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To: Planning Commission

From: Transportation Commission

Subject: Transmittal of Recommended Transportation Policies for

the BelRed Subarea Plan

On March 14, 2024, the Transportation Commission approved recommended transportation policy amendments for the BelRed Subarea Plan and voted to transmit the recommendation to the Planning Commission. These recommended policy amendments are within the scope of the BelRed Look Forward planning initiative, which determines how the BelRed Subarea will help implement the citywide growth strategy for housing, jobs, and mobility for the next 20 years as part of the overall Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Staff from the Community Development Department and the Transportation Department met in study sessions with the Transportation Commission on the following dates:

- November 9, 2023: Review of draft transportation policy amendments
- March 14, 2024: Review and final recommendation for BelRed transportation policy amendments and transmittal to the Planning Commission

Recommended transportation policy amendments reflect new information and changed circumstances, remove redundancies with the Transportation Element in Volume 1, and clarify direction to facilitate implementation of the BelRed Vision. The vision includes neighborhoods with a pedestrian friendly and walkable character, with convenient access to transit, shopping, jobs, and community amenities, that are also well connected to the city and region through a complete and connected multi-modal transportation system.

The Transportation Commission believes the recommended amended policies will serve as a valuable guide to inform the planning, design, and development of the envisioned multimodal transportation network in BelRed.