



*City of Las Vegas*

Agenda Item No.: 106.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER**

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

**SUBJECT:** MSH-2985 - MASTER PLAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS - PUBLIC HEARING -  
APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS - Request to Amend the Master Plan of Streets  
and Highways FOR A PROPOSED 82-FOOT WIDE COLLECTOR TO SERVE AS AN EAST  
AND WEST CONNECTION BETWEEN VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND  
MARYLAND PARKWAY NORTH OF HARRIS AVENUE AND ADD VETERAN'S  
MEMORIAL DRIVE AND AN 80-FOOT COLLECTOR BETWEEN BONANZA ROAD AND  
THE PROPOSED NEW COLLECTOR STREET, Ward 5 (Barlow). The Planning Commission  
(5-0-2 vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL.

**PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:**

**Planning Commission Mtg.**

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**City Council Meeting**

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**APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:**

**Planning Commission Mtg.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Commission (5-0-2 vote) and staff recommend APPROVAL, subject to conditions.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Location and Aerial Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Justification Letter
5. Support Postcards
6. Submitted after Final Agenda - Protest/Support Postcards
7. Submitted after Meeting Protest/Support Postcards
8. Backup Referenced from the 10-23-2008 Planning Commission Meeting Item 49

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Hold in abeyance to 1/21/2009

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN,  
GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);  
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHERI EDELMAN, Acting City Engineer and Deputy Director of Public Works, introduced consultant ROGER PATTON, Sr. Vice President of Louis Berger, who has been involved with the project.

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MAYOR GOODMAN emphasized that this item does not approve any particular project nor is it an item to decide whether or not the City will be asking landowners to sell their property or any intent to condemn property.

MR. PATTON stated that the amendment to the Master Plan of Streets and Highways will create a new roadway connection called Cultural Vista Parkway between Veterans Memorial Parkway and Maryland Parkway. The roadway would go through the parking lot of Reed Whipple Cultural Center and continue to the southern parking lot of Cashman Field. A Planning charrette was held to consider future transportation, projected increase in traffic and the Regional Transportation Commissions (RTC) regional transit system northward to the downtown area.

AL GALLEGO, citizen of Las Vegas, stated he has asked many questions and received no answers until now, because according to the presentation, RTC is going to build a tramway. He indicated that his home is behind the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, of which half would be demolished. He questioned if graves in the adjacent cemetery would have to be removed when the roads widened, and wondered if the Neon Museum will be removed. Residents in the area will adamantly oppose this and want to retain the character of the neighborhood.

MS. EDELMAN explained that the alignment is located near the Cemetery Barn but this is a future plan and may never come to fruition. Regarding the cemetery, MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development, stated that there is no religious or protected facilities and one cemetery was historical.

MR. PATTON discussed with COUNCILMAN BARLOW that the plan does not include a tramway system, but a roadway designed as a bus route for pedestrians. The width of Veterans Memorial Parkway is 60 feet, but no right-of-way acquisitions would be required to make it 82 feet. Potential future right-of-way acquisitions might be an issue along Maryland Parkway. The Reed Whipple Cultural Center would have to be significantly redesigned in order to widen the roadway at this location. To mitigate the noise for the abutting residential area, a low-volume road is proposed. Once a design is finalized, those issues would be addressed. There is already a street buffer between apartment buildings and Cashman Field. The right-of-way at Bruce Street is already wide and the proposal is to re-align Maryland Parkway to connect to Cultural Vista Parkway.

MR. PATTON described the route connecting to North Las Vegas. MS. EDELMAN added that Las Vegas Boulevard is a 100-foot roadway, and Item 107 of the General Plan Amendment application proposes certain recommendations to accommodate eight lanes of traffic coming from North Las Vegas.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked if only a portion of the plan could be approved, because he would like to speak with residents that have concerns along the Veterans Memorial Parkway and Baltimore. This corridor is already impacted by high traffic. MS. EDELMAN preferred an abeyance to look at the overall plan and its impact.

MAYOR GOODMAN declared the Public Hearing closed.