bg/rt vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL, subject to:

Public Works

1. City Staff is empowered to modify this application, if necessary, for technical concerns or other related review actions provided current City of Las Vegas requirements are still complied with and the intent of the submitted Master Plan of Streets and Highways is satisfied.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a request to amend the Master Plan of Streets and Highways to require a 120-foot right-of-way along Las Vegas Boulevard from Sahara Avenue to 4th Street, where a 100-foot right-of-way currently exists. The additional width is needed in order to be consistent with the Regional Transit Commissions plans for dedicated transit lanes for the ACE Bus Rapid Transit route between downtown and the South Strip Terminal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
08/21/02	City Council accepted ownership and maintenance of Las Vegas Boulevard from the State of Nevada Department of Transportation.
10/23/08	The Planning Commission voted 5-0-2/bg/rt to recommend APPROVAL (PC Agenda Item #48/yk).
<i>Related Building Permits/Business Licenses</i>	
There are no building permits or business licenses related to this action.	
<i>Pre-Application Meeting</i>	
A pre-application meeting was not required with this request.	
<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
09/22/08	A community meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall with six people attending. One person voiced his strong opposition to the plan although he understood the need for it. The other five had no vocal opposition to the plan.

<i>Field Check</i>	
08/18/08	A field check confirmed that this section of Las Vegas Boulevard is fully developed.

<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Area Plan			
Downtown Centennial Plan	X		N/A
<i>Special Districts/Zones</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Compliance</i>
Special Purpose and Overlay Districts			
G-O (Gaming Enterprise Overlay) District	X		N/A
A-O (Airport Overlay) District	X		N/A
Las Vegas Boulevard Scenic Byway Overlay District	X		N/A

ANALYSIS

The Master Plan of Streets and Highways is a document that plans for the transportation needs of the City by classifying streets based on the right-of-way widths for the volume of traffic expected. The Department of Public Works is requesting to reclassify this section of Las Vegas Boulevard from a Primary Arterial (100 width) to a Parkway Arterial (120 width). This proposal is needed in order to be in line with the Regional Transportation Commissions plans for the ACE Bus Rapid Transit route along Las Vegas Boulevard connecting downtown with the South Strip Terminal.

Reclassification of Right-of-way		
Current Classification	Proposed Classification	Staff Recommendation
Primary Arterial (100 ft.)	Parkway Arterial (120 ft.)	No objection

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

There were three speakers in opposition, one in support and two with questions at the Planning Commission Meeting.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 9

SENATE DISTRICT 10

NOTICES MAILED 585 by City Clerk

APPROVALS 6

PROTESTS 0