

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 22, 2018

Item Number: 057

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance renaming 'Robert E. Lee Road' to 'Azie Taylor Morton Road' or other name. (Suggested date and time: April 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas)

District(s) Affected: District 5

Lead Department	Austin Transportation
Fiscal Note	There is no financial impact for this item.
Prior Council Action	Ordinance No. 20171109-090
For More Information	Robert Spillar, 512-974-2488; Jim Dale, 512-974-4070; Lauren Seyda, 512-974-9395; Gilda Powers, 512-974-7092

Additional Backup Information:

Set public hearing to consider an ordinance for the proposed street name change of Robert E. Lee Road to Azie Taylor Morton Road. An application was submitted by Council Member Ann Kitchen for the purpose of honoring a person, place, institution, group, entity, or event, which is consistent with Code Section 14-5-4(7) Allowed Reasons for Street Name Change. As stated in the application, "it is prudent to honor a person that is more aligned with the City's values of diversity and inclusion and the Imagine Austin Vision of valuing and respecting all of its people."

Property owner support forms were mailed on January 15, 2018 to 289 property owners owning property abutting Robert E. Lee Road. Initial review of responses shows that the majority of property owners are opposed to changing the name of the street. A detailed summary of responses will be provided prior to the Public Hearing.

Concur review forms were sent to seven agencies on January 25, 2018: Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, Austin Transportation Department, Emergency Medical Services, Texas Gas Service, Travis County, and United States Postal Service. Responses were received from all but Texas Gas. None of the six agencies that responded objected to the street name change.

Staff has determined this request to be consistent with the City's Codes and Policies and recommends the setting of a public hearing under City Code Section 14-5-7.