

**Attachment 3A
Long Range Planning Update
January 14, 2014**

1. Land Use Policy Programmatic Update (LUPPU)

- a. Targeted General Plan Amendment (TGPA) and Zoning Ordinance Update (ZOU)

The environmental review process is currently underway. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is anticipated to be complete by the end of February 2014. Once the DEIR is ready for release for public review, staff will return to the Board to provide a history of the process to date and provide options for how the County can efficiently and effectively review the draft TGPA, ZOU and related DEIR and conclude the process.

Per Board direction, staff will also provide options for how the Board could potentially address Community Region Boundary line amendments requested by members of the public as part of the TGPA-ZOU.

- b. Sign Ordinance Update

At the December 17, 2013 board meeting, staff provided a general summary of the public comments received and some policy issues identified during the public review process. Attorney Randal R. Morrison of Sabine and Morrison in San Diego also provided the Board with an informational presentation: Sign Law 101. Per the Board's direction, staff is working with County Counsel on the issue of an Interim Ordinance to prohibit new billboards. Staff will be working with Randal Morrison and Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) on a subsequent revision to the draft Ordinance dated July 8, 2013. The final draft Ordinance is anticipated to be completed by March or April 2014 for the Board's review.

2. General Plan Amendment Initiation Policy

The draft policy was approved by the Board on December 10, 2013. Staff is coordinating with the Chief Administrative Office to include the final policy in the Board Policy Manual. Staff is revising the existing Pre-Application and Conceptual Review Process to include the criteria for when a Pre-Application is mandatory for privately-initiated General Plan Amendments. Staff will coordinate with Planning Services to post the revised Pre-Application and Conceptual Review Process on the website and to ensure that Planning Services staff is aware of the changes made to this application process.

3. Biological Policy Contract

Staff is in the process of preparing a Biological Resources contract and scope of work for consideration by the Board. The contract and scope is anticipated to be before the Board in February or March 2014.

4. Standard Plans

The update to the Standard Plans and Land Development Manual are being managed by the Transportation Division and Development Services Division, with assistance from Long Range Planning.

5. Community Visioning and Implementation Plans (CVIPs)/Community Region Boundary Lines

Staff is currently working to prepare a framework for the Board's consideration that could guide communities in their efforts to prepare CVIPs. This framework will include a process and a set of guidelines for the development of these types of plans that require adoption by the Board. Staff anticipates presenting a draft framework to the Board in February 2014.

6. Meyers Area Plan Update

The Final Meyers Area Plan is nearly complete. Comments received on the Draft Plan have been incorporated, and a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study has been drafted. Staff is currently reviewing the Initial Study to determine the appropriate level of CEQA document for the Plan. Staff will return to the Board after the CEQA document has been completed.

7. Travel Demand Model

The Draft Travel Demand Model (TDM) is complete. Staff began to release the TDM data (2010 Baseline and Draft 2035 Land Use Forecast) the first week in June 2013 to traffic consultants and others upon their request. Prior to release of data, the County is requiring the signature of a disclaimer acknowledging that the model data is draft at this time. A new TDM web page was launched on August 16, 2013. The web page is available at: <http://www.edcgov.us/Government/Planning/TDM/TDM.aspx>

Staff has continued its coordination with Caltrans and Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) in the development and finalization of the TDM documentation. The County has requested letters of concurrency from Caltrans and SACOG stating that the El Dorado County TDM was completed with input from Caltrans and SACOG modeling staff and consistent with industry standard of practice. These standards include those suggested by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) *Calibration and Adjustment of System Planning Models*, Caltrans' *Travel Forecasting Guidelines*, and the *2010 California Regional Transportation Planning Guidelines*.

After the December 10, 2013 presentation by the Measure Y Committee representatives regarding the TDM, the Board requested a workshop to address the concerns. Long Range Planning staff, in concert with the County's travel modeling consultants, will present a workshop for the Board on February 24, 2014 to discuss the TDM and the proposed uses for the model. Staff has invited Caltrans to participate in this workshop.

8. Green Valley Road Traffic Analysis

Staff returned to the board on December 17, 2013, with a final draft scope of work, cost, and schedule for Board approval. The Board approved Alternative 3, which included all public requests for analysis of existing conditions in the Green Valley Road Corridor, with the direction that traffic counts should include Monday and Friday counts. Per the Board's direction, staff is working to finalize a contract with Kittelson & Associates, Inc. (KAI). Staff will return to the Board in February 2014 to approve the contract. KAI will begin the analysis upon execution of the contract.

Latest update on the status of the City of Folsom grant to widen Green Valley Road from East Natoma to Sophia Parkway: SACOG staff recommended that Folsom be awarded the grant; and the SACOG Board approved the award of the grant during their December 12, 2013 meeting.

The City of Folsom anticipates the following schedule:

- Environmental/preliminary engineering - through 2014
- Design/ROW/Utility - through 2015
- Construction - through 2016/2017

9. 5-Year Major Capital Improvement Program and Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Updates

The 5-year major Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) Fee update processes have been initiated. In order to proceed with the CIP and TIM Fee update processes, the Board must select a 20-year growth scenario. The 20-year growth forecast is also required to proceed with projects such as the Diamond Springs Parkway and Missouri Flat Area Master Circulation and Funding Plan (MC&FP) Phase II.

Staff will return to the Board on February 24, 2014 to discuss three potential 20-year growth forecast scenarios:

- 1% historical trend with historical distribution as directed by the Board
- Existing development + all approved development entitlements + Regional Housing Needs Assessment
- 1% historical trend with 75/25 distribution consistent with General Plan goals

Upon selection of a growth forecast, staff can then begin the updates to the TIM and CIP programs, as well as other projects such as the Caltrans required traffic impact study for Diamond Springs Parkway and the MC&FP Phase II.

10. 2014 Minor CIP Update

General Plan Policy TC-Xb and Implementation Measures TC-A and TC-B require the annual update of the CIP specifying expenditures for roadway improvements within the next 10 years. A major update is also specified by the General Plan Policies and Implementation Measures every 5 years in line with the major review of the General Plan specifying expenditures for roadway improvements within the next 20 years.

Long Range Planning had originally anticipated completing the 5-Year major CIP Update in Fiscal Year 2013/2014. However, given delays related to finalizing a 20-year growth forecast necessary to begin the 5-Year major CIP Update, the County is now processing a minor CIP update on a parallel path. This minor update is an interim step that will ensure the CIP continues to adequately guide infrastructure investments through Fiscal Year 2014/2015 while the County processes the 5-Year major CIP Update.

11. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Staff is working on various NPDES Permit requirements both in Lake Tahoe and on the West Slope. Staff will report back to the Board with more specific NPDES items as they become due.

12. Long Range Planning Website

Staff just launched a new Long Range Planning web page on the County's website: <http://www.edcgov.us/longrangeplanning>. Staff is now working on updating and/or creating new landing pages for each active project in the Long Range Planning work program. The active projects will be listed under Work In Progress.