



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Stephen M. Haase

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: December 1, 2004

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
SNI AREA: Spartan Keyes

SUBJECT: GP04-03-04 & GPT04-03-04: Staff initiated General Plan amendment request to change the *San Jose 2020 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram* designation for the segment of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes. The associated General Plan Text amendment request would revise Appendix E of the General Plan Text to be consistent with the proposed amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission voted 7-0-0 to recommend approval of the staff initiated General Plan amendment and associated General Plan Text amendment request to change the *San Jose 2020 General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram* designation for the segment of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes and revise Appendix E of the General Plan Text to be consistent with the proposed amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram.

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 2004, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider a staff initiated General Plan amendment and associated Text amendment request to change the General Plan Land Use/Transportation Diagram designation for the segment of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes and revise Appendix E of the General Plan Text to be consistent with the proposed amendment to the Land Use/Transportation Diagram.

ANALYSIS

Public Testimony

Mr. Tom Boehme, resident of 920 South 7th Street, indicated that he supports the proposed amendment because if the segment were ever redeveloped as a 4-lane Major Collector, it would

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be incompatible with the predominantly single-family residential character along this segment of South 7th Street corridor, and it would worsen parking and traffic conditions for the families that live along that segment of South 7th Street.

Two additional letters were received (see attached) after the creation and distribution of the Planning Commissioners' packets. One was from the Roads and Airport Department of Santa Clara County; they indicated that they had no comments on the proposed amendment. The second letter was received from the South University Neighborhood Association in support of the proposed amendment, and they stated that this change will make the community safer, more pleasant, more livable, and will encourage continued revitalization of the area.

Planning Commission Discussion

There was no Planning Commission discussion regarding the proposed General Plan amendment and associated Text amendment. The Commission voted 7-0-0 to recommend the staff initiated designation change of South 7th Street, from Interstate 280 to Keyes Street, from Major Collector – 4 Lanes to Major Collector – 2 Lanes.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The property owners and occupants within a 1,000-foot radius were sent a Public Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration, the Draft Negative Declaration, and a Notice of Public Hearings to be held on the subject amendment before the Planning Commission on November 29, 2004 and City Council on December 14, 2004. In addition, the Planning Division's website contains information regarding the General Plan Process, amendments, staff reports, and public hearing schedules. This site is available to any member of the public and contains the most current information regarding the status of the amendments. Staff has also made itself available to discuss the proposed General Plan amendment on an individual meeting basis with property owners and members of the public.

SNI Outreach

Staff distributed a Proposed General Plan Amendment Summary Handout for the proposed project and presented the proposed General Plan amendment at the scheduled monthly Spartan Keyes SNI NAC Meeting on November 8, 2004. This public meeting was well attended by over thirty NAC Members, property owners, residents and community stakeholders. The Spartan Keyes SNI NAC is in full support of the proposed General Plan amendment and General Plan Text amendment.

COORDINATION

The review of this General Plan amendment was coordinated with the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, the Department of Transportation, the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department, Environmental Services Department, City Attorney, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara County Department of Roads and Airports, and Pacific Gas and Electric.

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CEQA

An Initial Study was prepared for this project and a Negative Declaration was circulated for public review by the Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement on November 10, 2004 and adopted on November 29, 2004.


to STEPHEN M. HAASE
Secretary, Planning Commission

Attachments:

Santa Clara County Roads and Airport Department Letter

South University Neighborhood Association Letter