

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Presentation on the proposed City of New Braunfels Street Design Manual and Thoroughfare Plan Update.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Planning and Development Services

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of New Braunfels identified the need to provide guidance on street design and apply a consistent approach for designing streets, intersections, pavements, and structures. Current street design guidance is provided in various locations including Chapters 114 and 118 of the Code of Ordinances, city checklists and standard details, federal and state manuals, and City of San Antonio design requirements. It was determined that the City needed a street design guide to provide modern guidance and a stand-alone document to assist in planning, designing, and constructing streets in New Braunfels.

The City hired Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc to assist in preparing the proposed Street Design Manual in a phased effort. Kimley-Horn assisted other cities like New Braunfels to develop a street design criterion from the ground up. The manual was developed in coordination with City Departments and the proposed Thoroughfare Plan update. The next phase is to present the proposed Street Design Manual to the community for review and feedback. The phase will include providing outreach to the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board and development, engineering, and construction communities. Additionally, a webpage will be created to download the document and associated standards and provide an opportunity for comments. Kimley-Horn and City staff will review feedback received and make final adjustments to the manual for City Council approval.

The timeline of the Street Design Manual corresponds with the update to the City's Thoroughfare Plan update and required amendments to the Code of Ordinances. The Thoroughfare Plan update was delayed last year, and the development of the design manual allowed for additional revisions to the street principles and classification. The major revision includes the combination of a residential collector and local street for commercial, industrial, and multifamily land uses to a "Local B Street." The community outreach for Street Design Manual and Thoroughfare Plan update is anticipated in May through July 2021.

City staff will present a summary and timeline of the proposed Street Design Manual and Thoroughfare Plan update.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A