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City Manager Roel "Roy" Rodriguez, P.E.

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO BE HELD BY THE
MCALLEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 – 4:00 PM
MCALLEN CITY HALL
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS; 3RD FLOOR
1300 HOUSTON AVENUE
MCALLEN TEXAS, 78501**

AGENDA

"At any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the City Commission under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at any time during the course of this meeting, the City Commission may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code."

CALL TO ORDER

1. Present questions to staff relating to the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda, to be discussed at such meeting.
2. Presentation on Vision Zero.
3. Jackson Road Widening from 4-Lanes to 6-Lanes with a Raised Concrete Median. Limits from Pecan Avenue (SH495) to El Rancho Road.
4. EFT's Convenience Fees / Card Processing Presentation.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION, CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY), SECTION 551.072 (DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY), SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND SECTION 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)**
 - A) Consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal issues with contract between McAllen Independent School District and City of McAllen related to Quinta Mazatlán. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
 - B) Consideration of Economic Development Matters (Section 551.087, T.G.C.)
 - C) Consultation with City Attorney regarding possible employment litigation. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
 - D) Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues related to Firefighters' Pension Funds. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)

ADJOURNMENT

IF ANY ACCOMMODATION FOR A DISABILITY IS REQUIRED (OR INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF), NOTIFY THE CITY SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT AT 681-1020 FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. WITH REGARD TO ANY ITEM, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESCHEDULING AN ITEM IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR A FUTURE DATE OR TIME.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the Undersigned Authority, do hereby certify that the attached agenda of the meeting of the McAllen Board of Commissioners is a true and correct copy and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on February 23, 2024 at 3:30 PM and will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

/s/
Perla Lara, TRMC/CMC, CPM
City Secretary



ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

1.

DATE SUBMITTED

MEETING DATE

2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: Present questions to staff relating to the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda, to be discussed at such meeting.
2. Party Making Request:
3. Nature of Request:
4. Routing:
Diana Silva
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:

Created -



ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

2.

DATE SUBMITTED

02/20/2024

MEETING DATE

2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: Presentation on Vision Zero.
2. Party Making Request: Marlen Garza
3. Nature of Request: This request is for a new project called Vision Zero. Vision Zero is a collaborative campaign aimed at reducing injuries and fatalities in the City of McAllen roadways to ZERO.
4. Routing:

Esteban Ramos	Created/Initiated - 2/20/2024
Marlen Garza	Approved - 2/20/2024
Eduardo Mendoza	Approved - 2/20/2024
Michelle Rivera	Approved - 2/20/2024
Isaac Tawil	Final Approval - 2/21/2024
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

To: Roel Rodriguez, P.E., City Manager

From: Marlen Garza, PE, Assistant Director of Engineering

Date: February 26th, 2024

Subject: Vision Zero

Explanation

Vision Zero is a collaborative campaign aimed at reducing injuries and fatalities in the City of McAllen roadways to ZERO. The Vision Zero safety plan aims at structuring a plan based on data collected on our public roadways so that the City can identify priorities to:

- Allocate resources effectively
- Foster collaboration among stakeholders
- Develop actionable strategies and initiatives that will address the needs of our community.

The Vision Zero plan has a timeline of approximately eight (8) months for completion with data collection starting in January, followed by a draft plan to be completed and ready for staff comments in May. July will be the month for comments from the public and the final plan will come back to City Commission for adoption in August 2024. City of McAllen staff will be conducting various events to hear from various City Departments and the public in order to make the plan stronger.

