



## **AGENDA MEMO**

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Jason Burdette, Planning Director

Jesse Bouk, Public Works Director

Date: August 10, 2021

Re: Discussion of Proposed Draft Changes to the Davidson Planning Ordinance (DPO): Mobility Plan Text Amendments

### **OVERVIEW**

The Davidson Mobility Plan is a local comprehensive transportation plan that provides a town-wide vision and coordinated recommendations for multi-modal travel and access within and through town. The Mobility Plan was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in August 2019.

As part of plan implementation, the Mobility Plan Subcommittee (composed of members of the Planning and Livability Boards) annually review the plan and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for priority projects and policies. This conversation occurred at the January 2021 regular meeting.

To implement policies recommended in the Mobility Plan, changes to the Davidson Planning Ordinance (DPO) are required. The policy goal recommendations include updating standards for sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, advisory shoulders, and multi-use paths (including greenways and sidepaths). Other recommendations originated from concerns raised by staff and commissioners. These include improving the town's alley standards. Public Works Director Jesse Bouk will provide an update on service provision in alleys.

### **REQUESTED ACTION**

This is for discussion purposes only.

### **RELATED TOWN GOALS**

#### **Strategic Plan Alignment**

A Well-Planned and Livable Community – Preserve our rural area and create well-planned, dynamic community places with connected progressions between them.

Connecting People and Places – Expand the town's transportation network to provide residents and visitors with safe, convenient and efficient travel choices to connect people across the community.

## Core Values

Davidson's historic mix of people in all income levels and ages is fundamental to our community, so town government will encourage opportunities, services, and infrastructure that allow people of all means to live and work here.

Citizens need to move easily throughout the town and region, so government will provide a variety of options, such as sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, connected streets, and transit.

Citizens must live in a healthy environment, so town government will protect watersheds, trees, air quality, and other elements of the town's ecology.

The physical, social, and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community, so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable recreational and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.

## OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

**Options:** Provide input in the development of draft text amendments specific to Mobility Plan implementation.

**Pros:** Furthers implementation of the Davidson Mobility Plan. Advisory Boards committed to their roles in implementing the plan.

**Cons:** N/A

## NEXT STEPS

1. Staff finalizes draft language
2. FYI with Planning Board (*tent. Aug. 30*)
3. Board of Commissioners Public Hearing (*tent. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>*)
4. Planning Board recommendation (*tent. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>*)
5. Board of Commissioners update (*tent. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>*)
6. Board of Commissioners action (*tent. Oct. 26*)