

6. UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – Amendments to Unified Development Ordinance Section 18.390.140.Q, relating to bus shelters

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1. APPLICANT: The City of Overland Park is the applicant for this request.
2. REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant is requesting amendments to Unified Development Ordinance Section 18.390.140.Q, relating to bus shelters.
3. ANALYSIS: The city is currently working with multiple governmental agencies to implement a system of bus shelters and enhanced pedestrian paths along Metcalf Avenue as part of a federal TIGER grant. The Unified Development Ordinance allows bus shelters under the control of a public transportation provider as an accessory use in the public right-of-way or on private property. Although the shelters have not yet been designed, the staff is concerned that two current performance standards for bus shelters may be limiting. Therefore, the staff is recommending that the current requirements for bus shelters to be located within a curbed area and that the shelter height not exceed eight feet, be removed from the ordinance. All other performance standards will remain.
4. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommended approval of amendments to Section 18.390.140.Q of the Unified Development Ordinance, as proposed.
5. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission considered the amendments at a public hearing on April 26, 2010. No one spoke at the public hearing, and the Planning Commission voted 11 to 0 to recommend approval of the amendments to Section 18.390.140.Q of the Unified Development Ordinance, as proposed.