Vision Zero





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Introduction

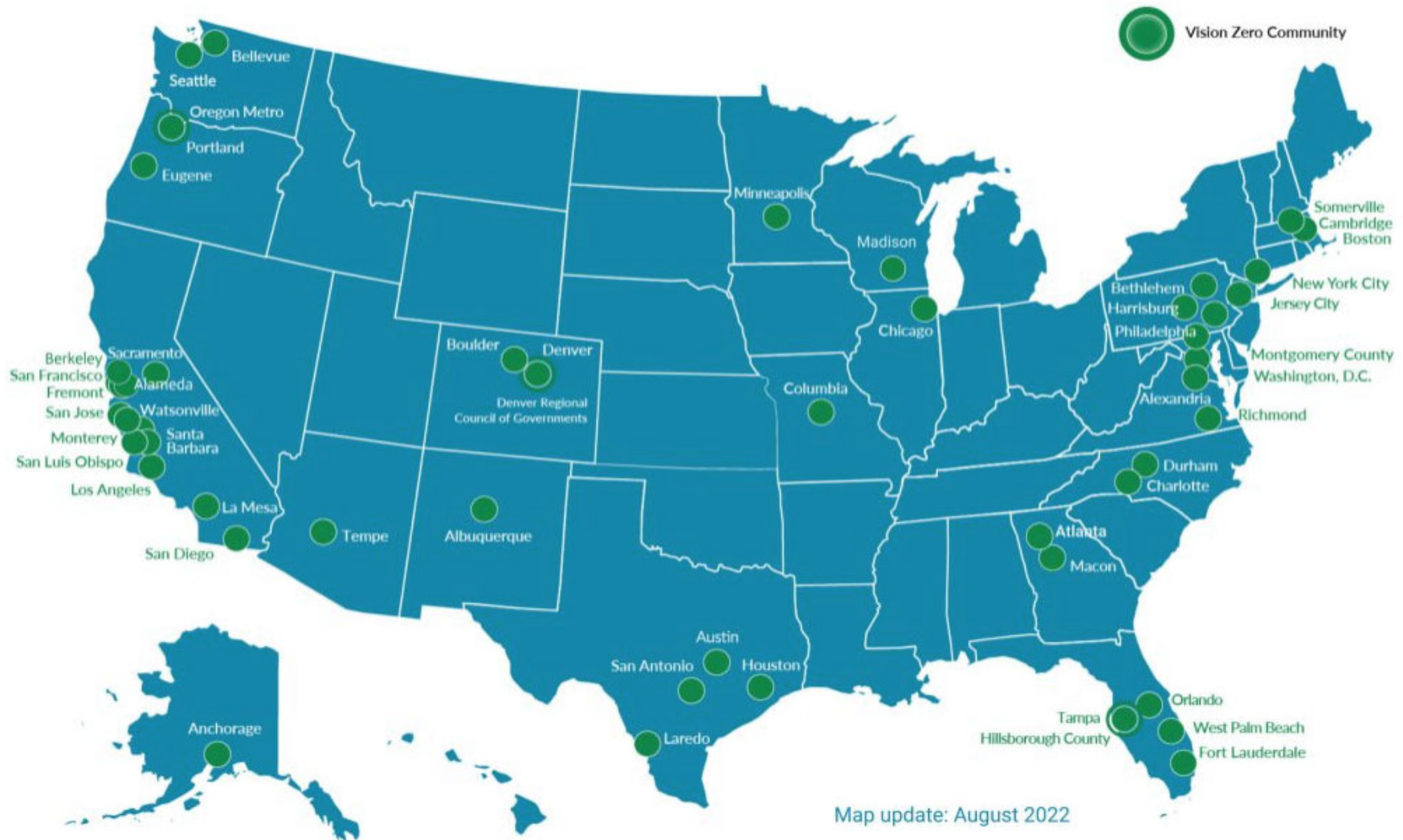
Vision Zero is a collaborative campaign and action plan aimed at helping communities achieve the goal of ZERO traffic fatalities and severe injuries among all road users. The plan also provides the community strategies on how to increase safety, health and equitable mobility for all.

Safe Systems = Safe Mobility



Vision Zero is not a slogan, not a tagline, not even just a program. It is a fundamentally different way to approach traffic safety.

