Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 32

Subject: Approve an ordinance granting approval of the location of a Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority commuter rail train station at Howard Lane and MoPac Blvd., pursuant to Section 451.153, Texas Transportation Code.

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Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by Zoning and Platting Commission on June 17, 2008.

Section 451.153 of the Texas Transportation Code provides that a transit authority seeking to locate a train station within a city's corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction must obtain the City Council's approval regarding whether the station's location conforms to the comprehensive or general plan of the city. Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority (CMTA) is in the process of acquiring land at the intersection of Howard Lane and MoPac Blvd. for a station for its commuter rail line and plans to begin construction of the station in Fall, 2008. CMTA has requested that the City Council approve the location as required by State law.