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**CITY OF TEMPE  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 01/08/2015  
Agenda Item: 5C6**

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**ACTION:** Adopt a resolution adopting the 2015 Transportation Master Plan. (Resolution No. R2015.06)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There will be no fiscal impact to the City. Individual projects listed in the plan will be part of the Capital Improvement Project budget process or funded through federal grants and the Tempe Transit fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. R2015.06.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the city resolution, the purpose of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is to guide further development of the city-wide, multi-modal transportation system that integrates with the city's land use plans. Elements of the TMP include:

- Coordinate local and regional land use and transportation decisions;
- Create a more balanced, multi-modal transportation system to reduce reliance on the automobile;
- Preserve neighborhood character while enhancing quality of life;
- Enhance streets to maximize safe and efficient use by all users such as pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists following the principles of balanced streets;
- Ensure transportation assets (equipment, improvements and programs) are adequately maintained; and
- Utilize technology to improve accessibility and mobility.

The TMP highlights the ability to move people in addition to improving the ability to move vehicles. Another objective of the plan is to encourage effective land use planning that takes advantage of a development site's proximity to public transit. To maximize safety and efficiency, TMP objectives and strategies encourage a variety of transportation modes, integrating advance transportation technologies, and aggressively preserving and maintaining transportation assets. Streets serve as corridors for multiple modes of transportation that connect neighborhoods to shopping and jobs and Tempe to the region in addition to reducing single occupancy vehicle trips.

The TMP includes short term (2020) and long term (2040) transportation scenarios. Transportation scenarios were created from an analysis of existing conditions data and resident comments. The short term (2020) transportation scenario focuses on near term improvements and optimizes the existing transportation network. The long term (2040) transportation scenario focuses on long term improvements and correlates to the 2040 General Plan. The transportation scenarios list projects, categorized by roadway, transit and bicycle/pedestrian groups.

Two rounds of public input were taken throughout 2014 to aid in the creation of the Transportation Master Plan. Hundreds of comments were received and dozens of presentations were made to community groups along with information provided at Board and Commission meetings. In addition, an online comment form was available during each step of the public input process.

Based on feedback received from the City Council on Dec. 4, 2014, changes were made to the Plan and are listed below. In general, the changes include adding information regarding art, character areas and as requested by Council, additional information to identify the need for shade trees along pedestrian routes.

- Page 6: Information regarding how the TMP works with the Character Area plans was added
- Page 6: Information regarding Art in Transportation was added
- Page 29: An image of a person with disabilities was added
- Page 32: An image of a person with disabilities was added
- Page 32: Information about our transit system being ADA accessible was added
- Page 45: An image of a person with disabilities was added

- Pages 47 and 48: Information about our transit system being ADA accessible and about shade and trees as they relate to pedestrian facilities was added
- Pages 62 and 63: 8<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project was added to the map and table
- Page 65: The lane reduction on Scottsdale/Rural from Continental to Town Lake was added to the table to match the map on page 64
- Page 67: Information about our transit system being ADA accessible was added
- Page 75: Information regarding the transit facility upgrades at Rural and University was added to the table to match the map on page 74
- Page 79: Information about shade strategies as they relate to pedestrian facilities and character areas was added
- Pages 80, 81, 82 and 83: These two maps and tables had information that needed to be switched from 2020 to 2040 and vice versa. A list of bike lanes and bike buffers was listed on the table on pages 81 and 83
- Page 85: Changes were made to the map to match changes to the maps on pages 80 and 82
- Pages 90 and 91: Information on pedestrian facilities was added.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution and Transportation Master Plan

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