




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director 
Austin Transportation Department

DATE: April 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Council Resolution No. 20220217-035: Renaming Confederate Street to Maggie Mayes Street – Staff update

On February 17, 2022, Council approved Resolution No. 20220217-035 to rename Confederate Street to Maggie Mayes under City Code Chapter 14-5 (Street Name Change) and waiving certain requirements. As part of this procedure, Council directed the City Manager to examine the street type and propose to the Council whether the street should be labeled as an avenue, street, or other category when the renaming ordinance is deliberated.

This memorandum is to summarize staff's response to the above-mentioned resolution.

- Austin Transportation Department (ATD) worked with the Communications and Technology Management Department (CTM) Addressing Division. This division manages the official street names in Austin. CTM confirmed that the existing street type "Street" is appropriate to keep for the new name. ATD recommends retaining the "Street" designation and the full street name be Maggie Mayes Street.
- As part of the Street Name Change process in Chapter 14-5 of City Code, ATD notifies (by mail) the property owners abutting the street about the proposed street name change. These notifications were mailed on April 1, 2022, to the 10 property owners on this street. The deadline for property owners to submit a response was April 12, 2022. No responses were received, and a public hearing is therefore not required at this time.
- Request for concur/do not concur on proposed street name change were emailed to City departments, including APD, EMS, AFD, ATD, and CTM Addressing, as well as to Travis County. All have responded with "concur."
- On June 9, 2022, staff plans to submit a Request for Council Action to consider renaming Confederate Street to Maggie Mayes Street. At this time, a public hearing is not required.
- The cost estimate for fabrication and installation of two signs is \$281.97. Upon inspection, these signs can be replaced as part of ATD's normal operating and maintenance budget for the Signs and Markings Division.

- Staff anticipates having the updated signs in place within 14 days after Council approves the ordinance.

Please contact Lauren Seyda, Signs & Markings Division Manager at lauren.seyda@austintexas.gov if additional information is needed.

CC: Spencer Cronk, City Manager
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