



AGENDA MEMO - PLANNING

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2023

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: AMENDMENT OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS 2050 MASTER PLAN

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

CASE NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION	REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL
23-0572-GPA1	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	

**** NOTIFICATION ****

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**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Las Vegas is requesting a General Plan Amendment for the adoption of minor amendments (Exhibit A) to the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan's Trails and Bike Street Map in Chapter 4.I.A – Transportation: Complete Streets. If adopted, this would amend the associated map for additional clarification and updated content.

ISSUES

- Section 11 of Ordinance 6788 allows for maintenance and implementation of the 2050 Master Plan from time to time to incorporate updates that have been properly approved.
- This amendment of the 2050 Master Plan will update the Trails and Bike Streets Map to provide additional clarification for specific trail projects and corridors and provide minor updates.
- Amendment of shared-use trail designation for Michael Way and Torrey Pines Drive will allow each to be replaced by a future “bike street” facility type.
- Modification and addition of certain trails will accommodate grant funding.

ANALYSIS

Background

On July 21, 2021, the City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas 2050 as the new long-range comprehensive master plan for the City of Las Vegas (Ordinance 6788). The Master Plan serves as the City's comprehensive, long term general plan for the physical development of the City prepared pursuant to NRS 278.150 and contains a transportation element including a transit plan including paths for bicycles and pedestrians. Several sections of the ordinance, as well as Chapter 5 – Implementation, direct planning staff to provide a general annual review and evaluation of the plan and make any necessary updates. Section 11 of the ordinance further specifies that “in connection with maintenance and implementation of the 2050 Master Plan, the Department of Community Development `is authorized from time to time to correct errors and incorporate updates that have been properly approved.”

The primary issue involves the designation of certain corridors or streets as “shared-use trails” in Chapter 4's Trails and Bike Streets Map in which a designation may or may not allow for the provision of bicycle or pedestrian facilities contemplated or corresponding

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with cross sections depicted in LVMC Title 19.04. In two cases (Michael Way and Torrey Pines Dr), the regional plans, including the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada's Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan, indicate a future need for a bicycle facility. Those facilities have yet to be determined or programmed in a capital improvement plan request. The lack of clarity requires the modification of the map to remove the trail designation to reflect the limitations of existing conditions and to not impede development with the future intent of adding a classification for a type of "bike street" facility. Similarly, the City has applied for or received several grant applications requiring a modification to reflect the addition of new trails and facilities for bicycle and pedestrian usage (Stewart Ave, Cliff Shadows Pkwy). One such addition, the Toque Trail, requires a new classification for an off-street trail, as a portion of the non-paved trail enters into hillside terrain before continuing on to adjacent BLM land.

Community Development department staff proposes the following updates and amendments:

- Chapter 4 – I.A Complete Streets: Amend the Trails and Bike Streets Map as described in Exhibit A preservation and associated map and property table to show amendments to the following projects and corridors:
 - Torrey Pines Dr improvements (modification): remove the shared use trail designation to reflect the limitations of existing conditions with the future intent of adding a classification for a type of "bike street" facility.
 - Michael Way improvements (modification): remove the trail designation to reflect the limitations of existing conditions and to not impede development in the future, including proposed multi-family development along the corridor, with the future intent of adding a classification for a type of "bike street" facility.
 - Stewart Ave improvements (addition): add new shared use designation to reflect proposed urban path/cycletrack as part of a Federal grant.
 - Off Street Trails classification (addition): add classification in alignment with Title 19.04.400 to 19.04.450, to allow for designation of future projects that do not necessarily follow street alignments
 - Toque Trail (addition): Add the portion of the undesignated Toque Trail as an Off-Street trail through rugged terrain, re-designate and delete portions of existing Cliff Shadows equestrian trail, and extend the existing shared use trail on Buckskin Avenue to connect to the trail as part of a state grant.

The development applications, as well as the grant funded trail projects, are time sensitive and therefore require immediate action to bring them into compliance with the Master Plan. A more comprehensive General Plan Amendment will resolve street classifications, issues with bike lanes/facilities, and trails classifications.

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FINDINGS (23-0572-GPA1)

- The proposed City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan amendments (Exhibit A) are consistent with Section 11 of ordinance 6788; each amendment addresses the respective requirements of an element within NRS 278.160. Amendments to other plan components are minor in nature and generally within the scope of the ordinance and requirements for a general plan amendment; any other updates, clerical errors, or minor edits may be corrected.
- The proposed amendments clarify conditions for associated cases for which a shared use trail is required, and the modification thereof will allow for the future construction of paths for bicycles and pedestrians.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by Planning, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
4/1/1992	The Las Vegas City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas General Plan
9/6/2000	The Las Vegas City Council adopted the Las Vegas Master Plan 2020 (Ordinance 2000-62)
Adoption of Master Plan 2020 Elements and Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Design Element: Ord 5997 (08/06/2008) • Conservation Element: Ord 5529 (PC: 8.22.02 / CC: 11.6.02); Rev: GPA-6287, 6.1.05; GPA-43977, 5.2.12 • Economic Element: Ord 6057 (9/2/2009) • Historic Properties & Neighborhoods Preservation Plan Element: Ord 5931 (09.05.2007); Rev: Ord 6104 (08.04.2010) • Housing Element: Ord 6246 (04.17.2013) • Land Use & Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element: Ord (09.02.2009); Rev: Ord (06.20.2018) • Parks Element: Res 44-2000 (03.15.200); Rev: Ord 6290 (11.20.2013) • Population Element: Ord 6078 (02.17.2010) • Public Facilities & Building Element: Ord 6364 (11.19.2014) • Safety & Seismic Safety Element: Ord 6103 (08.04.2010) • Trails Element: Ord 6237 (2/20/2013) • Transit Element: Ord 5968 (2/20/2008) • Transportation & Streets and Highway Element: Ord 6038 (4/15/2009) • Water Element: GPA-6288 (6/1/2005)
8/11/2015	DIR-60107 – The Planning Commission received an annual report on the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan
6/21/2017	R-32-2017 - The City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas Strategy for Community Resilience, Net-Zero Energy, and Sustainability, which directed staff to develop a “2050 Master Plan” incorporating community resilience goals

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9/12/2017	DIR-71278 – The Planning Commission received an annual report on the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan
3/12/2019	DIR-75783 – The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
5/1/2019	The City Council received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
5/14/2019	DIR-76341 - The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
3/10/2020	DIR-77790 - The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
2/19/2020	The Las Vegas City Council received an update on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan with regards to the findings from public outreach, draft actions on planning concepts, and preliminary results
2/26/2020	The Las Vegas City Council held a Special Council meeting in which it received an update on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan on findings from public outreach, setting new strategic priorities, and revising current priorities
9/21/2020	The Planning Commission held a workshop that included a presentation and discussion regarding the draft of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
11/10/2020	20-0266-DIR1 - The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action to discuss adoption of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.
7/21/2021	The Las Vegas City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan (Ordinance 6788)
7/12/2022	22-0294-GPA1 – The Planning Commission approved amendments and updates to portions of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.
8/17/2022	22-0294-GPA1 – The City Council approved amendments and updates to portions of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.

Neighborhood Meetings

12/4/2023	<p>A neighborhood meeting was held at City Hall at 495 S Main St in Training Room 4 to discuss the proposed General Plan Amendment.</p> <p>Meeting attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No attendees
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****SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL****

- **Exhibit A** – City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan Proposed Amendment – Chapter 4, Trails and Bike Street Map - (attached to backup materials – may be accessed at www.masterplan.vegas)