



## CITY OF HOMER

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## MEMORANDUM 11-126

TO: City Council

THRU: Walt Wrede, City Manager

FROM: Transportation Advisory Committee

DATE: August 16, 2011

RE: **Waddell Way Avenue Improvement  
Recommendation To Start Project Implementation**

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The Transportation Advisory Committee believes strongly that it is appropriate at this time to initiate one of the “modeled extensions” identified in the Homer Transportation Plan – 2005.

After studying the recommendations of this Plan, the Committee recommends that the City Council authorize planning, right-of-way acquisition and design of the Waddell Avenue connection between Lake Street and Heath Street. (See attached map) The project could also include road improvements south to the Sterling Highway and any necessary water, sewer and drainage improvements.

This connection will provide vehicular and pedestrian access to this area of the central business district and provide alternative east-west corridor to the use of the Sterling Highway and Pioneer Avenue.

The cost of this design and the construction of these improvements should be paid for by all benefited property owners. The HARP and HAWSP funds can be utilized to initially pay for the right-of-way acquisition and the design. An LID may need to be created to assess benefited properties.

**Recommendations:** The City Council pass an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to initiate negotiations with affected property owners, negotiate the purchase of required rights-of-way, hold public informational meetings and proceed with the design of the project.