

RESOLUTION 10-09

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THOROUGHFARE PLAN

WHEREAS, The City of Westfield, (“City”) is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana, governed by its duly elected Mayor and Common Council (“Council”); and;

WHEREAS, the Council has the duty and authority to review, amend and approve addendums to the Comprehensive Plan adopted and certified by the Westfield Plan Commission; and;

WHEREAS, an addendum has been approved and certified to the Council, the merits reviewed and considered by this Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Westfield City Common Council meeting in session as follows:

Section 1. That the Council hereby adopts the addendum to the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan and Westfield Thoroughfare Plan as evidenced by Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. That the Community Development Department is ordered to amend the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan and Westfield Thoroughfare Plan to conform to this Addendum. All acts done to create and implement this Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan are hereby ratified.

Section 3. The Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately.

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ALL OF WHICH IS HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WESTFIELD,
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

**WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA**

Voting For

Voting Against

Abstain

John Dippel

John Dippel

John Dippel

Steve Hoover

Steve Hoover

Steve Hoover

Robert Horkay

Robert Horkay

Robert Horkay

Kenneth Kingshill

Kenneth Kingshill

Kenneth Kingshill

Bob Smith

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Tom Smith

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Rob Stokes

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ATTEST:

Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer

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I hereby certify that RESOLUTION 10-09 was delivered to the Mayor of Westfield on the _____ day of _____, 2010, at _____ m.

Cindy Gossard, Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-09

this _____ day of _____,
2010.

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor

I hereby VETO RESOLUTION 10-09

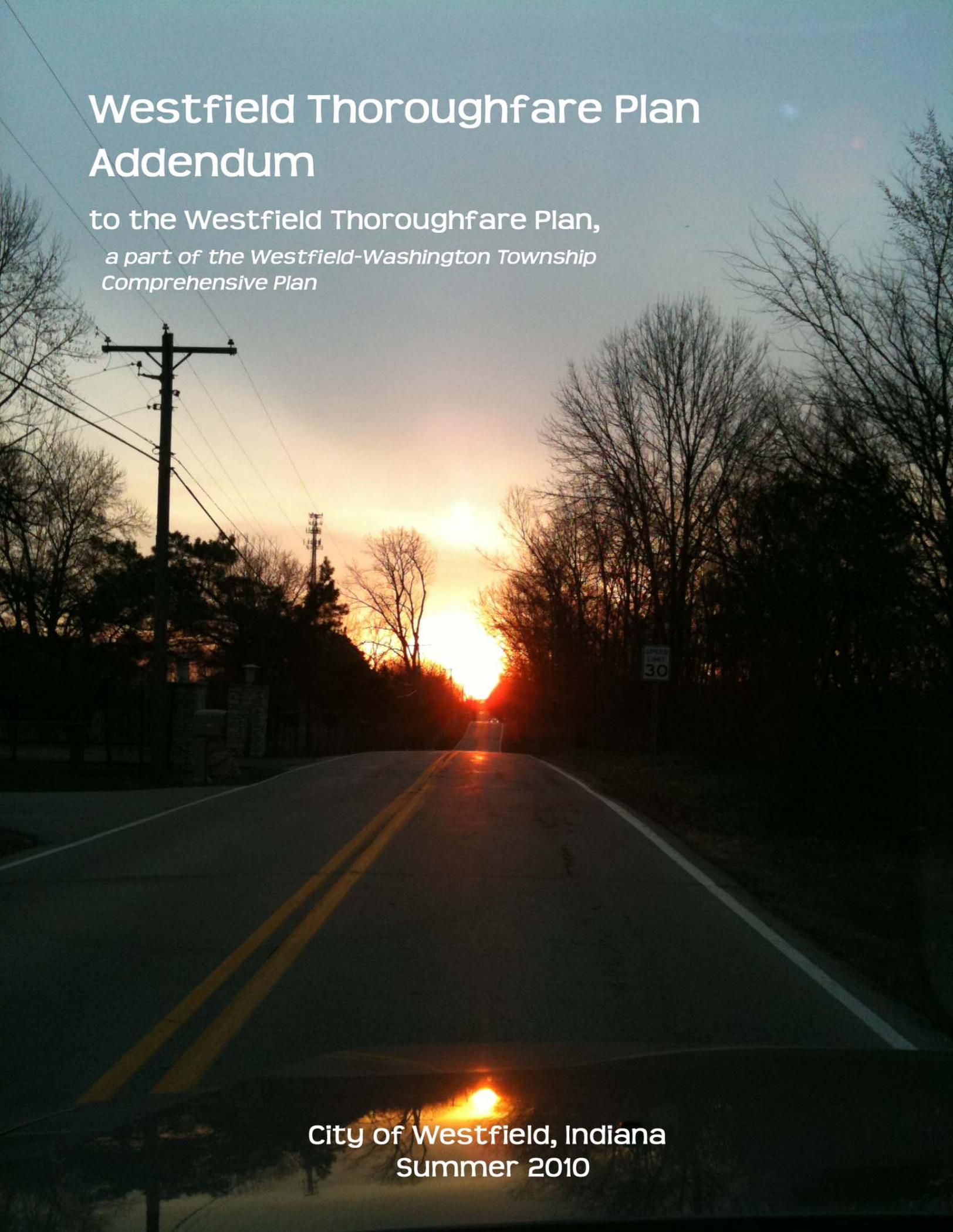
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Westfield Thoroughfare Plan Addendum

