CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CONFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES

The following Climate Action Plan (CAP) conformance questions relate to actions identified in the Climate Action Plan to implement the Bicycling, Walking, Transit and Land Use Strategy (Strategy 3) and the Climate Resiliency Strategy (Strategy 5). These questions should be considered at the outset of the community plan update process and written analysis should be prepared demonstrating conformance with the following questions prior to presenting the plan to the public, the Planning Commission, and the City Council for approval.

1. DOES THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENT THE GENERAL PLAN’S CITY OF VILLAGES STRATEGY IN TRANSIT PRIORITY AREAS (TPAS) TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY FOR TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE RESIDENTIAL AND/OR EMPLOYMENT DENSITIES? (ACTION 3.1)

Considerations:

- Does the land use and zoning associated with the plan provide capacity for transit-supportive residential densities within TPAs?
- Is a majority of the additional residential density proposed within TPAs?
- Does the land use and zoning associated with the plan provide capacity for transit-supportive employment intensities within TPAs?
- Does the plan identify sites suitable to accommodate mixed-use, village development, as defined in the General Plan, within identified TPAs?

2. DOES THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENT THE GENERAL PLAN’S MOBILITY ELEMENT IN TRANSIT PRIORITY AREAS TO INCREASE THE USE OF TRANSIT? (ACTION 3.1)

Considerations:

- Does the plan support identified transit routes and stops/stations?
- Does the plan identify transit priority measures, such as: exclusive transit lanes, transit ways, direct freeway HOV access ramps, transit signal priority, Safe Routes to Transit, and first mile/last mile initiatives?

3. DOES THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENT PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSIT PRIORITY AREAS TO INCREASE WALKING OPPORTUNITIES? (ACTION 3.2)

Considerations:

- Does the plan’s circulation system provide multiple and direct pedestrian connections and accessibility to local activity centers, such as transit stations, schools, shopping centers, and libraries?
Does the plan’s urban design element include design recommendations for walkability to promote pedestrian supportive design which helps establish a transit supportive environment?

4. DOES THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENT THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO’S BICYCLE MASTER PLAN TO INCREASE BICYCLING OPPORTUNITIES? (ACTION 3.3)

Considerations:
- Does the plan’s circulation system identify bicycle improvements in consideration of the Bicycle Master Plan that include, but are not limited to: Class I bicycle path, Class II bicycle lanes with buffers, Class III bicycle routes, or Class IV protected bicycle facilities?
- Does the plan’s circulation system provide a balanced, multimodal, “complete streets” approach to accommodate mobility needs of all users?

5. DOES THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN IDENTIFY IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT? (ACTION 3.6)

Considerations:
- Does the plan identify new or expanded urban public spaces such as plazas, pocket parks, or urban greens in TPAs?
- Does the plan locate new public facilities that generate large numbers of person trips, such as libraries and recreational facilities in TPAs?
- Does the land use and zoning associated with the plan update increase the potential for jobs within TPAs?
- Do the zoning/implementing regulations associated with the plan support the efficient use of parking through mechanisms such as: shared parking, parking districts, unbundled parking, reduced parking, paid or time-limited parking, etc?
- For increases in density/intensity outside of a TPA, does the plan include policies to reduce auto dependence at those locations?

6. DOES THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENT THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCREASE URBAN TREE CANOPY COVERAGE? (ACTION 5.1)

Considerations:
- Does the plan include a street tree master plan that provides at least three different species for the primary, secondary and accent trees in order to accommodate varying parkway widths?
- Does the plan include policies or strategies for preserving existing trees?
- Does the plan call for tree planting in villages, sidewalks, and other urban public spaces or include a strategy for contributing to the City’s tree canopy goal?