

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Adoption of the Bicycle Facilities Master Plan

DATE: April 21, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance adopts a citywide Bicycle Facilities Master Plan in accordance with the 1997 City Master Plan. This plan is designed to create an efficient region wide bicycle network as well as also prioritize where additional bicycle facilities would be most appropriate in an effort to create an integrated multi-modal transportation infrastructure.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This Ordinance is in response to the City's 1997 Master Plan, which calls for the creation of a Bicycle Facilities Master Plan in the Urban Design (Policies 3b, 5a, 5b, 5d, 5h) and Neighborhood Sections (Policy 5d). In addition, the Unified Development Code adopted in 2001 calls for design standards to incorporate bike facilities when a Bike Master Plan is adopted by City Council. This plan was created with input from all the various local agencies (Bexar County, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee, Alamo Area Council of Governments, Texas Department of Transportation and VIA Metropolitan Transit), various city departments (Planning, Parks and Recreation, Development Services, and Health) and recommendations from the MPO's Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee. In addition, community input was also solicited from the MPO website, public meetings and briefings to the Land Development Service Committee, the Planning Commission and the Real Estate Council.

This plan is designed to be a guideline for the implementation of bicycle facilities throughout the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. It will assist local agencies in identifying what projects should include bicycle facilities when those projects are funded. The Plan should be overlaid with roadway maintenance programs to help create the bicycle network. In addition, the Plan includes goals and objectives, recommendations regarding on and off road facilities and implementation strategies.

Recent Public Works Projects that have been undertaken include the installation of bicycle racks at over 30 locations citywide and the completion of Phase 3 of the Mission Trail Project.

Utilization of a citywide Bicycle Master Plan for a safe, convenient and comprehensive on and off road bicycle network will make San Antonio a place where bicycling is desirable for trips of all kinds by all segments of the population.

This plan has been granted approval from the Land Development Service Commission and Planning Commission on February 23, 2005 and to the Quality of Life Committee on April 7, 2005. This item is being brought forward at their direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS

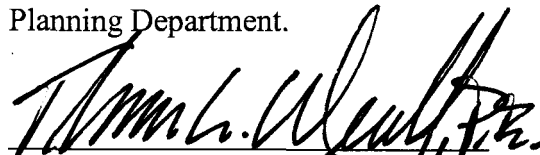
Approval of this ordinance will enable further advancement in the creation of a truly multi-modal transportation infrastructure for San Antonio. This is also consistent with the Unified Development Code.

FINANCIAL IMPACT


Adoption of this ordinance creates no fiscal impact to the City's Budget.

COORDINATION

This request for Ordinance has been coordinated with the Development Services Department and Planning Department.


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