to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan,
*a part of the Westfield-Washington Township
Comprehensive Plan*



City of Westfield, Indiana
Summer 2010

Executive Summary

Introduction

This addendum (the “Addendum”) to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan (adopted April 9, 2007, Resolution No. 07-05), a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan (the “Comprehensive Plan”), is designed to support and facilitate the City’s efforts to provide safe and effective transportation systems within its jurisdiction. The proposed amendments included in the Addendum are designed to: (1) increase and enhance connectivity and functionality of streets within the Grand Junction area; (2) to facilitate and enhance vehicular movement during and after the U.S. 31 Major Moves project; and (3) to enhance the City’s alternative transportation network.

Goals

The Grand Junction Task Group, the City administration, the Parks Department, the Community Development Department, the Department of Public Works and representatives participating in the U.S. 31 Major Moves project have generated the proposed changes to the City’s thoroughfare plan included in this Addendum. The proposed changes include the following:

I. Grand Junction Connectivity.

The proposed roadway changes within this portion of the Addendum (identified in Exhibits 1 and 2) provide for new and enhanced connections within and around the Grand Junction area (Westfield’s old downtown area). These changes were reviewed by the citizen body known as the Grand Junction Task Group (the “GJTG”) in the Spring of 2010. This proposed Addendum is supported by the GJTG. This proposal serves as an extension and refinement of the downtown plans that have been adopted for the Grand Junction, some of which are already in the design phase or the construction phase. Adoption of this Addendum will assist the City, as it continues to work with INDOT, in developing State Highway 32 enhancements to complement Westfield’s downtown street network. In addition, adoption of this Addendum will provide a finer level of detail that will help inform the Grand Junction zoning standards that are currently being developed.

II. U.S. 31 Major Moves Solutions.

The proposed roadway changes within this portion of the Addendum (identified in Exhibits 1 and 2) provide for new and enhanced connections along U.S. 31 in anticipation of the planned U.S. 31 Major Moves project. These proposed changes are designed to facilitate traffic movement within and throughout the City while the U.S. 31 Major Moves project is underway and to enhance functionality of the City's street network long after the U.S. 31 Major Moves project is completed. It is imperative that the City takes measures to keep the economic gears of the community turning while the U.S. 31 project is under way. Additionally, Westfield is poised for significant economic development as capital markets begin to open again. To maximize Westfield's competitive advantage in the economic development marketplace, it is crucial that the City develop its street network in a way that provides desirable, functional and reliable vehicular access. Adoption of this Addendum represents a significant step toward ensuring the economic vitality of the Westfield community.

