DRAFT RESOLUTION
THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PROJECT NO. R2011-00874
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. 201100008
PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO. 201100005
ENVIRONMENTAL CASE NO. 201100124

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) of the County of Los Angeles (County) has conducted public hearings on the matter of the update to the Master Plan of Bikeways, a subelement of the Los Angeles County Transportation Element, on November 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. Section 65350, et seq., of the California Government Code provides for the adoption and amendment of a jurisdiction's general plan; and

2. The Board of Supervisors of the County adopted the Countywide General Plan (General Plan), on November 25, 1980, which General Plan has been periodically updated and amended since that time; and

3. An amendment is being proposed to repeal the Plan of Bikeways, adopted in 1975, and adopt the Master Plan of Bikeways as outlined in this resolution; and

4. The General Plan must contain a Circulation Element consisting of the general location and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, any military airports and ports, and other local public utilities and facilities, all correlated with the land use element of the plan; and

5. Commencing January 1, 2011, upon any substantive revision of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the circulation element to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan; and

6. The current Plan of Bikeways was adopted in 1975 and it is desirable that it be updated with revised demographic information, maps, goals and policies that reflect current conditions, projected growth, and desired outcomes; and

7. Pursuant to the Streets and Highway Code §891.2, a city or county may prepare a bicycle transportation plan, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

(a) The estimated number of existing bicycle commuters in the plan area and the estimated increase in the number of bicycle commuters resulting from implementation of the plan.

(b) A map and description of existing and proposed land use and settlement patterns which shall include, but not be limited to, locations of residential neighborhoods, schools, shopping centers, public buildings, and major employment centers.

(c) A map and description of existing and proposed bikeways.

(d) A map and description of existing and proposed end-of-trip bicycle parking facilities. These shall include, but not be limited to, parking at schools, shopping centers, public buildings, and major employment centers.

(e) A map and description of existing and proposed bicycle transport and parking facilities for connections with and use of other transportation modes. These shall include, but not be limited to, parking facilities at transit stops, rail and transit terminals, ferry docks and landings, park and ride lots, and provisions for transporting bicyclists and bicycles on transit or rail vehicles or ferry vessels.

(f) A map and description of existing and proposed facilities for changing and storing clothes and equipment. These shall include, but not be limited to, locker, restroom, and shower facilities near bicycle parking facilities.

(g) A description of bicycle safety and education programs conducted in the area included within the plan, efforts by the law enforcement agency having primary traffic law enforcement responsibility in the area to enforce provisions of the Vehicle Code pertaining to bicycle operation, and the resulting effect on accidents involving bicyclists.

(h) A description of the extent of citizen and community involvement in development of the plan, including, but not limited to, letters of support.

(i) A description of how the bicycle transportation plan has been coordinated and is consistent with other local or regional transportation, air quality, or energy conservation plans, including, but not limited to, programs that provide incentives for bicycle commuting.

(j) A description of the projects proposed in the plan and a listing of their priorities for implementation.

(k) A description of past expenditures for bicycle facilities and future financial needs for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters in the plan area.

8. The County Department of Public Works (Public Works) conducted three rounds of public workshops throughout development of the Plan to obtain public participation and feedback.

9. In February and March 2010, Public Works conducted the first round of workshops to announce efforts to update the Plan and provide opportunities to receive public input. There were a total of 10 workshops during the first round at the following locations: Ladera Senior Center, Ladera Heights; Castaic Regional Sports Complex, Castaic; Baldwin Park Library, Baldwin Park; Topanga Elementary School, Topanga; Long Beach Polytechnic High School, Long Beach; Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Calabasas; A.C. Bilbrew Library, Los Angeles; Marina del Rey Library, Marina del Rey; East Los Angeles Library, East Los Angeles; and Fire Station 129, Lancaster; and

10. In June 2010, Public Works conducted the second round of workshops to identify and seek public input on the specific study corridors being evaluated by the project; education, encouragement, and enforcement program recommendations; and the project prioritization method. There were a total of 11 workshops during the second round at the following locations: Ladera Senior Center, Ladera Heights; William S. Hart Park, Newhall; Baldwin Park Library, Baldwin Park; Topanga Elementary School, Topanga; Steinmetz Senior Center, Hacienda Heights; Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Calabasas; A.C. Bilbrew Library, Los Angeles; Marina del Rey Library, Marina del Rey; East Los Angeles Library, East Los Angeles; Fire Station 129, Lancaster; and Altadena Community Center, Altadena; and

