TRAFFICCOMMISSION MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 6:30PM

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Traffic Commission will Meet Electronically on JUNE 8, 2022

On March 20, 2020, City Manager Gregory Rose declared a State of Emergency for the City of University City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the current order restricting gatherings of people and spread of COVID-19 ongoing efforts limit the the virus. the June the to 8, 2022 meeting will be conducted via videoconference.

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Citizen Participation

Those who wish to provide a comment during the "Public Comments" portion as indicated on the Traffic Commission agenda: may provide written comments to the Acting Asst. Public Works Director ahead of the meeting.

ALL written comments must be received <u>no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting</u>. Comments may be sent via email to: <u>ekuelker@ucitymo.org</u> or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention Gene Kuelker, Acting Asst. Public Works Director. Such comments will be provided to the Traffic Commission prior to the meeting. Comments will be made a part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting.

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The City apologizes for any inconvenience the meeting format change may pose to individuals, but it is extremely important that extra measures be taken to protect employees, residents board/commission members and elected officials during these challenging times.



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<u>A G E N D A</u>

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

June 8, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. April 13, 2022

5. Agenda items

A. East-West connection of pedestrian-bicycle trail across University City (Please see Attachments)

6. Council Liaison Report

7. Miscellaneous Business

8. Adjournment.

Prior to the meeting, we recommend that you visit the site(s). Please email <u>ekuelker@ucitymo.org</u> to confirm your attendance.

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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:June 8, 2022Requestor :Mark WinerRequest:Approval of proposed East-West Greenway link in University CityAttachments:1) Presentation by Mr. Winer2) Proposed Greenway route map

Existing Conditions:

There are existing Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) corridors in University City, most notably a Melville-Ackert Walkway connection that leads from the Washington University Danforth campus northwardly into University City following the alignment of Greenway South, Melville Ave. and Ackert Walkway, and a Centennial Greenway route that leads from the City of Ladue into University City alongside 1170 (on the east side) up to and beyond Olive Blvd. into the City of Olivette at the 1170 Interchange with a midway connection to Old Bohnomme Rd. GRG most recently upgraded the signalized crossings of this Greenway route at Delmar Blvd. and McKnight Rd. intersection.

Request:

Create an East-West connection capability for the existing GRG corridors in University City to connect to more points-of-attraction, as well as make possible an East-West directional travel along these routes.

Conclusion/Recommendation:

A concept for consideration of an East-West Greenway connection is proposed for University City. Several sections of the proposed route are on-street and/or interact with otherwise vehicular or pedestrian traffic and therefore will need to be carefully considered for the type of design and implementation as permitted. Streets and Pedestrian Access Route (PAR) widths and slopes together with any other Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements will be evaluated in the process. Any approved projects with the support of other agencies having jurisdiction over the proposed routes will then need to be planned under University City's capital improvement program for implementation. There also are generally grants available to help with the funding of these projects in the metropolitan area.

East West Connection to Centennial Greenway Trail in U. City

May 10, 2022

Who

- Stakeholders and potential beneficiaries
 - Residents, Visitors, Middle School, High School and University Students and Staff, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Persons with Disabilities
- Partners
 - City of University City, City Leadership including City Council, Parks and Traffic Commissions, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and Public Works Department
 - School District of University City (2022 Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardee)
 - Great River Greenways
 - Trail Net
 - Metropolitan Sewer District
 - Major Employers in St. Louis Region
 - Owners of multi-unit communities, including Parkview Gardens, The District and thousands of other apartment building residents in U. City
 - Commercial Destinations including The Loop, Olive Boulevard and Markets on Olive

What & Why

What:

 A safe Great Rivers Greenway Trail for pedestrians, people with disabilities and bikers connecting two existing Greenways (Centennial Greenway in Ackert Park to Centennial Greenway along I-170)

Why:

- Create healthy transportation and recreation options for all
- Enhance sustainability in U. City
- Connect destinations in U. City including eight U. City Parks, U. City High School, Brittany Woods Middle School, Washington University and commercial and employment centers
- Connect U. City residents and visitors to destinations throughout the St. Louis Region with existing and proposed Great River Greenway Trails

Where

- Using exiting public right of ways and best practices for safe urban trails from:
 - Ackert Park to Heman Park along Vernon with a "road diet" for vehicles and a Greenway for pedestrians and bicycles separated from the road with curbs
 - Existing Heman Park Greenway from the U. City Community Center to Midland and Purdue
 - Midland and Wilson to Shaftesbury adjacent to U. City High School with a "road diet" for vehicles and a Greenway for pedestrians and bicycles separated from the road with curbs
 - Shaftesbury to Kaufman Park with a "road diet" for vehicles and a Greenway for pedestrians and bicycles separated from the road with curbs CROSSING Mona Trail

Where Continued

- Groby Road from Kaufman Park to Ruth Park with a "road diet" for vehicles and a Greenway for pedestrians and bicycles separated from the road with curbs
- Two alternatives for final segment:
 - Alternative A- Along the East and North sides of Ruth Park (possibly through Ruth Park Woods) and The Market at Olive to Centennial Greenway at I-170 and Olive
- Alternative B-Along the South Side of Ruth Park on Groby Road and Old Bonhomme, continuing on Old Bonhomme to the Centennial Greenway Trail along I-170 with a "road diet" for vehicles and a Greenway for pedestrians and bicycles separated from the road with curbs

How

- Reduce cost and impact on residents by establishing Greenway using U. City parks and streets
- Provide clear signage, curbs and select streets, whenever possible, that are wide, have relatively little traffic and few residences on at least one side of the street to minimize impact on residential parking.
- Work with residents and other stakeholders to plan and advocate for Greenway
- Leadership to Support Feasibility Study with Great Rivers Greenway

Questions



