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## MOBILITY COMMISSION- Receive Presentation and Provide Direction on the Formation of a Mobility Commission

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**Executive Summary:** The purpose of this report is to define the scope and structure for a proposed new Mobility Commission to support implementation of the Fremont Mobility Action Plan adopted in March 2019.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 5, 2019, the City Council approved the Fremont Mobility Action Plan, a five-year strategy to address transportation issues and needs, with a focus on traffic congestion, travel alternatives, safety improvements, and new technologies. The plan was developed with guidance from a 14-member Task Force and a community outreach process which included community events, meetings and an on-line survey. The major recommendations of the Plan are summarized and categorized as follows:

#### Program Actions

1. Modernize **traffic signal system** to improve Citywide traffic flow
2. Complete planned **school access** improvements and increase participation in Safe Routes to School "Walk and Roll" programs
3. **Shift travel modes** from driving alone to carpooling, transit, walking and bicycling; modernize **AC Transit** service; and implement **Bicycle Master Plan** and **Pedestrian Master Plan**
4. Continue Vision Zero **traffic safety** program
5. Pursue **smart mobility** program with smart signals, smart parking, shared vehicles, and on-demand shuttles

#### Policy Actions

6. Pursue **regional land use policies and projects** to ease regional traffic congestion through Fremont; convene an annual **Mobility Summit** with regional officials
7. Pursue **regulation of navigation apps** to reduce impact to neighborhood streets
8. Continue to require **Transportation Demand Management** programs for major new private development
9. Consider new **local revenue enhancement** opportunities
10. Create an ongoing **Mobility Commission** to help implement the action plan

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:** With regards to the topic of creating a Mobility Commission (item 10 above), staff has: researched practices by other jurisdictions; consulted with City leadership team, individual City Council members, and the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee; and considered how the goals of the Mobility Action Plan can best be accomplished in an effective and efficient manner.

Staff finds that a community-based Mobility Commission can be most effective in helping to deliver the “program” elements of the Plan (items 1 through 5) and have the City Council focus on the “policy” actions (items 6 through 9). Staff suggests the following approach to the structure and scope of a Mobility Commission.

- Evolve the existing 5-member Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee to become a 9-member Mobility Commission comprehensively representing all travel modes.
- Select Commissioners that have expertise and leadership interests related to specific program areas from the Mobility Action Plan as follows:
  - **Traffic** signals and smart parking - 2 members
  - **School** access and walking - 2 members
  - **Bicycling** including shared bikes/scooters - 2 members
  - **Transit** including paratransit and on-demand shuttles - 3 members with one member representing the perspective of persons with impaired mobility

Having a diverse Commission with geographic, gender, age and ethnic representation will also be considered.

- A role of the Commissioners would be to lead “working groups” comprised of community volunteers related to their focus area of traffic, schools, bicycling, or transit. The purpose is to optimize community participation opportunities and accelerate achievement of mobility goals.
- The Mobility Commission would meet at least quarterly as a whole to share activities of their various working groups and to collectively guide multimodal topics like overall mode shift and traffic safety (Vision Zero).
- The Mobility Commission would participate in an annual work session with the City Council and attend the annual Mobility Summit.

It is noted that an additional role of the Mobility Commission is to approve City applications for grant funding from the State Transportation Development Act (TDA3) program which is managed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The TDA3 program supports improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. MTC requires that grant requests be approved by a politically appointed body with community members representing the interests of bicyclists and pedestrians. Staff has reviewed the proposed Mobility Commission structure with MTC and they have confirmed that it meets their requirements for the TDA3 grant program.

#### Proposed Next Steps

Based on direction from the City Council on the proposed role and structure for a Mobility Commission, staff would prepare an enabling ordinance for Council action in September 2019. Upon approval, staff would assist the Mayor with soliciting and reviewing applicants for the various Mobility Commission roles and with appointments being made at a Council

meeting in late 2019. The first meeting of the Mobility Commission would be held in January 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The suggested structure of the Mobility Commission has no significant fiscal impact as the new commission would replace an existing committee.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not applicable

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**LINKS:** Fremont Mobility Action Plan, March 2019  
<https://fremont.gov/mobilityactionplan>

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive presentation and provide direction on the formation of a Mobility Commission.