VISION ZERO NETWORK



A New Vision for Safety

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE**

PERFECT human behaviour

Prevent **COLLISIONS**

INDIVIDUAL responsibility

Saving lives is **EXPENSIVE**

VS

VISION ZERO

Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**

Integrate **HUMAN FAILING** in approach

Prevent **FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES**

SYSTEMS approach

Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**

Vision Zero is Possible

**We know how to save
31,500 lives a year.**

***What are we
waiting for?***

Improved Emergency Response
2,500 lives per year

Modal Shift
3,000 lives per year

Roadway Design
3,000 lives per year

Lowering Speeds
4,000 lives per year



VISION ZERO NETWORK

<https://visionzeronetwork.org/>



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Our team

City of McAllen



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Carlos Gallinar- Consultant
Project Manager

Stakeholders
(Community Engagement)



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NELSON
NYGAARD

Tracy McMillan- Sub consultant
Project Manager



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Stakeholder Groups



Biking Community



Business Community



Health/Wellness Advocates



Neighborhood
Associations



Real Estate Community



Developers and Builders



Public and Private Schools



Colleges and Universities



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Timeline



ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

3.

DATE SUBMITTED

02/20/2024

MEETING DATE

2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: Jackson Road Widening from 4-Lanes to 6-Lanes with a Raised Concrete Median. Limits from Pecan Avenue (SH495) to El Rancho Road.
2. Party Making Request: Eduardo Mendoza
3. Nature of Request:
4. Routing:

Eduardo Mendoza	Created/Initiated - 2/20/2024
Eduardo Mendoza	Approved - 2/20/2024
Michelle Rivera	Approved - 2/20/2024
Isaac Tawil	Final Approval - 2/21/2024
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

To: Roel Rodriguez, P.E., City Manager

From: Eduardo Mendoza, PE, P.T.O.E., City Engineer

Date: February 12th, 2024

Subject: Jackson Road Widening from 4-Lanes to 6-Lanes with a Raised Concrete Median. Limits from Pecan Avenue (SH495) to El Rancho Road.

Explanation

The City of McAllen has been advised by TxDOT about a significant upgrade to Jackson Road. The road will be widened from 4 to 6 lanes with concrete medians, the roadway improvements ranging from Pecan Avenue (SH495) to El Rancho Road. This project aims to enhance safety and mobility, reduce vehicular hazardous movements, and create a safer environment for pedestrians. The Engineering Department is seeking the City's Board of Commission input on the project.



Jackson Rd Schematic

FM 3362: CSJ 3468-01-021

Limits: SH 495 to BUS 83

FM 2061: CSJ 1939-02-036

Limits: BUS 83 to Hall Acres Rd/El Rancho Rd

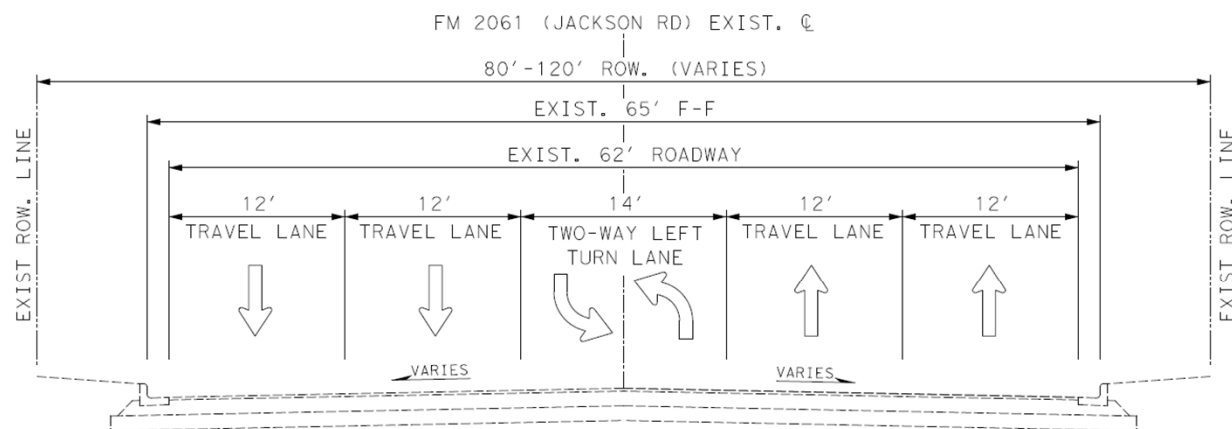
Project Overview

Scope of Proposed Improvements:

