



# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE—FOLLOW UP ITEMS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING: PROJECT NO. 02-305 (1-5)**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2014 – AGENDA ITEM #6**

As a follow up to the memo dated February 13, 2014, related to the above matter, please find attached additional public correspondence and stakeholder recommendations that have been received. Attached, you will find revisions to the Elements to be discussed on February 26, which respond to stakeholder input. To avoid any confusion created by multiple versions of the Plan, staff proposes to continue to provide you with suggested edits in a memo format such as this for the next series of meetings on the General Plan Update. At the conclusion of the meetings and before the final hearing, staff will provide you with a complete, revised version of the Plan.

## **FEBRUARY 26, 2014 DISCUSSION TOPICS**

### **Parts I and II: Introduction and Planning Areas Framework**

In Parts I and II, staff proposes edits to respond to stakeholder concerns regarding the applicability of the guiding principles to rural communities. For Guiding Principle #1 *Employ Smart Growth*, staff proposes edits to distinguish the applicability of the principle in urban vs. rural areas. For Guiding Principle #3 *Ensure community services and infrastructure are sufficient to accommodate growth*, staff proposes to add language to clarify that planning for services and infrastructure must be context-sensitive. Furthermore, staff proposes updates to the acreages in Table 4.1 to account for recent annexations. See Attachment 1.

### **Part III: General Plan Elements/Land Use Element**

In the Land Use Element, staff suggests responding to stakeholder input on the Land Use Legend by proposing revisions to the Public and Semi-Public designation for consistency, and the Water designation to avoid the potential confusion over labeling the designation as open space. Staff also proposes edits to respond to stakeholder concerns regarding the applicability of certain policies in rural communities. Suggested changes clarify the intent of many policies to be context-sensitive, and to strengthen policies that apply to rural communities. Furthermore, staff proposes updates to the acreages in Table 6.1. See Attachment 2.

### **Part III: General Plan Elements/Mobility Element**

In the Mobility Element, staff proposes changes to Figure 7.3 Highway Plan Policy Map to incorporate the recommendations made by the Interdepartmental Engineering Committee (IEC). Staff also proposes edits to address stakeholder recommendations to acknowledge equestrians as users of the roadway and equestrian trails as an important consideration in planning for multi-modal transportation. See Attachment 3.

The IEC, which consists of representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Department of Regional Planning, is tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on proposed amendments to the Highway Plan. The IEC convened on February 6, 2014 and February 11, 2014 to discuss proposed amendments to the Highway Plan for the General Plan Update. There are a total of 112 proposed changes that are located countywide and are largely "clean-up" in nature. The IEC meeting notice and minutes, along with a list of the proposed amendments, are included as Attachment 4.

### **COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Since the release of the public review draft, the Department has received one public comment letter related to Parts I and II, and Part III/Land Use Element and Mobility Element, as of February 20, 2014. See Attachment 5.

Should you have any questions, please contact Leon Freeman at (213) 974-6417 or [lfreeman@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:lfreeman@planning.lacounty.gov).

- Attachment 1: Revised sections of Parts I and II
- Attachment 2: Revised sections of Part III/Land Use Element
- Attachment 3: Revised sections of Part III/Mobility Element
- Attachment 4: IEC Meeting Notices and Minutes, February 6, 2014 and February 11, 2014.
- Attachment 5: Public comments related to Parts I and II, and Part III/Land Use Element and Mobility Element, as of February 20, 2014.