



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Res 2026-008

PRESENTER: Jenna Hahn

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

Ordinance

Resolution

Public Hearing

REQUEST

Approve the Commerce City Transportation Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

A Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is a long-term, strategic document that guides how a city will plan for and develop its transportation system to meet future needs and goals. A TMP acts as a blueprint for improving and expanding the network, considering all modes of transportation, including roads, transit, walking, cycling, and more. A TMP also provides a roadmap of prioritized short-term and long-term investments needed to accomplish the goals outlined in the Plan.

Commerce City's existing Transportation Master Plan was adopted in 2010, but work on a new and improved plan began in 2024. Once adopted, the new Transportation Master Plan will represent a two-year planning process that assessed existing conditions of the transportation network, engaged key stakeholders, and conducted extensive GIS-based analysis of data forecasts to assess the current and future transportation and mobility needs of Commerce City.

The TMP was developed through a collaborative and iterative process guided by data analysis, industry best practices, and meaningful community and stakeholder engagement. This Plan builds on the foundation established in Commerce City's 2010 Transportation Plan and reflects the substantial changes the city has experienced in the past decade. With a population that has more than doubled since 1990 and continued growth expected, the City is updating its Transportation Plan to provide a data-driven framework for guiding future transportation decisions. It evaluates how people move today, whether by car, foot,

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bike, transit, or truck, and identifies strategies to meet evolving needs across all modes.

The Transportation Plan will guide Commerce City's transportation investments over the next 25 years. While it sets a long-range vision and direction, transportation plans are routinely updated before their horizon years to reflect changing travel patterns, community priorities, funding opportunities, and technological advancements. These periodic updates ensure that the Plan remains responsive and relevant as the city continues to grow and evolve.

Ultimately, the Commerce City Transportation Plan is a community-informed roadmap that will guide transportation investments and policies to support continued growth, foster vibrant neighborhoods, and enhance quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors.

In summary, the Transportation Master Plan is the City's long-term vision for mobility and transportation investments throughout the City to create a safe, connected, equitable, and sustainable multimodal transportation system. The Plan includes a prioritized set of projects, programs, and plans for pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and roadways. And, finally, the Plan incorporates recommendations included in the Safety Action Plan previously approved by City Council.

JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	Objective 1.1.1 : Update Transportation Master Plan to identify connectivity opportunities and strategies.		

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City prepared the Commerce City Transportation Master Plan with valuable contributions from many individuals and partner organizations.

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In addition, residents were invited to participate through interactive online tools, pop-up events, and community-wide mailers. Structured to meet people where they are, engagement, both online and in person, focused on raising awareness, gathering input, and ensuring that feedback from a wide range of community voices helped guide the planning process.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ASSIGNED

Board or Commission	Planning Commission
Recommendation	Unanimous approval
Date of Recommendation	October 2025

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1: Approve the Transportation Master Plan as Submitted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Transportation Master Plan.