- The existing roadway will be widened from 4 to 6 lanes with a raised concrete median to reduce congestion, improve mobility and roadway safety



Existing Typical Section



EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION

CSJ: 3468-01-021
FM 3362 - LIMITS FROM SH 495 TO BUS US 83
CSJ: 1939-02-036
FM 2061 - LIMITS FROM BUS US 83 TO HALL ACRES RD/EL RANCHO AVE



FM 3362 Facing North

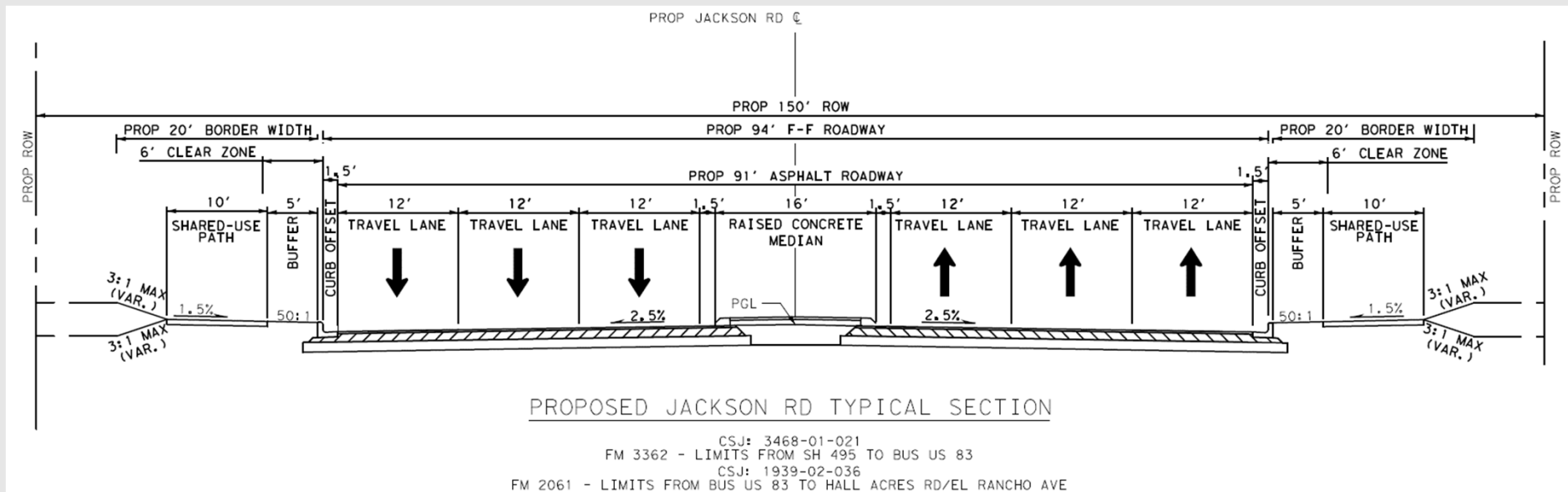


FM 2061 Facing North

Recommended Proposed Typical Section



- 6 lane divided: 3 travel lanes and 10' SUP in each direction, raised concrete median



Conceptual schematic review for alternatives



- Alt 1: Equal widening on both sides
- Alt 2: Widening on west side
- Alt 3: Widening on east side
- Preferred Alternative: The best fit based on matrix evaluation
 - Started with alternative 1
 - Reduced direct impacts for RV plots, parking spots, parcels and proximity impacts for residences, commercial buildings, and educational buildings.
 - Avoided major utilities: Kinder Morgan Gas Line.
- Review draft alternatives analysis matrix



- Preferred alternative confirmed at DCC meeting in November 2023
- Public Meeting scheduled in March 2024
- 60% Geometric Schematic due April 2024
- Final Schematic due August 2024
- Final Drainage Analysis due August 2024
- ROW legal descriptions to start after TxDOT review of 60% schematic
- Detailed Environmental Technical Studies due September 2024

*Dates are subject to change



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BOARD: City Commission

AGENDA ITEM

4.