III. Alternative Transportation Enhancements.

The proposed changes to the City's Alternative Transportation Plan (identified in Exhibits 3 and 4), a component of the City's Thoroughfare Plan, are designed to acknowledge new trail facilities: (1) that have already been installed or are being installed; (2) that have already been designed or are being designed; and (3) that more clearly depict the City's long-range plans for alternative transportation connectivity throughout its jurisdiction.

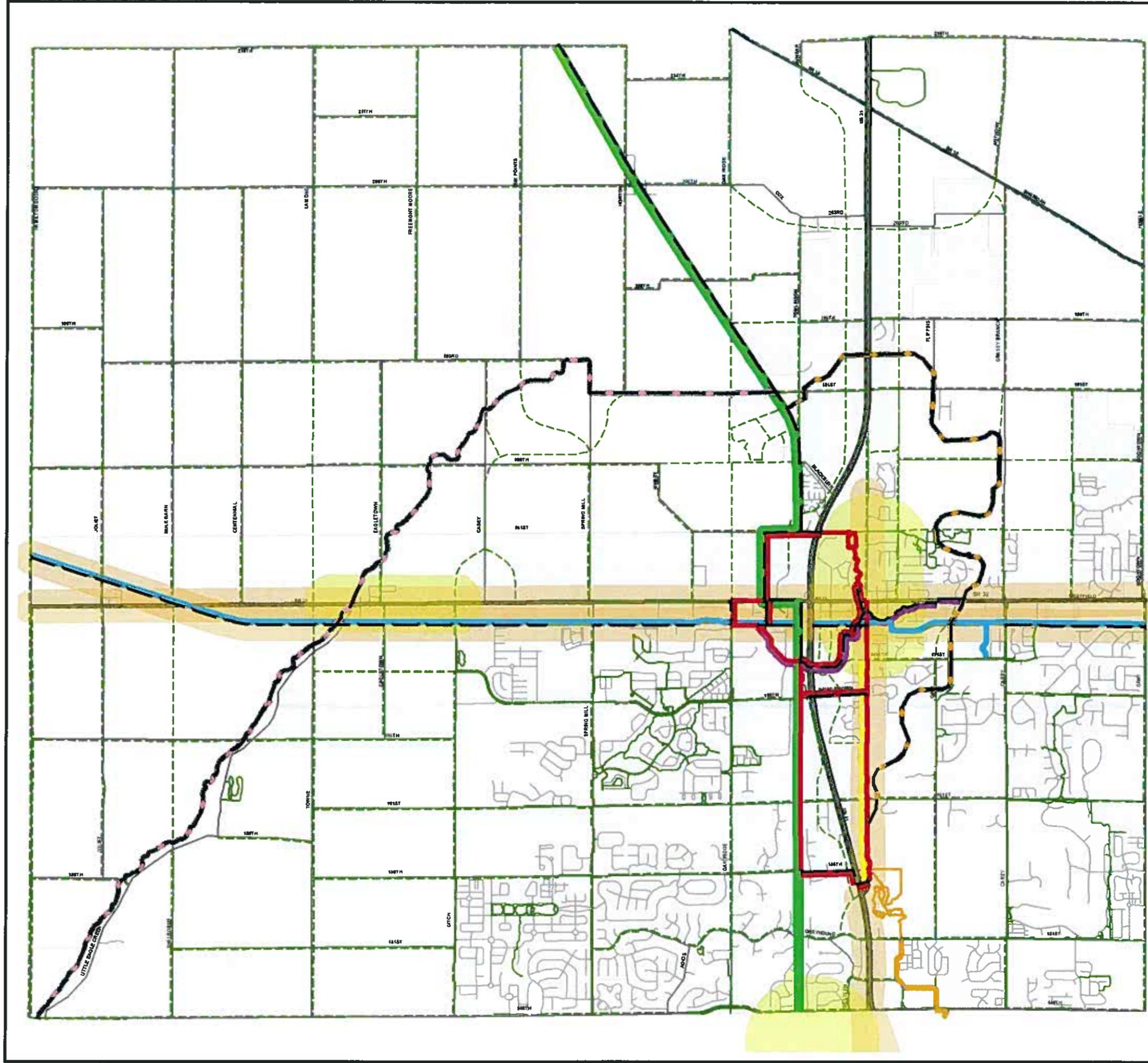
Description of Exhibits

Exhibit 1 –Thoroughfare Plan Map with Highlighted Amendments

Exhibit 2 –Updated Alternative Transportation Plan Map

City of Westfield Alternative Transportation Plan

Supersedes Figure 4.6



Legend

-  Existing 8' Trail
-  Proposed Trail
-  Monon Midland Loop
-  Little Eagle Creek Trail
-  Monon Trail
-  Midland Trace Trail
-  Natalie Wheeler Trail
-  Cool Creek Trails
-  Anna Kendall
-  Pedestrian Districts MPO Regional Plan
-  Pedestrian Corridor MPO Regional Plan



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Westfield City Council Report

Petition Number: 1005-CPA-01
Petitioner: City of Westfield
Requested Action: The City of Westfield is requesting approval of an Addendum to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan, a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.
Filing Date May 4, 2010
Referral Date to APC: May 10, 2010
APC Public Hearing: June 7, 2010 (Public Hearing)
APC Determination: June 21, 2010 (Approval and Certification)
Eligible for Adoption: July 12, 2010
Staff Planner Assigned: Matthew Skelton

PETITION HISTORY

On May 10, 2010, the City Council forwarded the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan Update (the “Addendum”) to the Advisory Plan Commission (the “APC”). The Addendum was before the APC at the June 7, 2010 APC Workshop Meeting. It received a public hearing and was approved by the APC at their June 21, 2010 meeting.

PROCEDURAL

- o Requests for Addendums to the Comprehensive Plan are required to be considered at a public hearing, in accordance with Ind. Code 36-7-4, 500 Series.
- o Notification of the June 7, 2010 APC Public Hearing and June 21, 2010 approval and certification was provided in accordance with the APC Rules of Procedure and Ind. Code 36-7-4-507.
- o On June 21, 2010, the APC approved and certified the Addendum (7-1) to the City Council for adoption.
- o The City Council may take action on this item at the July 12, 2010 meeting.

SUMMARY