11. On March 3, 2011, Public Works released the Public Review Draft Plan. The public review period for the Draft Plan ended on June 3, 2011; and

12. In March and April 2011, Public Works conducted the third round of workshops to present the Draft Plan and obtain public input. There were a total of 11 workshops during the third round at the following locations: Ladera Senior Center, Ladera Heights; William S. Hart Park, Newhall; Baldwin Park Library, Baldwin Park; Topanga Elementary School, Topanga; Pathfinder Park, Rowland Heights; Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Calabasas; A.C. Bilbrew Library, Los Angeles; Marina del Rey Library, Marina del Rey; East Los Angeles Library, East Los Angeles; Fire Station 129, Lancaster; and Altadena Library, Altadena; and

13. The County has determined that a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is the appropriate environmental document for the Draft Plan. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Program EIR was distributed in April 2011; and

14. In 2011, a DEIR was prepared for this project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's environmental reporting procedures. Written and verbal comments on the NOP were addressed in the DEIR; and the Draft EIR was released August 9, 2011.

15. A Notice of Availability for the DEIR was filed with the State Clearinghouse on August 9, 2011, and with the County Clerk on September 26, 2011. The public review period for the DEIR was from August 9, 2011, to November 10, 2011.

16. The Final EIR will be distributed to the State Clearinghouse, individuals and organizations that submitted comments on the Draft EIR, and other interested parties on November 25, 2011. It includes written responses to public testimony and comment letters that were received during the Draft EIR comment period; and

17. The Commission has independently reviewed the information contained in the Draft EIR and Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission, having considered all materials, file information, the EIR, and all State and public comments and reports from the staff, does make the following findings:

1. The Draft EIR dated August 9, 2011, was prepared, reviewed, and circulated pursuant to the provisions of the County Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County; and the project has significant adverse effects to the environment that have been reduced to an acceptable level; and

2. The proposed revision to the Los Angeles County 1975 Plan of Bikeways sets forth policies and programs intended to guide the development and implementation of a comprehensive bicycle network and other bicycling programs throughout the unincorporated communities of the County for the next 20 years (2012 to 2032); and

3. The Plan recommends 816 miles of new bikeways throughout the County. The implementation of this proposed bikeway network is estimated to cost $328 million of which $71 million is required for off-street bikeways and the remaining $251 million for on-street bikeways. Along with the existing and proposed bicycle network under County jurisdiction, the Plan describes bicycle-related programs that are essential facets of the overall bicycle system envisioned for the County, including education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. The Plan also includes design guidelines for bicycle treatments, funding options, and a phased implementation strategy for the proposed bikeway facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Hold a public hearing, pursuant to §65580-65589.8 of the California Government Code, to consider Project No. R2011-00874, which includes the following: (i) Plan Amendment Case No. 201100005, which amends the Transportation Element of the General Plan; and (ii) Environmental Case No. 201100124, which consists of a Program EIR for the aforementioned Plan Amendment; and

2. That the Board consider, approve, and adopt Plan Amendment No. 201100005 that would repeal the currently adopted Plan of Bikeways and would adopt the Final Bicycle Master Plan; and

3. Certify that the Final Program EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA and the State and County guidelines related thereto and reflects the independent judgment of the Board; and

4. Find that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Program EIR prior to approving Plan Amendment Case No. 201100005; and

5. Determine that the significant adverse effects of implementation of Plan Amendment Case No. 201100005, as described in the Final Program EIR, have been reduced to an acceptable level of Plan Amendment No. 201100005, as stated in the CEQA Findings of Fact that will be submitted to the Commission on November 25, 2011, which findings and statement are incorporated herein by reference; and

6. Adopt the Final Bicycle Master Plan as a subelement of the Transportation Element and determine that the Final Bicycle Master Plan is compatible with and supports the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission in the County of Los Angeles on November 16, 2011.

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County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

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