

**DRAFT**

**KEY FOCUS AREA:** Economic Vibrancy  
**AGENDA DATE:** May 13, 2015  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** 7  
**DEPARTMENT:** Sustainable Development and Construction  
Planning and Neighborhood Vitality  
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A. C. Gonzalez, 670-3297  
**MAPSCO:** 56C G L

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**SUBJECT**

A public hearing to receive citizens' comments to amend the City of Dallas Thoroughfare Plan to change the dimensional classification of (1) Myrtle Street from Elsie Faye Heggins Street to Bexar Street from a four-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) within 60 feet of right-of-way to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with a bicycle facility within 50 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement; and (2) Bexar Street from Myrtle Street to Riverfront Extension from a four-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) within 60 feet of right-of-way to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with a bicycle facility within 50 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement; and at the close of the hearing, authorize an ordinance implementing the change - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

**BACKGROUND**

Public Works and the Planning and Neighborhood Vitality Departments together have requested amendments to the Thoroughfare Plan to change the operational characteristics of Myrtle/Bexar Street between Elsie Faye Heggins Street and Riverfront Extension in an effort to change the character and revitalize the South Dallas community. The objective of the amendment is to facilitate efficient circulation while creating a pedestrian friendly streetscape that creates a safer pedestrian experience. The roadway will be changed from a four-lane undivided roadway within 60 feet of right-of-way to a two-lane undivided roadway with bicycle facilities and some parking amenities.

Public Works has designed and is constructing a roadway that promotes the Trail Connection Master Plan and provides access to adjacent land uses, specifically the Texas Buckeye and William Blair Jr. Trails. Staff has worked with stakeholders in the community to establish a sustainable street design that meets the needs of existing property owners, proposed developments and enhances bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

**BACKGROUND (continued)**

The new design creates a multi-modal street system that will facilitate walking, bicycling, as well as automobile use. The design provides an enhanced bicycle facility in both directions and sufficient sidewalks while maintaining adequate capacity for automobiles.

Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the Thoroughfare Plan to change the dimensional classification of (1) Myrtle Street from Elsie Faye Heggins Street to Bexar Street from a four-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) within 60 feet of right-of-way to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with a bicycle facility within 50 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement; and (2) Bexar Street from Myrtle Street to Riverfront Extension from a four-lane undivided roadway (S-4-U) within 60 feet of right-of-way to a special two-lane undivided (SPCL 2U) roadway with a bicycle facility within 50 feet of right-of-way and 36 feet of pavement.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

The City Plan Commission Transportation Committee acted on this item on February 19, 2015, and followed staff recommendation of approval.

The City Plan Commission acted on this item on March 5, 2015, and followed staff recommendation of approval.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City

### **MAP**

Attached

# Myrtle Street

Elsie Faye Heggins to Bexar Street

# Bexar Street

Myrtle Street to Riverfront Extension

Council District 7

MAPSCO: 56C,G,L



## Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Map

