



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: February 3, 2015      ITEM NUMBER: NB-1

**SUBJECT:    REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A BIKEWAY & WALKABILITY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:        JANUARY 22, 2015**

**FROM:        CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

**PRESENTATION BY:        COUNCIL MEMBER KATRINA FOLEY**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Council Member Katrina Foley requests formal City Council consideration to establish a committee to evaluate bikeway and walkability throughout the City.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At the request of Council Member Foley, staff is bringing forward for City Council consideration the establishment of a new standing committee. The goal of the proposed Bikeway & Walkability Committee will be to:

1. Focus on the review and update of the City's Master Plan of Bikeways and improvements to be made to bikeways in the City; and
2. Evaluate the walkability of our City in order to make recommendations for improvement to the City Council.

## **ANALYSIS:**

As the City's financial situation slowly recovers from the economic downturn, Council Member Foley believes that a review of the City's Master Plan of Bikeways and the City's walkability should occur to continue to invest financial resources for both of these non-motorized transportation modes in order to improve these specific areas for the community.

The establishment of this committee will provide an opportunity to continually evaluate the status of the City's bikeway & pedestrian access while also promoting biking and walkability throughout the City. Since the City is in the process of updating its Master

Plan of Bikeways, it is a perfect opportunity to seek interested and knowledgeable residents to review and comment throughout the different phases of the update.

The composition of the committee is proposed to nine (9) committee members but the City Council needs to provide direction on what they would like to see in terms of membership and mission of this proposed committee.

The formation application (Attachment 1) is attached for review and discussion.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDER:**

The City Council may choose to either deny establishment of the proposed committee.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

There will be some costs for staff time from the Public Services Department to support committee efforts. Additionally, the committee could potentially also involve commitment of staff time from other departments on an as-needed basis. Should the committee require any direct expenditure of funds, such requests will either be brought forward to the City Council for consideration or brought forward in the FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

No legal review required for this item.

**CONCLUSION:**

The establishment of a Bikeway & Walkability Committee will allow resident evaluation and discussion of bikeway and pedestrian access throughout the City as well as working along-side with staff in updating the City's Master Plan of Bikeways. If City Council approves the formation of this committee, staff will immediately take the steps outlined in Council Policy 0002 (Attachment 2) to begin the committee formation process.

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ATTACHMENTS:    1    [Committee Formation Application](#)  
                          2    [Council Policy 000-2](#)