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(6/3/2013, Amended in Committee)

[Administrative Code - Street Design Review Committee]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish a Street Design Review Committee.

Existing Law

Several City departments share responsibility for the design and engineering of improvements to the public right of way.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to create a Street Design Review Committee. The Committee would review proposed street improvement projects for consistency with the City's Better Streets Plan, Transit First Policy, and other relevant policies, where a Committee member identified a possible conflict between the project or proposed modifications to the project and one or more of the policies.

The Committee would include: the Mayor, who would act as chair; the Director of Public Works; the Director of Transportation for the Municipal Transportation Agency; the Director of Planning; the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission; the Director of the Department of Economic and Workforce Development; and, the Fire Chief. In addition, departments with specific projects under review by the Committee could send representatives to participate in the Committee's deliberations.

In addition to advising the Mayor and affected departments on individual street improvement projects, the Committee would also report to the Board of Supervisors once a year on the Committee's activities.

Although one purpose of the Committee would be to encourage resolution of design issues and policy conflicts at the department head level, the Committee's role would be advisory only. The Committee could not limit or interfere with a power or duty conferred on any officer or department under the Charter, the Municipal Code, or State law.