



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Aug 23, 2023 - City Commission Meeting
Category	8. CONSENT
Subject	8.21 Sunset Review of City Commission Policy 600 Street Paving and Sidewalk Policy -- Steve Shafer, Underground Utilities & Public Infrastructure
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Fiscal Impact	No
Recommended Action	Option 1. Approve Sunset Review of City Commission Policy 600 Street Paving and Sidewalk Policy.
Goals	Quality of Life Public Safety Public Infrastructure

Public Content

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Statement of Issue

City Commission Policy 600, Street Paving and Sidewalk Policy, became effective on October 25, 1995. The policy has gone through several revisions with the most recent in December 10, 2014. The Policy establishes sidewalk and street design criteria for all City streets. The Policy is due for a sunset review and is before the City Commission for action. The Underground Utilities & Public Infrastructure Department has coordinated with multiple City departments and, based on the collective feedback and information, recommends continuing City Commission Policy 600 with revisions. Some of these revisions include, among others, updates to the Authority section to comply with current Comprehensive Plan Policies, updates and expansion of definitions, clarification of sidewalk requirements in regard to code-related MMTD requirements, and updates to the procedures for Street Design Standards and Street Assessment Program. This policy and associated revisions support the City Commission's strategic objective to "enhance the City's network of roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks," (City Strategic Plan, Priority Area: Public Infrastructure, Objective 4D).

Recommended Action

Option 1. Approve Sunset revisions to and continuance of City Commission Policy 600, Street Paving and Sidewalk Policy.

Fiscal Impact

None

Supplemental Material/Issue Analysis

History/Facts & Issues

Policy 600 addresses the Pedestrian and Street Safety (PASS) Program, Street Assessment Program (SAP), Sidewalk Program, and basic Street Design Standards.

The PASS program was developed to upgrade collector and arterial roadways within the City limits. The City ranks all non-standard arterials and collectors in the City and upgrades them, as funding is available. Changes to the PASS criteria include clarifications and updated scoring criteria.

The SAP program provides residential neighborhoods with the opportunity to petition the City to improve their private streets. Pending City Commission approval and appropriation, the City funds 50% of the cost and the benefited property owners pay 50% of the cost over ten years. Streets in this program are normally funded sooner than streets in other programs because of the shared costs. Once this process is complete all roadways will be public roadways owned and maintained by the City. Changes to this section update Code of Ordinances reference changes as well as clarification of those roadways eligible, request criteria, petition requirements, and updates to bring into compliance with current requirements for public hearings and special assessments.

The basic Street Design Standards are minimum standards established for street design, including the location, minimum widths, and placement of sidewalks and bike lanes. Changes within the Street Design Standards section clarify bicycle lane and other minimum street design criteria for City streets.

The City establishes requirements for the provision of sidewalks through the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code (LDC) Multi-Modal Transportation District (MMTD) and City Commission policies. Changes within the Sidewalk section address the conflicts with the LDC and is updated to include additional Americans with Disabilities Act criteria for sidewalks. With the understanding that sidewalks are important infrastructure within our urban area, the sidewalk section has been updated to include current Comprehensive Plan Language.

Per the requirements of the City's LDC, all new development within the MMTD and new development creating new roads in all other parts of the City are required to provide sidewalks during the development review and approval process. All other development applications are subject to the standards contained within City Commission Policy 600.

The last amendment to Policy 600 was completed in 2014. Since that time, the Comprehensive Plan land use and transportation policies have been amended to reflect the community's changing priorities. The proposed amended Policy 600 (Attachment 1) also includes the current and applicable Comprehensive Plan policies and is a comprehensive review of Policy 600.

Department(s) Review

Growth Management, Planning, City Attorney's Office

Options

1. Approve Sunset revisions to and continuance of City Commission Policy 600, Street Paving and Sidewalk Policy.
2. City Commission Direction.

Attachments/References

1. Attachment 1 - Street Paving, Sidewalk and Design Standardization Policy

[Attachment 1 - Street Paving, Sidewalk and Design Standardization Policy.pdf \(107 KB\)](#)