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MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Commission

From: Aimee Allcock, Project Coordinator
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Date: January 20, 2022

Subject: HOLMES POINT STREET DESIGN STANDARDS AND CORRIDOR STUDY –
DRAFT RECOMMENDED STANDARDS

Staff Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Transportation Commission receive a briefing on the draft recommended improvements of the Holmes Point Street Design Standards and Corridor Study.

Background:

Over many years, the Holmes Point Overlay Zone has developed with inconsistent street standards. There are several vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns along Holmes Point Drive and the adjoining neighborhood streets, such as pedestrians walking along Holmes Point Drive and school children awaiting bus pickups. With anticipated development in the area, the City is exploring options for unique street standards that balance the specific nature of the Holmes Point area with vehicular and nonmotorized safety considerations.

This study was an action identified in the 2018 Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan update. City Council later allocated funding to carry out this study, but there is no City funding allocated toward implementing any recommendations that result from the study. Implementation will occur primarily as a part of future private development in the area.

Since the project began, resident meetings have been held for input on the study. In each meeting, City Staff and the consultant team, Otak Inc, presented progress on the study and received input from participants. Resident meetings were made available for playback on the Holmes Point Street Design Standards and Corridor Study's website. After the second and third meetings, online feedback forms were advertised to provide further input on the study.

The Transportation Commission received an update for this project on May 26, 2021 which outlined the study area, history, and anticipated schedule for Commission input. Since May, design development has included these additional outreach programs:

- Updates and event reminders – sent to the Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance and 251 registered email contacts
- Summer/Fall, 2021 – 82 responses through online feedback form

- December 15, 2021 – 52 registered attendees and 27 live participants at neighborhood meeting
- December 2021/January 2022 – 16 responses through online feedback form
- January 26, 2022 – Transportation Commission recommendation review
- Date TBD – City Council recommendation presentation

Based on the input received from these meetings and feedback forms, Staff and the consultant team developed a series of street cross section concepts that could be applied to each of the street concept types described in Figure 1.

The project team will provide the Commission with a summary of December's community presentation and include community feedback received after December's resident meeting. This information, along with input from the Transportation Commission, will be used to inform final recommendations that will be presented to City Council.

Study Area:

This study recommends different standards for sections of Holmes Point Drive and sections of residential neighborhood streets. The segments include:

Holmes Point Drive

- Entry segments
- Residential segments
- OO Denny Park segment

Neighborhood Streets

- Streets with existing and proposed segments of curb, gutter, and sidewalk
- 24 to 28' nominal pavement widths
- 20 to < 24' nominal pavement widths

