

Traffic Commission Meeting  
February 6, 2006

Agenda Item 6C

To: Torrance Traffic Commission

From: Ted Semaan, Manager of  
Transportation Planning, Engineering Permits and Records Division

Subject: Continuation of discussions regarding the update of the Circulation  
Element of the City of Torrance's General Plan

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Community Development Director recommends that the Traffic Commission continues the process of reviewing the materials, taking public input and provide comments to update the Circulation Element of the City of Torrance's General Plan.

### **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The City of Torrance is in the process of updating the General Plan. As part of this process, different Commissions will have the opportunity to provide input for their respective components. In addition, The Citywide Traffic Study will provide further update and information for the Circulation Element.

The Circulation Element is that part of the General plan that sets City policy for transportation systems and citywide circulations. The four main components of the Circulation Element are:

1. Goals, Objectives and Policies;
2. The Transportation Plan;
3. Related Transportation Issues; and
4. Infrastructure Plan

At the December 5, 2005 Traffic Commission meeting, staff presented an update on the Citywide Traffic Study and received comments from the Traffic commission and the public regarding the update of the Circulation Element.

### **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

Through Traffic Commission meetings, and public input, staff will provide recommendations and updates to the General Plan consultant and the Planning Commission regarding different components of the Circulation Element. At the last meeting the following comments were received:

- Include bike lanes and electric vehicles as a transportation resource; and therefore include new policies for Motorized vehicles (such as electric scooters, segways, etc.);
- On-Street parking and commercial vehicle enforcement;
- Vehicular safety & traffic circulation plan in vicinity of schools during peak periods;
- Traffic Calming, including speed humps;
- Modify land configurations and improve line of sight at roadway intersections;
- Coordination with transit to lend buses (low rider-ship) to school district and mini bus/shuttle system;
- Use the Hawthorne Boulevard Corridor study as a model to create a Crenshaw Boulevard Corridor Specific plan;
- Creation of City Policy addressing off-street parking;
- Develop public parking on City properties;
- Enhancing Circulation Element policies to encourage both walking and biking; such as the Bike-to-work policies; more bike lanes; more bike racks;
- Location of pedestrian curb ramps;
- Install sidewalks on some city streets;
- Effect of landscaping on pedestrian walkways;
- Initiate a landscaping Master Plan for City of Torrance;
- Safety grants for enhancing the safety of pedestrians, bikers, as well as traffic circulation around schools;
- Seek state's financial assistance to improve state routes through the City and at freeway entrances;
- Transit center restoration within City;
- Utilization of smaller buses for less traveled routes and for short distances (in the vicinity of the malls, and major employment centers);
- Side walk conditions survey (to install sidewalks where we do not have them and enhance safety at existing crosswalks);
- Include discussions of traffic operation and traffic safety in the alleys;
- Educational outreach (via flyers, internet, school resources) to enhance traffic safety and drivers' awareness;
- Traffic sign inventories (check for their visibility and reflectivity);
- Initiate policies for oversized vehicles and RV;
- Identify truck routes; and
- Reorganize policies within Circulation Element.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON  
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Attachment:

A. December 5, 2005 Traffic Commission Item

