Planning Commission Staff Report  
May 2, 2013  
CPZ2013-00003 NW 36th Avenue/Lakeshore

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the Arterial Plan Map to change the functional classification of NW 36th Avenue/Lakeshore between NW 78th Street and NW Bliss Rd from a Principal Arterial (Pr-2cb) to a Minor Arterial (M-2cb)

Background

The two lane principal arterial classification (Pr-2cb) was eliminated last year as part of a comprehensive road standards update approved under Ordinance No. 12-05-14. NW 36th Avenue/Lakeshore was the only road segment in the county that was classified as a Pr-2cb. The proposed M-2cb classification better reflects the existing cross-section and function of this road segment.

General Information

Location NW 36th Avenue/Lakeshore between NW 78th Street and NW Bliss Rd

Existing land use designations. The majority of adjoining properties are designated Urban Low density residential (UL) with R1-10 or R1-7.5 zoning. There are some areas of Urban Medium (UM) density residential zoned R-12 and R-18 as well as some Community Commercial (C-2 and C-3) and one Mixed Use (MX) corner.

APPLICABLE CRITERIA, EVALUATION OF REQUEST AND FINDINGS

In order to comply with the Plan Amendment Procedures in the Clark County Unified Development Code (UDC 40 560.010), requests to amend the Arterial Plan Map must meet all of the criteria in Section N.

The Unified Development Code (UDC 40.560.010 N) delineates specific criteria that apply to Arterial Plan Map amendments

a. There a need for the proposed change
b. The proposed change is compliant with the Growth Management Act
c. The proposed change is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan, including the land use plan and the rest of the Arterial Atlas.
d. The proposed change is consistent with applicable interlocal agreements, and
e. The proposed change is does not conflict with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan

CRITERIA FOR ARTERIAL PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS

a. There a need for the proposed change.
   
   Finding: A change is needed because the existing functional classification has been eliminated.

b. The proposed change is compliant with the Growth Management Act.
The GMA goals set the general direction for the county in adopting its framework plan and comprehensive plan policies. The most pertinent GMA goal that applies to this proposal is Goal 3.

(3) **Transportation.** Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans.

**Finding:** The existing Arterial Plan Map designation is inconsistent with County Code and the comprehensive plan. The proposed designation would restore consistency and compliance.

c. **The proposed change is consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan, including the land use plan and the rest of the Arterial Atlas.**

The Clark County Comprehensive Plan contains many policies that guide urban form and efficient land use patterns. The most relevant goals and policies applicable to this proposal are as follows.

**Chapter 5 Transportation Element**

**GOAL.** Develop a regionally-coordinated transportation system that supports and is consistent with the adopted land use plan.

**Finding.** This proposal contributes to the development of an interconnected transportation system. The proposed functional classification of Minor Arterial supports mobility, fixed route transit and the collection and distribution of traffic to and from streets of lower classification. Low levels of direct access are permitted and bicycle and pedestrian activity is moderate. The proposed classification is integrated with the land use plan as well as the Arterial Plan Map.

d. **The proposed change is consistent with applicable interlocal agreements; and**

**Finding.** There are no interlocal agreements which directly apply to this proposal.

e. **The proposed change does not conflict with the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan.**

**Finding.** There is no conflict with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan which shows this corridor as a part of the regional transportation system.

**Conclusion**

All of the criteria for approval of an Arterial Plan Map amendment have been met.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the findings presented in this report, staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation to APPROVE this proposal.
Recommendation Summary

The following table lists the applicable criteria and summarizes the findings of the staff report. The Planning Commission findings will be added to the table after public deliberation at the Planning Commission hearing scheduled for this application.

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