DATE SUBMITTED

MEETING DATE

2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: EFT's Convenience Fees / Card Processing Presentation.

2. Party Making Request: Sergio Villasana

3. Nature of Request:

4. Routing:

Yvonne Pena

Created -

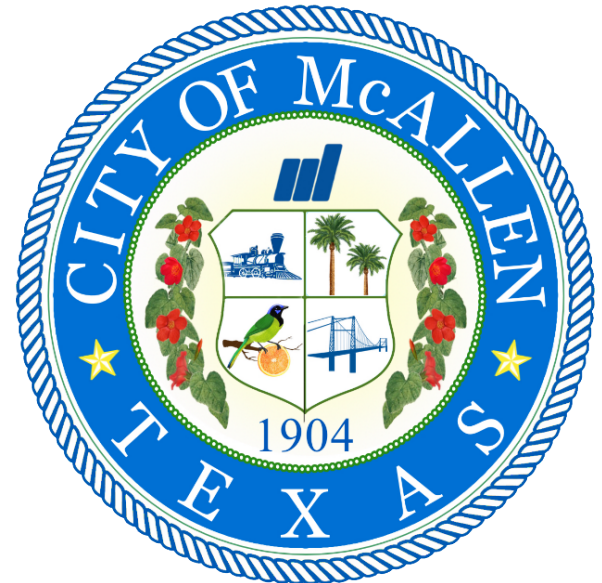
5. Staff Recommendation:

6. Advisory Board:

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8. Manager's Recommendation:

