



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

Wednesday March 23, 2016

City Hall –Flexible Meeting Room (1st floor)
250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

TITLE: Transportation Element Subcommittee Discussion
FROM: Elena Lee, Interim Advance Planning Manager, Planning & Community Environment Department

Background

On February 16, the CAC reviewed the preliminary draft Transportation Element and recommended changes ahead of presentation to City Council in May 2016. In the course of the discussion, however, there was a wide divergence in opinions on a strategy for parking and disagreement on the direction to take in the draft element. Fundamentally, the root of the disagreement is around the question of whether all new development should be "self-parked" or whether parking requirements can be modified for development in areas of the city well-served by transit. One potential solution for bridging this gap would involve taking a phased approach to parking in the Comp Plan, and picking up on suggestions from CAC members made on January 26, staff has outlined a potential approach for consideration by the subcommittee.

Attachment A outlines the phased approach for parking suggested by City staff.

What to Expect at the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to hear recommendations from the subcommittee on revising Goal T-4 policies and programs and develop an approach to present to the full CAC in the revised draft Transportation Element. Staff suggests that the phased approach outlined in Attachment A could be used as a starting point for discussion by the subcommittee.

The meeting will be run as a working session with Goal T-4 policies and programs onscreen so that edits can be made by staff and the consultant in real time, based on subcommittee recommendations. Staff has also provided in Attachment C recommendations made by the Sustainability Subcommittee at their March 9, 2016 meeting for the Transportation Element.

Next Steps

Once the subcommittee has provided recommendations for revising Goal T-4 policies and programs, a revised draft Transportation Element will be prepared for consideration by the full CAC at their April 19th meeting, when the Element will be placed on the Consent Calendar. The revised draft element will incorporate the parking strategy developed by the subcommittee, as well as the other revisions recommended by the full CAC in February and additional refinements from City staff. Attachment B to

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this memo summarizes edits to be incorporated. After approval by the CAC, the Element is tentatively scheduled for presentation to City Council on May 16, 2016.

Attachment A: Proposed Approach to Parking

Attachment B: Summary of Proposed Revisions

Attachment C: CAC Sustainability Subcommittee Recommendations from March 9, 2016

Attachment D: Letter from PABAC on Transportation Issues

Attachment E: Additional Comments from CAC members on Transportation Element