

**AGENDA MEMO****PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: JANUARY 25, 2011****DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT****ITEM DESCRIPTION: APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS**

**** STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S) ****

<i>CASE NUMBER</i>	<i>RECOMMENDATION</i>	<i>REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL</i>
GPA-40404	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	

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**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This request is to adopt and updated the Transportation & Streets and Highways Element, as well as the associated Master Streets and Highways Map and Schedule contained within and to incorporate it into the city of Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan. An update to Transportation & Streets and Highways Element is required at this time to align the Element with the proposed changes to Title 13.12 and the Unified Development Code (UDC), as well as to keep current with existing conditions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc</i>	
04/01/92	The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3636, thereby adopting the Las Vegas General Plan as required by NRS 278. This master plan contained a circulation plan.
09/06/00	The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5250, which adopted the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan.
06/05/01	The Nevada Legislature adopted Assembly Bill No. 182 during the 71 st Session that required the inclusion of a Streets and Highways Plan and a Transportation Plan within master plans of cities within a county population greater than 400,000.
04/15/09	The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6038, which adopted to the Transportation & Streets and Highways Element.

<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
01/06/11	A neighborhood meeting was held at the Development Services Center located at 731 S 4 th Street at 5:30 PM. Two staff members were in attendance. No one from the public attended the meeting. The meet adjourned at 6PM.

ANALYSIS

The update to the Transportation & Streets and Highways Element (hereinafter “Element”) is intended to complying with state mandated requirements concerning the Master Plan, providing the latest available information, clarifying maps and tables, and presenting consistent information with the Las Vegas Municipal Code.

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The Transportation & Streets and Highways Element accomplishes the following:

- State goals, objectives and policies to guide and influence planning and implementation of transportation systems;
- Compile a comprehensive listing and description of the street network, grade separations, and terminals;
- Describe building line setbacks, the functional classification system, and street addressing and numbering used within the city of Las Vegas;
- Support the city's Sustainability Initiative;
- Analyze short and long term goals and priorities for transportation planning;
- Describe the city's role in facilitating the development of streets and highways;
- Evaluate the effectiveness and potential benefit of land-use tools in transportation planning;
- Identify strategies/actions to enhance the city's role in coordinating transportation planning and implementation with the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada and other governmental entities.

The major changes to the document since its adoption in 2009 are listed below:

- Updated the "Functional Classifications" section of the Element to reflect the language found within the proposed updates to Title 13.12 and the Unified Development Code.
- Updated the Element to reflect proper references to Title 19 and the Street Naming and Address Assignment Regulations, 2009 Edition.
- Updated tables found within the "Building Setback" section of the Element to reflect proposed zoning districts and corresponding development standards found within Title 19.
- Updated Appendix A to reflect proposed language, as well as the status of policies or programs.
- Clarify the process by which to amend the Element.
- Updated the name of the Master Streets and Highways Map to the "Master Streets and Highways Map and Schedule."
- Updated the text to reflect the completion of the Bonneville Transit Center, as well as the Strip & Downtown Express transit route.

Relationship to Nevada Revised Statutes

The Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) are the current codified laws of the State of Nevada. The Statutes of Nevada are a compilation of all legislation passed by the Nevada Legislature during a particular legislative session. With respect to these laws, the Transportation & Streets and Highways Element conform to the following:

NSR 278.150 through 170 inclusive requires that the governing body (in this case the city of Las Vegas) prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city. This document, known as the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan, must include a transportation plan and a streets and highways plan.

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The streets and highways plan must show the general locations and widths of a comprehensive system of major traffic thoroughfares and other traffic ways and of streets and the recommended treatment thereof, building line setbacks, and a system of naming or numbering streets and numbering houses, with recommendations concerning proposed changes.

The transportation plan must show a comprehensive transportation system, including, without limitation, locations of rights-of-way, terminals, viaducts and grade separations. The plan may also include port, harbor, aviation and related facilities.

The Transportation & Streets and Highways Element, within its current and proposed form, addresses all current NRS requirements in one document.

Relationship to Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan

The city of Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan policy document was adopted in September 2000. It provides a broad policy structure intended to direct the actions of the city regarding land use and development for the period from 2000 to 2020. The individual elements are intended to provide more specific direction, through detailed analysis and recommended actions, as to how the City should react to certain issues. The Transportation & Streets and Highways Element contains the goals, objectives and policies from the Master Plan policy document that best relate to transportation, streets and highways.

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