The proposed addendum to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan, a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan, incorporates modifications to both the street and pathway systems, which will enhance public safety and maneuverability within the Grand Junction area and nearby the U.S. 31 Major Moves project. The proposed changes increase connectivity for local traffic by providing additional options and routes for motorists and pedestrians. The changes in the Grand Junction area are consistent with the recommendations of the Grand Junction Addendum. The new connections along U.S. 31

are designed to facilitate traffic movement within and throughout the City during and after construction of the highway project.

RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS

- City Administrative Staff [June 21, 2010]
The Westfield City Staff, in its final report to the APC, recommended that the APC approve and certify the Addendum to the City Council for adoption.
- Advisory Plan Commission [June 21, 2010]
The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission approved and certified the Addendum to the City Council for adoption (vote of: 7-1).
- City Council
 - Introduction: [May 10, 2010]
 - Eligible for Adoption: [July 12, 2010]

Submitted by:

Matthew Skelton, Esq. AICP, *Advisory Plan Commission Secretary*

**WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
CERTIFICATION**

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission held a public hearing on Monday, June 7, 2010, to consider amendments to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan, a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan. Notice of the public hearing was advertised presented to the Advisory Plan Commission. Notice was shown to have been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Hamilton County, Indiana. The proposed amendment is described as follows:

Case No.	1005-CPA-01
Petitioner	City of Westfield
Description	The City of Westfield requests approval of an addendum to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan, a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.

On June 21, 2010, a motion was made and passed to send a positive recommendation (7-1) to the City Council to approve the request for 1005-CPA-01.

I, Matthew S. Skelton, AICP, being the Secretary of the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission, do hereby certify that the attached minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission held on June 7, 2010 and June 21, 2010.



Matthew S. Skelton, AICP, Secretary

June 22, 2010

Date

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Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission
Workshop Meeting – June 7, 2010 / 7:00 pm
Westfield City Hall

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission held a meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010 scheduled for 7:00 PM at the Westfield City Hall.

