

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** November 25, 2002
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN MOBILITY ELEMENT FRAMEWORK

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, following a public hearing, approve the Framework for the draft Mobility Element of the General Plan Update.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REVIEW

The Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) reviewed the draft Mobility Element Framework on November 12, 2002. TAC members concurred with the recommended approach taken by staff. They expressed interest in measures to increase non-auto travel particularly the Pasadena ARTS program, bicycle and walking. Staff was encouraged to use the term "Encourage Non-auto Travel" as one of the Mobility Element Objectives rather than the more conventional phrase "Encourage Alternatives to Automobile Travel". TAC members stressed the need for coordination of transit services between the MTA buses, ARTS buses and the Gold Line. They suggested that maps be included to illustrate both regional transit service and the phased ARTS expansion approved by the Council. They encouraged the use of clean fuel buses to improve air quality. TAC members also supported retaining the designation of de-emphasized streets and mobility corridors to guide traffic management programs.

PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

The Planning Commission reviewed the draft Mobility Element framework on November 13, 2002. At that meeting the Commission concurred with the recommended approach taken by staff in the development of the Mobility Element. The Commission expressed interest in measures to increase non-auto travel particularly the Pasadena ARTS program and employer Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures.

**REVIEW BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE OF PLANNING COMMISSION,
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

The Joint Subcommittee reviewed the draft Mobility Element Framework on November 7, 2002. Members of the subcommittee concurred with the recommended approach taken by staff. They suggested including regional travel information on the internet as an important measure to promote transit services.

The Framework of the Mobility Element incorporates comments received at all commissions and committee meetings.

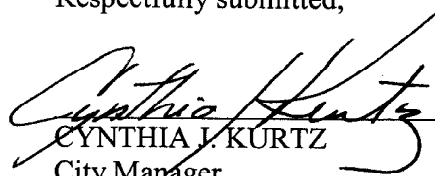
BACKGROUND

Over the past two years numerous meetings were held throughout the City on the transportation update of the General Plan. These meetings included three Council policy workshops, twenty-five neighborhood meetings and five joint discussion meetings of the Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Commission.

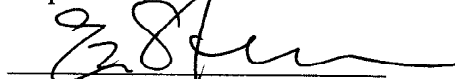
The Mobility Element Framework was prepared to allow commissions and City Council to provide comments and direction for the final Mobility Element. The City's Transportation mission is to promote a livable community through enhancing Pasadena's mobility options for future generations. Most importantly, the vision of *promoting a livable community where people can move about without cars* can be realized by three distinct objectives: 1.) *Encourage* non-auto travel; 2.) *Protect* neighborhoods; and 3.) *Manage* multi-modal corridors. Furthermore, the City's transportation services have five core values: Connectivity; Safety; Quality; Partnership and Diversity.

With Council approval, staff will complete the Mobility Element and submit that document to the TAC and the Planning Commission in January/February 2003.

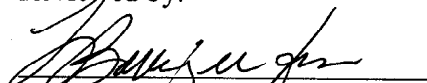
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Attachment: Mobility Element Framework