CARD PROCESSING



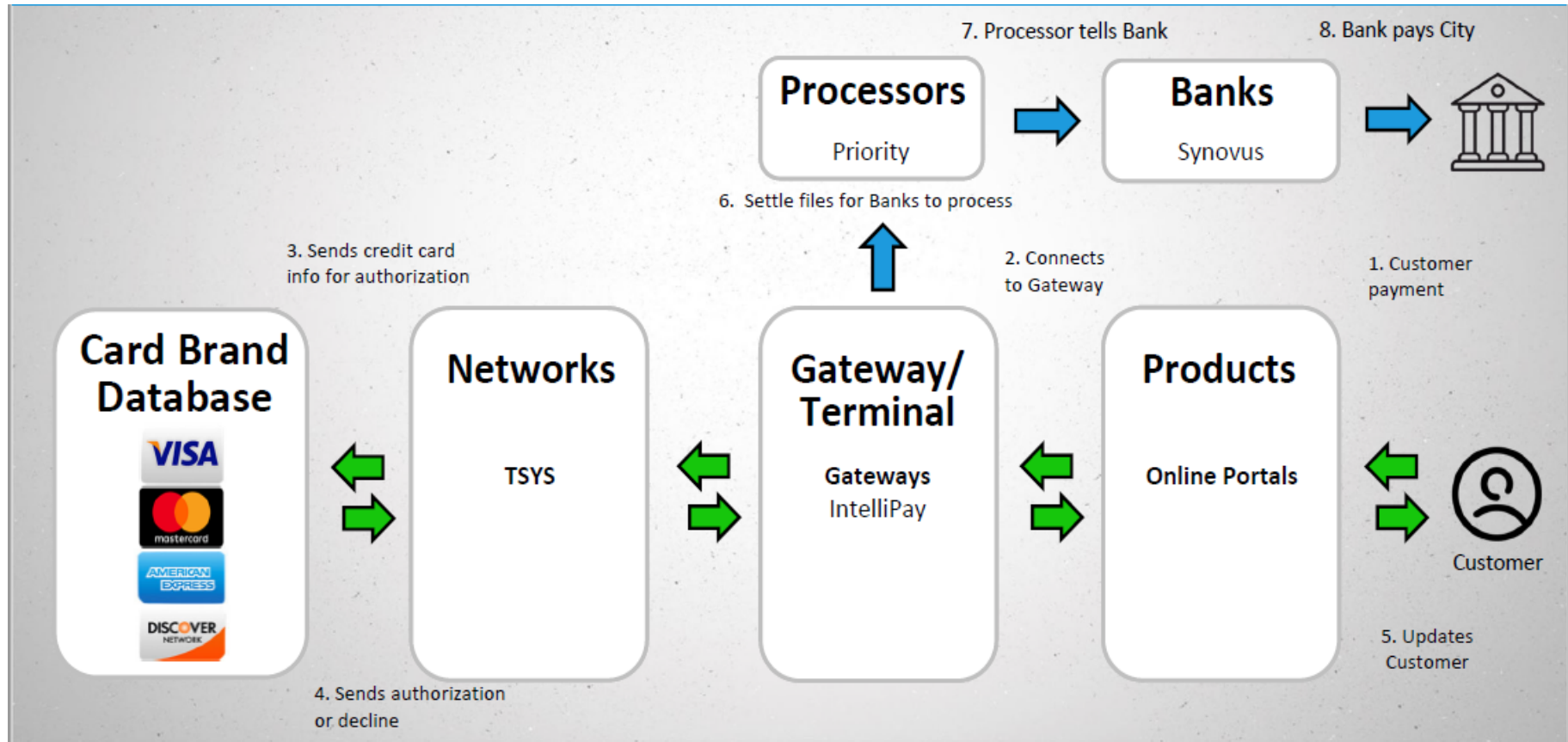
Presentation Overview

- Parties involved in card payments
- Processing Cost
- Department costs and current setup

Parties involved

- Gateways
- Processors
- Settlement Banks
- Networks
- Card Brand Database

Flow of Transaction



- Source: Casey Leloux, CEO of IntelliPay. August 2023

Processing Cost

- Per transaction fee
- Card brand fees
- Monthly Service Fee
- Terminal Fee
- Monthly PCI Fee
- Maintenance Fee
- Fees vary by card brand, card present, card not present, etc.

Processing Cost - Continued

- Various Departments paying for fee out of budget
- FY 2023 City paid \$360,260 in processing fees
- Various Departments using third party for processing payment.
 - No cost to City
 - Users of the service pay a fee
 - Fee can be a percentage or fixed dollar amount
 - Third Party collects service fee revenue and incurs all processing fees

Questions?



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BOARD:	AGENDA ITEM	5.A.
	DATE SUBMITTED	
	MEETING DATE	2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: Consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal issues with contract between McAllen Independent School District and City of McAllen related to Quinta Mazatlán. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
2. Party Making Request:
3. Nature of Request:
4. Routing:
Amy Gonzalez Created -
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



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BOARD:	AGENDA ITEM	5.B.
	DATE SUBMITTED	
	MEETING DATE	2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: Consideration of Economic Development Matters (Section 551.087, T.G.C.)
2. Party Making Request: Isaac Tawil
3. Nature of Request: Consideration of Economic Development Matters (Section 551.087, T.G.C.)
4. Routing:
Amy Gonzalez Created -
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



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BOARD:	AGENDA ITEM	5.C.
	DATE SUBMITTED	
	MEETING DATE	2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: Consultation with City Attorney regarding possible litigation employment. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
2. Party Making Request: Isaac Tawil
3. Nature of Request: Consultation with City Attorney regarding possible litigation employment. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
4. Routing:
Amy Gonzalez
Created -
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
7. City Attorney:
8. Manager's Recommendation:



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BOARD:	AGENDA ITEM	5.D.
	DATE SUBMITTED	
	MEETING DATE	2/26/2024

1. Agenda Item: Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues related to Firefighters' Pension Funds. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
2. Party Making Request: Isaac Tawil
3. Nature of Request: Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues related to Firefighters' Pension Funds. (Section 551.071, T.G.C.)
4. Routing:
Amy Gonzalez Created -
5. Staff Recommendation:
6. Advisory Board:
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