Opening of Meeting: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Note Presence of a Quorum

Commission Members Present: Pete Emigh, Cindy Spoljaric, Bob Horkay, Robert Smith, Bill Sanders (7:10), Danielle Tolan and Steve Hoover.

City Staff Present: Matthew Skelton, Director; Kevin Todd, Senior Planner; Jennifer Miller, Senior Planner; and Brian Zaiger, City Attorney

Approval of the Minutes:

Spoljaric asked staff to review the minutes and discussion regarding Wal-Mart addition.

Todd announced the public hearing for 1006-PUD-06 will be held at the June 21 Advisory Plan Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Case No.	1005-CPA-01
Petitioner	City of Westfield
Description	The City of Westfield requests approval of an addendum to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan, a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.

Todd reviewed the request which incorporates modifications to the street and pathway network within the Grand Junction area and also with areas nearby and adjacent to the US 31 corridor in anticipation of the Major Moves construction. He further added the changes in the downtown area are consistent with what is shown in the Grand Junction Plan and overall the changes will enhance public safety and maneuverability by providing additional options and routes for pedestrians and vehicles within the downtown area.

Skelton continued the presentation with an update of the Thoroughfare Plan which is a component of the Comprehensive Plan. He discussed three categories of proposed changes including Grand Junction Connectivity Items, US 31 Major Moves Solutions, and Alternative Transportation Plan Enhancements. He noted this is not only intended to increase functionality while the highway is under construction but also long afterwards.

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Ms. Melody Jones, Westfield Parks Director, presented further details regarding connectivity with the US 31 project.

A Public Hearing opened at 7:17 p.m.

Ms. Julie Sole, representing the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the addendum and offered the Chamber as a venue in order to bring this to the public for education and information purposes.

Mr. Brian Morales spoke against the barriers on Main Street/SR32, west of US 31. He also stated he had sent an email of things to re-propose or consider when approving this addendum, He proposed some of his own alternative ideas.

Mr. Mic Mead spoke in favor of the addendum and also addressed Mr. Morales' comments.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding time line, priorities, need, ROI, safety, traffic counts, development, etc.

Hoover commented on some of the public hearing comments stating he agrees the access road and its positioning is critical and must be looked at.

Sanders added the distance between Pennsylvania Street and US 31 in Carmel appear to be at an optimum dimension as far as distance to achieve the best land use, and if we are going to be concerned with tax base and things that will enhance the financial portion of the community, we should think about that width and what optimizes development. He also stated that access roads should be continuous; he expressed concern about the segments rather than continuation across the township.

Todd announced a Nitty Gritty workshop session coming up in July; details forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT (7:42)

Approved (date)

President, Robert Smith, Esq.

Vice President, Cindy Spoljaric

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission held a meeting on Monday, June 21, 2010 scheduled for 7:00 PM at the Westfield City Hall.

Opening of Meeting: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Note Presence of a Quorum

Commission Members Present: Dan Degnan, Pete Emigh, Cindy Spoljaric, Bob Horkay, Danielle Tolan Bill Sanders, Bob Spraez, and Steve Hoover.

City Staff Present: Matthew Skelton, Director; Kevin Todd, Senior Planner; Jennifer Miller, Senior Planner; and Brian Zaiger, City Attorney

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: To approve June 7 minutes as presented.

Motion by: Emigh Second by: Horkay; Vote: Passed by Voice Vote

Todd reviewed the General Rules of Procedure and the Public Hearing Rules.

OLD BUSINESS

Case No.	1005-CPA-01
Petitioner	City of Westfield
Description	The City of Westfield requests approval of an addendum to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan, a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.

Todd stated there have been no changes since the public hearing and the last meeting.

Degnan stated he had previously expressed concern about the lack of right of way on the north side of the bridge.

Skelton stated the plan shows an alternative transportation trail along 146th Street and directed the Commission to that proposal (#7).

Motion: To approve 1005-CPA-01 as presented.

Motion by: Hoover Second by: Emigh; Vote: 7-1 (Degnan)