



# COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

February 20, 2012

## FOR INFORMATION

**FROM:** Ashton J. Hayward, III, Mayor *WHR for AJH*

**SUBJECT:** Complete Streets

### SUMMARY:

The Land Development Code (LDC) is the principal means of planning and regulating the development and redevelopment of land in the City. The LDC was adopted by City Council in its present form in 1991 pursuant to the *Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act*. From time to time, it is necessary to amend the LDC to provide consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and to respond to community concerns, legal considerations, and changes in development patterns and planning techniques. If it is the intent of City Council that Complete Streets criteria be adopted into the Land Development Code, then there are two options for accomplishing that goal.

The first option would be to adopt language directly into the LDC. The most logical location would be to insert the language into section 12-2-82 of the Code, pertaining to Design Standards and Guidelines. This section of the LDC sets standards for the construction of streets, sidewalks and driveways within the City of Pensacola, and could be expanded to include Complete Streets criteria.

The second option would be to adopt Complete Streets typology as a supplement to the Land Development Code. This option is provided for in the Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan as follows:

*Policy T-3.2.8: The City will develop a typology of Complete Streets amenities, and identify the most appropriate enhancements for the range of streets within the City. This typology will be included as part of the Land Development Code or as a stand-alone supplement, and will be used to systematically plan public transportation upgrades and bicycle and pedestrian enhancements.*

Either of these actions would typically be approved via the codified process for amending the Land Development Code, which requires review and recommendation from the City's Planning Board, followed by a public hearing and two ordinance readings by City Council.

### STAFF CONTACT:

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### PRESENTATION:

No.