

CITY OF ROSEVILLE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING April 28, 2005

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ITEM V-A: ROSEVILLE'S DRAFT BLUEPRINT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

REQUEST

The Planning Department requests that the Planning Commission review and comment on the Draft Blueprint Implementation Strategies.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

Following review of the Draft Blueprint Strategies, the Planning Department recommends that the Planning Commission take the following action:

A. Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Draft Implementation Strategies to Achieve the Blueprint Objectives.

Planning Commission Review

In order to give the Planning Commission adequate time to review and discuss, this item was continued from the April 7th meeting. At that meeting, Staff went over the first four Implementation Strategy topic areas (Transportation, Mixed Land Use, Compact Development, and Housing Choices). The remaining five topic areas will be covered at the April 28th Planning Commission meeting. The remaining five topic areas include:

- Section 3.5 Existing Assets (Redevelopment/Infill)
- Section 3.6 Natural Resources
- Section 3.7 Quality Design
- Section 3.8 Education and Outreach
- Section 3.9 Monitoring

Similar to the last meeting, Staff will introduce each topic area and will be prepared to discuss each one, concentrating on implementation strategies that are not currently in place.

Follow-up from previous meeting

At the April 7th meeting the Commission made several recommendations to add strategies, particularly related to transportation under the sub-categories of transit and education. Input from the Commission has been incorporated into the Draft Implementation Strategies document. Change pages can be found as Exhibit C. The following are comments that have been incorporated:

- 1. Under Bullet 1 -Transportation/Maintain Village Center
 - a. Change title to "Approved Projects" and add "keep and maintain Stone Point Project".
- 2. Under Bullet 2 Transportation/Transit add:
 - a. Encourage a commercial shuttle service route between the Galleria, Creekside, and the new Fountains project. Should operate on a continuous loop so that shoppers can park once and hop on and off to access all retail opportunities in the area.

- b. Add an "Education" component under transit. Include information on marketing efforts City is currently doing,
 - a. actively provide transit information to schools
 - b. provide transit information/incentives in theatres, restaurants, offer discounts, etc.
- 2. Under Bullet 4 Transportation/Bicycle Master Plan add:
 - a. Aggressively move forward with completing bicycle trail connections throughout the City.
- 3. Add a new category under Bullet #22 under Transportation- "Alternate Modes of Transportation"
 - a. Encourage use of alternate modes of transportation including fuel efficient/alternative fuel cars/buses (hydrogen, natural gas, hybrid, electric).
 - b. Encourage residential and commercial uses to accommodate charging stations that support use of fuel efficient vehicles.

In addition, the Commission asked several questions which required follow-up. One question was why the City uses large buses for transit- i.e., wouldn't smaller buses be more efficient? Attached as Exhibit D is a General Information Memo (GIM) that went to the City Council on February 25, 2005. The GIM indicates that the City examined the bus issue and found that several factors went into the decision to use the buses currently in circulation. These factors include the cost efficiency of buses of one size (parts, maintenance etc) and the need to meet demand during the peak commute hour.

The Commission also asked whether golf carts could be considered outside of Sun City and whether they also could be used on the City's bike trails. According to Public Works staff, golf carts cannot be used on public roads per State law without a specific golf cart masterplan approved by Caltrans. These are only approved in adult communities with golf courses and are required to have designated golf cart lanes (not bike lanes). However, neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) are permitted on public streets with speed limits of 35 mph or less. These vehicles are very small and often look similar to golf carts, but have many additional safety features.

No motor vehicles of any kind are allowed on the city's off-street (Class I) bike trails. This includes motorized scooters, miniature motorcycles, and golf carts. The only exceptions are electric scooters and wheelchairs in proper use by mobility-impaired persons.

At the conclusion of the Planning Commission's review any additional comments will be incorporated and forwarded to the Council for their consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This project is categorically exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, which indicates that regulatory processes involving procedures that aid in the protection of the environment by local agencies are exempt. Further, the project is not a development project and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. CEQA will be applied as individual elements of the Implementation Strategies come forward over time.

RECOMMENDATION

Following review of the Draft Blueprint Strategies, the Planning Department recommends that the Planning Commission take the following action:

A. Recommend that the City Council Adopt the Draft Implementation Strategies to Achieve the Blueprint Objectives.

Exhibits

- A) Draft Implementation Strategies to Achieve the Blueprint Project Objectives (distributed previously).
- B) PowerPoint slides to aid the Commission in a walk through of the Implementation Strategies by topic areas.
- C) Change pages to the Draft Implementation Strategies.
- D) General Information Memo to the City Council regarding Buses.