



Discussion Item – Proposed City Code Amendments



Proposed City Code Amendments Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety

- Addressing community concerns
- Modernizing mobility regulations
- Improving overall sidewalk and pedestrian safety
- Providing clear enforcement standards

Community and Enforcement Observations

- Increase in e-bikes and electric scooters
- Cyclists using sidewalks on arterial roadways
- Growth in mid-block crossings
- Pedestrians standing in medians

Current Code Challenges

- Blanket sidewalk prohibitions widely disregarded
- All-or-nothing enforcement options
- Officer discretion can be limited
- Inconsistent enforcement undermines legitimacy

Amendment 1 – Sidewalk Use Standards

- Permits bicycles and low power electric devices
- Requires reasonable and prudent speed
- Mandates pedestrian right-of-way
- Prohibits gas-powered vehicles

Amendment 2 – Pedestrian Roadway Crossing

- Requires use of marked crosswalks
- Prohibits crossing between adjacent signalized intersections
- Allows for limited mid-block crossings
- Prohibits crossing where signage exists

Amendment 3 – Pedestrians in Roadway and Medians

- Prohibits standing in vehicular travel lanes
- Restricts remaining in painted/raised medians
- Allows waiting when safely crossing

Benefits to the City and Community

- Improves safety outcomes
- Reduces high-speed exposure risk
- Provides articulable enforcement standards
- Aligns with modern mobility trends
- Enhances voluntary compliance



QUESTIONS?