

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to approve the W. San Antonio Street roadway reallocation project.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Capital Improvements, Economic and Community Development, Public Works, Planning and Development Services

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: 1, 5

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This proposed roadway allocation will address priorities of safety, access, mobility, parking, economy, and the environment. The reallocation of the lanes on West San Antonio Street was initially identified as a recommendation action 2010 Downtown Implementation Plan. The reallocation will also address circulation, walkability, increase pedestrian infrastructure, improve downtown aesthetics, and help to reduce vehicle collisions from Main Plaza to Clemens Avenue.

The reallocation is intended to:

- Reduce travel lanes from four lanes to two lanes with a center turn lane
- Improve vehicle and pedestrian safety
- Improve operations at traffic signals
- Allow for more on-street parking spaces
- Provides a buffer space between parking and travel lanes
- Allow for additional medians and curb extensions

A 2021 West San Antonio Street Traffic Study outlined the benefits of this proposed lane allocation to include: increased on-street parking, anticipated reduction of crashes, no significant impacts on circulation and capacity, and opportunities to add art, landscaping, center-lane pedestrian protection areas, and increased walkability.

ISSUE:

The Downtown Board is being asked to address this proposed project with potential action on a formal recommendation to City Council.