

## Agenda Report

August 31, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE 2015 ANNUAL CITY OF PASADENA SELF CERTIFICATION REPORT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE 2015 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3); and
2. Adopt a resolution finding the City in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) for the County of Los Angeles; and
3. Adopt the 2015 Local Development Report in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089 (Attachment A); and
4. Direct Staff to file the CMP Local Development Report with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (Metro).

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Congestion Management Program is a state mandated program enacted by the California Legislature with the passage of Assembly Bill 471. In passing the CMP statute in 1989, the Legislature noted increasing concern that urban congestion was impacting the economic vitality of the state and diminishing the quality of life in many communities. The Legislature also noted that the planning process was not well suited to address congestion relief. As a new approach to address congestion concerns, the CMP was created for the following purposes:

1. To link land use, transportation and air quality decisions.
2. To develop a partnership among transportation decision makers on devising appropriate transportation solutions that include all modes of travel.
3. To propose transportation projects that are eligible to compete for state gas tax funds.

To remain in compliance with the CMP each local agency must contribute to the program by:

1. Tracking the performance of various modes of transportation.
2. Tracking new building activities.
3. Reporting local land use decisions for the analysis of their impacts on the regional transportation system.
4. Implementing local Transportation Demand Management (TDM) guidelines and ensuring new developments are supportive of transit and TDM.

### **Reporting and Implementing**

Potential impacts to the regional transportation network as a result of land use decisions and/or the adoption of city-wide long range plans are analyzed through the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process. If the project or plan is pertinent to the region, the EIR is sent to regional transportation agencies for their review and comment.

The City of Pasadena implements the TDM guidelines of the CMP through the enforcement of the adopted Trip Reduction Ordinance (TRO). The TRO requires new commercial projects to submit a TDM plan that provides a menu of alternative travel programs and incentives that the business will provide to reduce employee commute trips. Annually, the regulated sites report to the City regarding their ongoing programs and incentives.

All cities in Los Angeles County are required to report information regarding building permits issued during the reporting period (from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015).

## Development Totals

The City of Pasadena will be reporting the following summary of development permits issued from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015.

Single Family Residential	10 units
Multi-Family Residential	852 units
Commercial Developments	134,000 sq. ft.
Office Developments	700 sq. ft.
Medical Office	73,658 sq. ft.

## Exempted Development Totals

Mixed-use developments and high density residential developments within a quarter mile of a rail station are not included in the City's CMP Local Development Report Summary above because new developments near rail stations are credited for generating less traffic. The following are exempt projects:

Low/Very Low Income Housing	0 units
Mixed Use Dev./High Density – Residential (quarter mile from rail station)	373 units
Mixed Use Dev./High Density – Commercial (quarter mile from rail station)	19,409 sq. ft.

## Development Adjustments

The City also reports information for any structure that received a demolition permit. This year, the City of Pasadena will be reporting demolition permits for seven single family units and 66 multi-family units. Demolition permits for 21,000 square feet were issued for commercial structures.

## 2015 Local Development Report

The City meets its State mandated requirements by submitting a resolution finding the City of Pasadena in compliance with the Congestion Management Program for the County of Los Angeles and submitting a Local Development Report that has been adopted by City Council in accordance with Government Code Section 65089.

## COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The Congestion Management Program supports the City Council strategic planning goals to improve mobility and accessibility throughout the City.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The adoption and filing of the 20145CMP Local Development Report is exempt from CEQA per section 15061 (b)(3), the General Rule. The General Rule can be applied when it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed actions will not result in any new development or physical changes as they are required annual filings of information and reporting only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City receives an annual average of \$800,000 from gas tax funds, which is used to support capital improvement projects. Conformance with the Congestion Management Program is required annually in order for the City of Pasadena to continue receiving State gas tax funds and to preserve eligibility for other transportation revenue from the State and Federal governments.

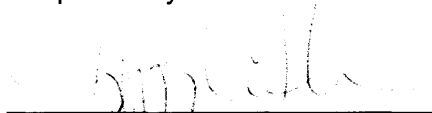
Respectfully submitted,



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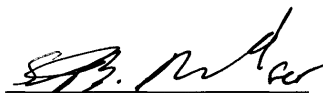
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Attachment:

Attachment A – 2015 Congestion Management Program Local Development Report