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MOBILITY COMMISSION - Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Consider Introduction of an Ordinance to Establish a Mobility Commission

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Executive Summary: The purpose of this report is to facilitate establishing a Mobility Commission made up of community members to support development and implementation of Fremont’s transportation policies and programs.

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. A major recommendation of the Plan is to create an ongoing Mobility Commission to help implement the Fremont Mobility Action Plan. On June 4, 2019, staff provided a presentation and recommendations regarding the structure and scope of the Mobility Commission. Pursuant to Council direction, Staff has prepared an enabling ordinance to establish a Mobility Commission. The text of an early draft of the ordinance was sent to all members of the Mobility Task Force for review and comment and was discussed at the July 17, 2019 meeting of the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: The proposed Ordinance would amend the Fremont Municipal Code to add a new article regarding the Mobility Commission addressing: creation and composition, meetings, duties and responsibilities, terms, and term limits. A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached. Key features of the ordinance are summarized below:

- The Mobility Commission will be composed of nine members with expertise and leadership interest related to various travel modes including, to the extent feasible, persons who: walk (two representatives); bicycle (two representatives); use transit (two representatives); drive (two representatives) and who have mobility impairments (one representative). If suitable applicants are not available to fill the designated “modal roles”, open positions may be filled by other interested community members as “at large” representatives.
- The full Mobility Commission will meet quarterly, but subgroups of the Commission may convene additional working group meetings to focus on topics of interest related to special projects and programs. As an example, members of the Commission may lead meetings or have staff work with community volunteers and stakeholders on topics related to bicycling, safe routes to schools, transit system improvements, and/or new transportation technologies. It is expected that the City Council and Mobility Commission will have an annual Work Session to review accomplishments,

discuss current issues, and establish a Mobility Commission work plan for the following year.

- The term of Mobility Commission members shall be for four years and with a limit of two full terms.

Staff proposes that applications for seats on the Commission be handled similarly to those for other Boards and Commissions, with applications received by the Clerk, and appointments made by the Mayor with the approval of the Council. Applicants would be asked to indicate if they qualify for any of the "modal roles" designated for specific groups or expertise.

Staff further proposes that the initial appointments for the Mobility Commission include "staggered terms" with five members appointed with a full four-year term and the other four members appointed to a partial two-year term. The purpose of staggered appointments is to maintain continuity and institutional knowledge among the Commission. The members selected among the two-person "modal roles" (walk, bicycle, transit, and drive) will have staggered appointments within the modal groups. Among the qualified candidates proposed for the Mobility Commission, the City Clerk would randomly select the individuals proposed for the four-year and two-year appointments. Individuals selected for the initial two-year partial term would have the ability to be reappointed for an additional two full terms (10-years total), while individuals selected for the initial four-year full term would be "term limited" after eight years. Additionally, Staff proposes to assist the Mayor in the development and review of applications for the Mobility Commission.

The schedule goal is to have a recruitment and selection process for the Mobility Commission in late 2019 and with a first meeting of the new Commission in early 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT: Creation of a new Mobility Commission will have no additional cost to the City. The Mobility Commission will replace the City's current Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Advisory Committee and support for the Mobility Commission will be incorporated into the existing operating budget for the Public Work Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The recommended actions in this report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are administrative activities and not projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Ordinance- Mobility Commission

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the first reading and introduction of the proposed ordinance and waive its full reading.
2. Approve the scheduling of the ordinance for second reading and adoption.
3. Direct staff to prepare a summary of the ordinance and the City Clerk to post and publish the summary in accordance with Government Code Section 36933(c)(1).