



SANDY CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

January 21, 2021

To: Planning Commission
From: Community Development Department
Subject: General Plan Amendment – Transportation Master Plan GPA-12-20-5972
Updating the City’s Transportation Master Plan

HEARING NOTICE: *This item has been noticed on public websites, in the newspaper, and mailed to affected entities.*

REQUEST

The Community Development Department, at the request of the Public Works Department, is proposing an amendment to the Sandy City General Plan by updating the Transportation Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

Utah Code requires that the City’s General Plan include a chapter addressing transportation. In 2009, the City adopted the Sandy City Master Transportation Plan Update (July 2009) to address transportation needs and as the transportation chapter of the Sandy City General Plan. In 2020, the Sandy City Public Works Department hired the consultant team of Avenue Consultants and Parametrix to prepare an update to the City’s Transportation Master Plan and to replace the 2009 plan.

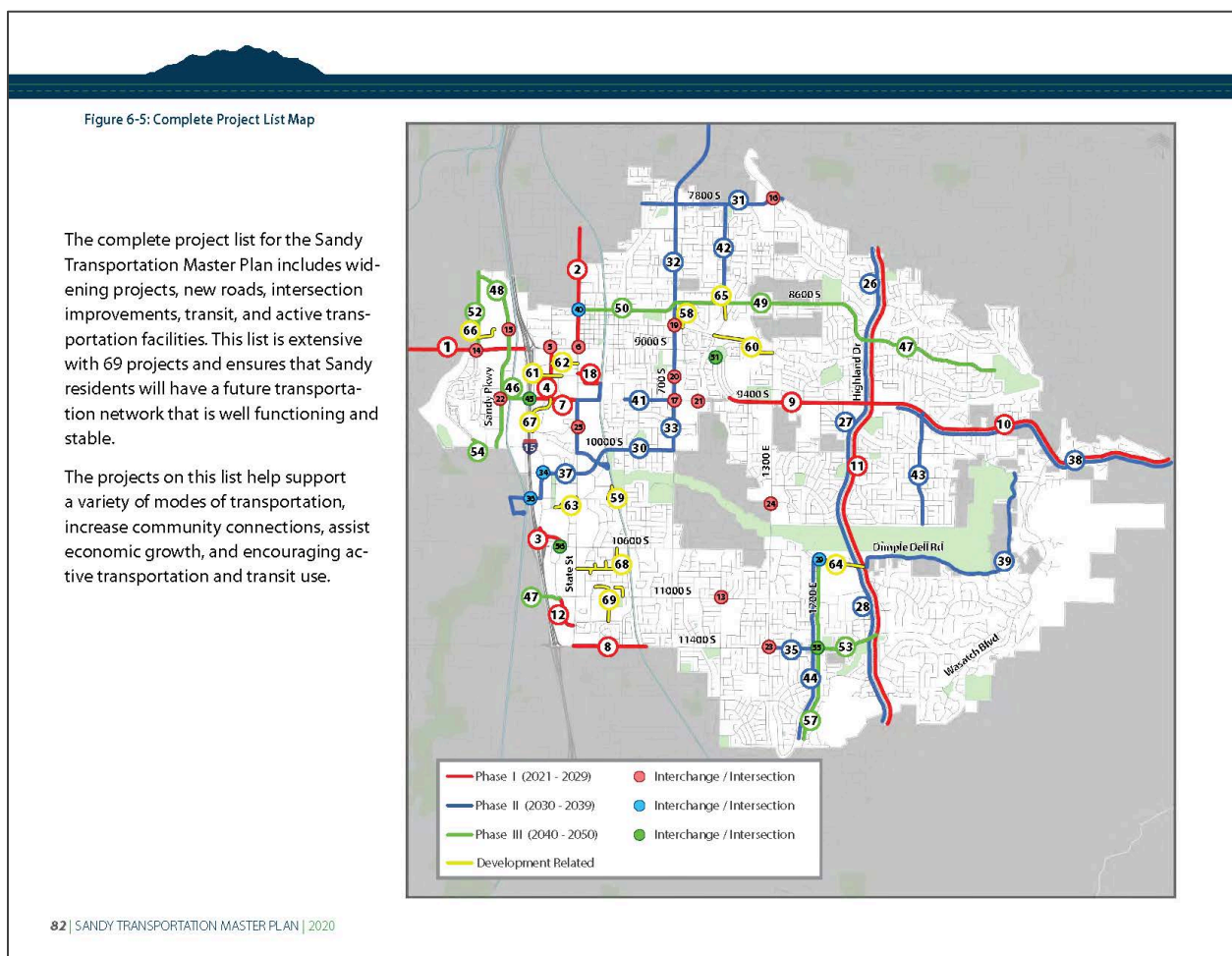
The proposed Sandy Transportation Master Plan (2021) includes goals and policies to guide future development and



improvements, an analysis of existing conditions, projections of future conditions, an outline of the process to prepare the proposed plan, and a capital improvement plan that identifies projects to be completed to accommodate transportation needs in the future. An additional study (Sandy Downtown Transportation Master Plan), specific to The Cairns, was also conducted as a supplement to the proposed Transportation Master Plan.

A project website (www.sandytmp.com) was created for the project. Information was made available to the public through the website. A public survey was performed through the website, and carried out over the summer of 2020. A public meeting was held by Zoom on October 14, 2020. The presentation for the public meeting was recorded, and is still available on the website.

The Capital Improvement Plan identifies approximately 70 projects. Projects are divided into four classifications based on the proposed timeframe for completion of each project; Phase I (2021-2029), Phase II (2030-2039), Phase III (2040-2050), and Development Related.



FACTS AND FINDINGS

- Utah Code requires that the City’s General Plan include a “transportation and traffic circulation element” that:
 1. Identifies current and proposed transportation facilities.
 2. Plans for development around major transit investment corridors, including “connections between housing, employment, education, recreation, and commerce.”
 3. “Correlates with the population, projections, the employment projections, and the proposed land use element of the general plan.”(Utah Code 10-9a-403(2)(a)(ii))
- Sandy City’s Transportation Master Plan, the transportation and traffic element of the General Plan, was last updated in 2009.
- The proposed Sandy City Transportation Master Plan (2021) was prepared based on public engagement, analysis of existing conditions, projections of future conditions, consideration of other application plans (i.e., The Cairns Master Plan) and stakeholder input.
- The proposed Sandy City Transportation Master Plan is intended to help guide future growth and development more generally through updating the transportation goals and policies of the General Plan and more specifically through projects identified in the Capital Improvement Plan.

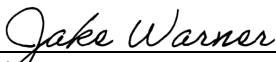
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Sandy City Transportation Master Plan (2021), including the Sandy Downtown Transportation Master Plan, as an amendment to the Sandy City General Plan.

ALTERNATIVES

- Forward a positive recommendation of the proposed amendment to the City Council
- Forward a negative recommendation of the proposed amendment to the City Council
- Forward a recommendation proposing a modified amendment to the City Council
- Table the decision

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