



# MEMORANDUM

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DATE: July 18, 2008

TO: Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Dan Stroh, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Potential reconsideration of Light Rail Best Practices CPAs to allow all Commissioners the opportunity to vote

At your July 16 meeting, the Planning Commission took action on the Light Rail Best Practices Comprehensive Plan Amendments, voting to recommend approval of these amendments to the City Council. The vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 members abstaining (Commissioners Mathews and Ferris). The circumstances that led to the abstentions were unfortunate, in that there had been a snafu that prevented the two commissioners from reviewing the tapes of the public hearing that they were unable to attend. Accordingly the two commissioners were not able to vote on the matter.

One of the reasons given for voting last week is that the upcoming schedule for anticipated City Council action requires the Planning Commission's timely transmittal. Staff has reviewed the timeline and concluded that Commission action on July 23 remains timely; that a recommendation on this date can be provided the Council in time for its effective deliberations.

Should the Planning Commission desire to reconsider this matter to allow for the two abstaining members to vote (assuming they have been able to review the hearing tapes) the procedure under Robert's Rules is as follows.

Two motions and votes are needed:

1. First is a Motion to Reconsider, which Motion may be made by any of the four commissioners who voted with the majority. All six commissioners are eligible to vote on the Motion to Reconsider.
2. Following an affirmative vote on the Motion to Reconsider, the matter is treated as a new action. A new Motion may be made on the CPA, and a new vote may be taken. This would allow all six commissioners the opportunity to participate, assuming all either were in attendance at the public hearing or have reviewed the record.

## Potential Motions

1. Move to reconsider the Planning Commission's action of July 16, 2008, forwarding to the City Council a recommendation of approval for the Light Rail Best Practices CPAs.
2. Move to recommend that the City Council approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Transportation Element incorporating new light rail transit policies and amending existing policies and figures to be consistent with changes to regional plans and policies.