

DATE: 10/19/99 AGENDA ITEM # 20
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TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER

FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *Bob*

SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF CIRCULATION ELEMENT UP-DATE

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 1999

Needs: For the City Council to consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission that an up-date of the City's Circulation Element be a funding priority.

Facts:

1. An up-date of the Circulation Element of the General Plan has been under discussion.
2. The City has received proposals from consultant firms who are qualified to prepare a Circulation Element up-date.
3. An up-date of the Circulation Element is one of the projects that was discussed as a part of the FY 1999-2000 Budget and which was placed on a list to be considered for funding (dependent upon the FY 98-99 year end fund balance).
4. Appendix "E" of the adopted budget reflects \$100,000 as the estimated cost for Phase I of the Circulation Element up-date.
5. Attached is a letter from the Planning Commission requesting that the City Council give priority to funding of a Circulation Element up-date.

Analysis
and

Conclusion: The proposed approach to up-dating the Circulation Element is to proceed in two phases:

- (1) To address current Circulation Element concerns (including the future of the Parkway Loop Road, when the City would need the Charolais Road Bridge / extension, the potential need for a Dry Creek Road extension, the future width of South River Road, the relative priorities for street widening projects). Addressing these and other pending concerns would help resolve a number of funding priorities and policy issues. This phase would involve preparing a computer model with current land use and traffic circulation information, and would facilitate consideration of land use alternatives that could be addressed in conjunction with an up-date of the balance of the General Plan.

- (2) Phase two of the Circulation Element up-date would be prepared once the City has up-dated the Land Use Element of the General Plan (which could perhaps be completed in about 2 years). Because the computer modeling of land use and circulation information would be completed in Phase one, the subsequent work could be completed more quickly and at a fraction of the initial cost.

Since the City has already received proposals to up-date the Circulation Element, if the City Council selects the Circulation Element up-date as one of the project priorities the City can quickly proceed with consultant interviews. If a decision to fund the Circulation Element up-date in November 1999, work could begin early in 2000, with completion of Phase I by Summer of 2000.

A timely up-date of the Circulation Element would address a number of questions that have impacted or could impact private development projects. Additionally, the results of the up-date would allow the City to more accurately project capital improvement needs over the next 10 years.

In contrast, if the City waits to up-date the Circulation Element until after the Land Use Element is updated, the City could be 2-3 years away from addressing Circulation related policy and budget issues.

Policy

Reference: General Plan

Fiscal

Impact: Phase One of the Circulation Element up-date is budgeted for \$100,000; it is anticipated that Phase Two of the up-date process, which would occur after the General Plan Land Use Element is up-dated, would be about an additional \$40,000. (the actual amount would depend on the number of land use scenarios that are being evaluated in conjunction with the Land Use Element up-date).

Options:

- a. That the City Council take the Planning Commission's recommendation under consideration when the Council establishes the relative priority for use of funds available from the FY 98-99 Budget Year Fund Balance.
- b. Amend, modify or reject Option a.



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

September 28, 1999

Honorable Mayor Picanco and City Council
City of Paso Robles
1000 Spring Street
Paso Robles, CA 93446

SUBJECT: Circulation Element Up-Date

Dear Mayor Picanco and City Council:

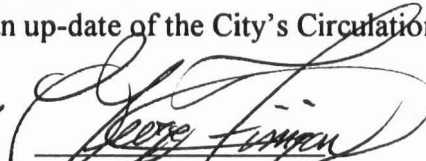
The undersigned Planning Commission members strongly urge the City Council to provide priority funding for an up-date of the City's Circulation Element.


During the last ten years there has been significant growth and development in the City. Long-range planning of future streets and related capital improvements is critical to accommodating this growth and development.


Physical circumstances that were the basis for policies in the 1991 General Plan have changed over the last ten years. An up-date of the Circulation Element is needed at this time to adequately address these changes and to plan for the future.

It is the Planning Commission's understanding that the City Council will be considering a priority list of projects to be funded from Fiscal Year 1998-99 Budget reserves. The Commission requests that an up-date of the City's Circulation Element be given priority.



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Ed Steinbeck, Chairman

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