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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: June 2, 2020

Subject

Establishment of the Complete Streets Commission

Recommended Action

Conduct the first reading of Ordinance 20-XXX; "an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Cupertino amending Chapter 2.92 of the Cupertino Municipal Code to establish the Complete Streets Commission."

Background

At the meeting of May 6, 2002, City Council adopted Ordinance 1895 (Attachment A), establishing the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission as a five-member Commission tasked with the function of reviewing, monitoring, and suggesting recommendations for City transportation matters including, but not limited to, bicycle and pedestrian traffic, parking, education and recreation within Cupertino.

Discussion

At his State of the City address on January 29, 2020, Mayor Steven Scharf presented a proposal to expand the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission to include the following:

- Address traffic calming and transit issues in addition to bicycle and pedestrian issues;
- Work more closely with the Technology, Information and Communication Commission (TICC), Public Safety and Sustainability Commissions;
- Expand Commission to seven members;
- Focus on additional bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure projects

Although standard practice among cities has historically been to establish a commission for the sole purpose of supporting bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and programs (generally, a "Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory

Committee”, or BPAC), several cities in the region have recently expanded their BPAC’s to incorporate expanded goals similar to those proposed by Mayor Scharf. These cities include the City of Menlo Park and the City of Los Altos, who have established a Complete Streets Commission, and the Town of Los Gatos, who has established a Complete Streets and Transportation Commission. These each retain their function as a BPAC but incorporate other functions such as the support of multi-modal transportation solutions, traffic calming and enforcement, and safe routes to school.

In response to Mayor Scharf’s vision, the emerging practice among other local jurisdictions, and the general need for greater emphasis on transportation issues beyond bicycle and pedestrian needs, staff recommends renaming the Cupertino Bicycle Pedestrian Commission to the Cupertino Complete Streets Commission. Staff recommends that the Cupertino Complete Streets Commission be expanded to seven members and tasked with the following responsibilities:

- To help create multi-modal transportation solutions and policies that enable safe, attractive, comfortable, and independent access and travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists of all ages and abilities, and meet the regional requirements for functions and role of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee;
- To advise the City Council on projects and priorities for transportation-related capital improvements;
- To advise the City Council on City policies related to traffic congestion and traffic calming;
- To provide for community engagement and serve as a conduit for community input;
- Any other activity that may be deemed appropriate and necessary.

The City will retain eligibility for Transportation Development Act Article 3 bicycle- and pedestrian-related grant funding administered through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as long as the Commission continues to review bicycle and pedestrian projects and includes members who represent bicycle and pedestrian interests. The attached Ordinance retains elements from Ordinance 1895 relevant to the operation of the Complete Streets Commission, while revising elements only as necessary to incorporate the expanded membership and Commission goals.

Sustainability Impact

Supporting multi-modal transportation solutions reduces traffic congestion and leads to reduced vehicle emissions, helping the City achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact, staff that will support this commission will be reallocated from another area.

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Attachments:

A – Ordinance 1895

B – Redlined Ordinance

C – Ordinance