

# *City of Brisbane*

## *Agenda Report*

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Community Development Director via City Manager

SUBJECT: **Authorize Staff to Initiate an Amendment to the Circulation Element of the General Plan to Incorporate Provisions for Complete Streets Pursuant to the Complete Streets Act of 2008**

DATE: Meeting of October 2, 2014

### **City Council Goals:**

To promote transportation opportunities that maximize safety, reliability, enhance circulation and create options, thereby reducing reliance on the use of the automobile. (Goal #5)

### **Purpose:**

For the City to amend the Circulation Element of the General Plan to achieve compliance with the Complete Streets Act of 2008 and ensure that the City's transportation network accommodates all modes of transportation, including motor vehicles, transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

### **Recommendation:**

That the City Council to authorize staff to initiate an amendment to the Circulation Element of the General Plan to incorporate provisions for Complete Streets pursuant to the Complete Streets Act of 2008.

### **Background:**

The Complete Streets Act of 2008 requires jurisdictions to amend their circulation elements to plan for multimodal transportation networks. These networks should allow for all users to effectively travel by motor vehicle, foot, bicycle, and transit to reach key destinations within their community and the larger region.

The requirements are set forth in Government Code Section Section 65302(b)(2)(A) and (B) below:

- (A) Commencing January 1, 2011, upon any substantial revision of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the circulation element to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.
- (B) For the purposes of this paragraph, “users of streets, roads, and highways” means bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors.

The Act requires the complete streets requirement be met “upon any substantial revision to the circulation element.” Earlier this year the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) established the criterion that that jurisdictions seeking discretionary transportation funding through the next round of the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Program must have amended their circulation elements to comply with the Complete Streets Act by January 31, 2015.

**Discussion:**

In order to comply with both state law and MTC’s funding eligibility requirement, staff is requesting authorization to initiate an amendment to the Circulation Element of the General Plan. This process would involve input and review by the City Council-appointed Complete Streets Safety Committee and Planning Commission, followed by formal review by the City Council.

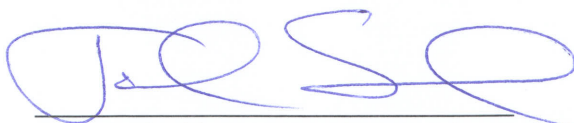
Staff supports the concept of providing complete streets and many of the principles associated with complete streets are embedded in various parts of the General Plan and other city policies and programs. However, the City’s collective efforts are not organized within the General Plan as a cohesive complete streets goal with supporting programs and implementation policies. The proposed update represents an opportunity to more clearly articulate the city’s complete streets program and update and refine it as needed, building upon the 1994 General Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:**

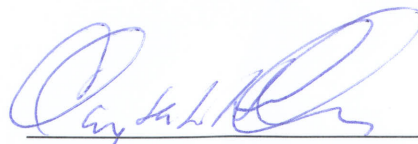
Staff time to complete this effort. Failure to proceed may impact the City’s ability to access discretionary regional transportation funding.

**Measure of Success:**

Ensuring that the Circulation Element of the General Plan is compliant with the Complete Streets Act of 2008.



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