

CPC General Plan Subcommittee
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Mobility Element

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MOTIONS /CONSENSUS COMMENTS

Overall

- When citing General Plan policies found in other sections/elements, add specific references.
- Strive for a balanced transportation system that supports alternative modes, but is not punitive to cars.
- Address policies relating to financing and phasing comprehensively in the financing section.
- Edit references to the City of Villages Map. The Village map showing potential village areas will be deleted. (Note that it will be replaced with a Transit/Land Use Connections Map that shows transit in relation to existing and community plan designated land uses.)
- Clarify that land use designations take place through the community planning process.

A. Land Use and Transportation

Overall Agreed with staff's recommendation to delete this section, as the policies are addressed elsewhere in the General Plan. Address land use recommendations in the proposed Land Use and Community Planning Element.

ME-A.2 Add reference to adopted community plans

ME-A.2c. Need a process to ensure integrity

ME-A.3.b Add connections to transit. Do not limit to just “new” development.

B. Walkable Communities

Goals Emphasize safety from crime
Children should be able to walk to all destinations safely

Discussion Delete middle paragraph on p. 53 addressing children’s health.

ME-B.1.a. End sentence after "and safety." Delete the remainder of the policy

ME-B.1.e End sentence after "connectivity in the street system."

ME-B.2 State that the Pedestrian Master Plan should be complementary to the community plans.

ME-B.5 Collaborate with private entities in addition to agencies/groups.

ME-B.5.a. Educate children on traffic and bicycle safety.

ME-new Add policy(ies) to improve walkability by improving security and safety from crime in pedestrian movement, not just physical safety from autos. Consider factors such as landscape.

C. Transit First

Discussion First paragraph. Delete the word “fostering” and replace with “serving.”

ME-C.3 Emphasize the need for balance. Do not implement transit priority measures that punitively affect the drivers of private vehicles.

ME-C.12 The committee concurs with staff’s recommendation to delete this policy and deal with prioritization comprehensively in the financing section.

D. Street and Freeway System

ME-D.1 Add to a., b, c, and e: "in accordance with approved community plans."

ME-D.2 Add a reference to community plans.

ME-D.3 Merge sub-policies b. and c.

ME-D.6 Add the following guideline: "Protect the safety of pedestrians and the tranquility of residential neighborhoods"

F. Transportation Demand Management

ME- F.11 Re-write for better clarity.

G. Bicycling

Goals Add safety as a part of the second goal.

Discussion State that the Bicycle Master Plan should be complementary to the community plans.

ME-G.2 Add that the bicycle network should be safe.

ME-G.2 Add a new sub-policy that bikeways should be installed for transportation purposes, not as parking control.

H. Parking Management

Discussion Delete third paragraph relating to the true cost of parking.

ME-H.2.a Revise language to consider access to existing and funded high quality transit ...

ME-H.2.b Revise to "strive to achieve the efficient use of land devoted to parking through measures such as parking structures and shared use."

I. Airports

Discussion Revise first sentence of second paragraph to reference employment and commerce rather than "high technology industries."

Clarify that the goal of airport land use compatibility plans is to protect airports.

ME-I.2 – I.4 Edit to show as subsets of ME.I.1.

ME-I.8 Revise policy to add that airports should also be evaluated for qualities that minimize vehicle miles traveled for users to access the airport.

ME-I.10 Edit for clarity.

K. Goods Movement/Freight

- ME-K Add to discussion (second paragraph, last sentence) reference that the majority of freight in San Diego originates outside of the County (Mexico and Pacific Rim), as well as having destinations outside of the region.
- ME-K.1 Revise to: "support and pursue state and federal funding for infrastructure improvements and use of..."
- ME-K.2 Seek to preserve property for planned future Ports of Entry.
- ME-K.8 Collaborate with the Government of Mexico to plan for future border crossings, including location, technology, and preservation of the supporting road network

L. Environmental Quality

The group concurred with staff's recommendation to delete this section. Most of the policies are already covered in other sections. Any remaining policies will be reviewed in the Conservation Element.

M. Financing Policies

Overall Do not put policies in the General Plan that call for new taxes.

Delay discussion on financing polices to coincide with the Public Facilities Element review.

- ME-M.11 Insert "...to the availability of existing or planned and funded transportation facilities.."