

1. INTRODUCTION

Pasadena envisions a more livable and economically strong City for the 21st Century. That vision speaks to transportation policy and sets forth a



Guiding Principle that views Pasadena as **“a community where people can circulate without cars.”**¹ The vision relies upon an integrated and multimodal transportation system that provides choices and accessibility for everyone living and working in the City. Key strategies to achieve this vision promote non-auto travel including public transit services, parking strategies, bicycle facilities, car-sharing programs and pedestrian components that are well coordinated and connected with a larger regional transportation system. Such a safe and convenient transportation system for all modes of travel is necessary to

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support planned land uses in the community and also to manage mobility for residents, employees, and visitors.

The City conducted a two-year community outreach program in preparation of the 2004 Mobility Element. The workshops, community meetings, commission meetings, public hearings and City Council meetings provided considerable review and comments. This outreach resulted in development of a framework for the Mobility Element that focuses on the following four major objectives:

The Mobility Element outlines implementation measures to achieve that vision.

- Promote a livable community
- Encourage non-auto travel
- Protect neighborhoods by discouraging traffic from intruding into community neighborhoods
- Manage multimodal corridors to promote and improve citywide transportation services

¹ Pasadena General Plan 1994, Guiding Principle #5

These objectives are outlined in this report which is organized into the following major chapters: Purpose of the Mobility Element; Issues, Objectives & Policies; Mobility Plan; Implementation Programs; and Other Circulation Facilities. Technical appendices provide more detailed information on street classification and transportation modeling, as well as full-size images and maps that are included in the main chapters.

Seven Guiding Principles of the Pasadena General Plan:

- Principle 1:** Growth will be targeted to serve community needs and enhance the quality of life.
- Principle 2:** Change will be harmonized to preserve Pasadena's historic character and environment.
- Principle 3:** Economic vitality will be promoted to provide jobs, services, revenues and opportunities.
- Principle 4:** Pasadena will be promoted as healthy family community.
- Principle 5:** Pasadena will be a city where people can circulate without cars.
- Principle 6:** Pasadena will be promoted as a cultural, scientific, corporate, entertainment and educational center for the region.
- Principle 7:** Community participation will be a permanent part of achieving a greater city.