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ORDINANCE NO. 02-118

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE GARDEN OF THE GODS CORRIDOR
STUDY BY AMENDING THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN
TO INCORPORATE THE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the completion of a Garden of the Gods Corridor Study complements the East-West Mobility Study and further implements travel demand management and transportation system management strategies as recommended within the Intermodal Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Garden of the Gods/Austin Bluffs corridor is a key east-west travel improvements within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed a comprehensive analysis of the corridor and has recommended an implementation plan for Garden of the Gods corridor improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO
SPRINGS:

Section 1. That City Council hereby accepts the substantive content of the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study as submitted and discussed at its June 24, 2002, informal meeting.

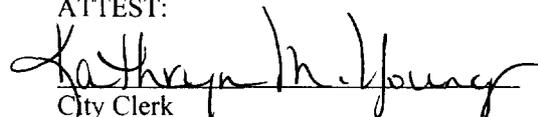
Section 2. That City Council hereby generally amends the Intermodal Transportation Plan to incorporate the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study recommendations by adding the note, "Implement the recommendations of the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study as approved by City Council" in the Roadway section as bullet number 20 and in the Travel Demand Management section as bullet number 6.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by the Charter.

Section 4. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance shall be available for inspection and acquisition in the Office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this 23rd day of July,
2002.

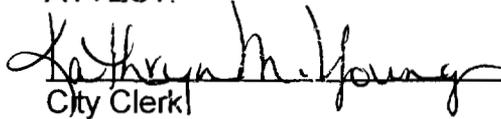

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Finally passed, adopted and approved this 13th day of August 2002.

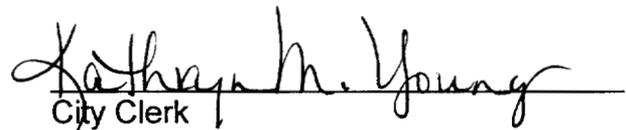

Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE GARDEN OF THE GODS CORRIDOR STUDY BY AMENDING THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS”** was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs, held on July 23, 2002; that said ordinance was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 13th day of August, 2002, and that the same was published by title and summary, in accordance with Section 3-80 of Article III of the Charter, in the Daily Transcript, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, at least ten days before its passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City, this 13th day of August, 2002.


City Clerk



CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

DATE: July 11, 2002

TO: Lorne C. Kramer, City Manager *by Dave Zelenok*

FROM: Dave Zelenok, Public Works Director *Dave*
Tim Roberts, Senior Transportation Planner

RE: Garden of the Gods Corridor Study Amendment to the ITP

SUMMARY:

At the June 24, 2002 Informal City Council meeting the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study was presented to the Council with the idea that the recommendations from the study be included within the Intermodal Transportation Plan under the Roadway and the Travel Demand Management Sections. The purpose of the study was to identify which travel demand management and transportation system management strategies would be feasible for implementation along the Garden of the Gods/Austin Bluffs Parkway corridor from 30th Street to Union Boulevard. The study was well received without any amendment and staff was directed to bring an ordinance amending the ITP to the July 23, 2002 City Council meeting. This is the same day that a separate recommendation involving the East-West Mobility Study will be presented to City Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Garden of the Gods Corridor Study was a public/private initiative spearheaded by the Garden of the Gods Transportation Management Association (TMA). The City of Colorado Springs, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the TMA funded the study to review alternative transportation strategies to roadway widening since widening of the 6-lane sections would be difficult to achieve. The study began in September of 2001 and was conducted by UrbanTrans Consultants, Inc. out of Denver who specialize in Travel Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation System Management (TSM) Studies.

TDM is an emerging field of study which involves implementing a set of strategies for managing the demand placed on a transportation system. It is frequently applied to alternative travel options such as carpooling, vanpooling, public transit, bicycling and walking. However, it also applies to changing the peak-hour traffic impact by changing travel behavior. Often, strategies like flexible work hours for employees can be a key component in reducing the impact on peak traffic hours by providing flexibility with work schedules to off-peak hours.

TSM strategies focus on the existing transportation system for improvements to reduce spot-based congestion. Spot-based congestion can negatively affect travel progression along a corridor due to operational failure of an intersection, numerous uncontrolled or poor access points, poor location of traffic signals that degrade progression, and not enough capacity in key locations. TSM strategies are generally low-cost capital projects which can provide significant operational improvements. Examples of TSM techniques include adding turn-lanes at intersections, consolidating access points, removing or relocating traffic signals, and removing physical "bottle-necks."

TDM elements recommended from the study include emphasis on carpool, vanpool, and transit strategies with increased awareness through subsidies, registration events, marketing and promotions and establishing a commuter club. It also recommends that existing and future businesses incorporate TDM friendly designs by providing preferential parking to carpools and vanpools, and by establishing sheltered passenger pick-up locations, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle lockers. Flextime should continue to be encouraged to spread the peak hour traffic on the corridor.

Recommended TSM elements range from access management, intersection upgrades for turn lanes, and limited roadway widening. Key recommendations include:

- constructing additional travel lanes and turn lanes at the Nevada/Austin Bluffs intersection to add capacity through the intersection,
- removing the full-movement access between Chestnut and Interstate 25, and
- adding turn lanes at the intersection of Garden of the Gods and Chestnut.

Additional recommendations are to construct the Austin Bluffs/Union Interchange as identified in the East-West Mobility Study.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council can:

1. Approve the ordinance and the recommendations of the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study;
2. Approve the ordinance with modifications to the recommendations of the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study; or
3. Deny the ordinance and the recommendations of the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends Council accept the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study by amending the Intermodal Transportation Plan to incorporate the recommendations included within the document.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve the ordinance accepting the Garden of the Gods Corridor Study by amending the Intermodal Transportation Plan to incorporate the recommendations contained within.