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CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that City Council adopt a resolution certifying the Local Development Report (LDR) and its conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP). (Citywide)

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach
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DISCUSSION

Each year, the City of Long Beach reports its aggregate new development totals in support of regional transportation modeling and planning to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), as required by State law. Proposition 111 was passed in 1990 from public concerns over the impact of traffic congestion and air pollution on the State's economic vitality and quality of life. Proposition 111 instituted the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and an increase in State gas tax for traffic reduction measures. The intent of this State-mandated program (California Government Code §65088 et seq.) is to address the impacts of local growth on the regional transportation system. The CMP comprises two main program areas: (1) traffic and building permit data collection and analysis, and (2) action plans to reduce traffic congestion on regional highways and corridors.

Traffic congestion is, in part, the result of intra-regional travel. As a result, the ability of one city to address traffic congestion within its jurisdiction is limited. Land use and transportation planning occurs individually within the 89 jurisdictions in Los Angeles County. The CMP encourages cities and counties to address traffic congestion on a regional scale. By utilizing a regional approach, the CMP seeks to maximize the effectiveness of local efforts to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which administers the CMP in Los Angeles County, uses the traffic and building permit data collected from cities and the County to create a "snapshot" of how the County's highways and roadways operate as a regional system. This understanding of regional traffic congestion, and its relationship to local growth and transportation improvements, aids cities and the County in selecting the best mix of projects and strategies to reduce traffic congestion.

In addition, the CMP requires cities and counties to offset a portion of the impact that their new development has on regional mobility by implementing coordinated inter-jurisdictional transportation improvements. Previously, cities and the County demonstrated compliance with the CMP by utilizing a point system – implementing tracking debits from new developments and credits from capital improvements and strategies to reduce traffic congestion – where cities and the County must have a positive balance of credits over debits to maintain CMP conformance, and to ensure receipt of Proposition 111 State gas tax funds.

However, in August 2003, the MTA Board authorized a nexus study to explore the feasibility of implementing a congestion mitigation fee to meet CMP Deficiency Plan requirements. While this study is underway, the CMP point system has been suspended. Nevertheless, the City is still required to certify and report building permit data on an annual basis. In that regard, the Department of Development Services has prepared the Development Activities, New Development Adjustments (i.e. demolition activity) and Exempt Development Activity (e.g., low-income housing) Report. For this reporting period, residential permits have significantly shifted upwards while commercial building permits have continued to shift downward as a result of current economic conditions. The major projects approved during this calendar year were the Villages at Cabrillo affordable residential apartments and the Western Senior Housing project located on Long Beach Boulevard across from the Metro Blue line station. The Cabrillo Gateway project is a 3-story, 81-unit low-income apartment complex, and the Western Senior Housing complex is a 4-story, 41-residential unit apartment.

This report of development in Long Beach will aid the MTA's study on congestion management and alleviation. In order to comply with deadlines set forth by the MTA, the Local Development Report (LDR) must be certified by City Council and submitted to the MTA no later than September 1, 2014.

General Plan Consistency

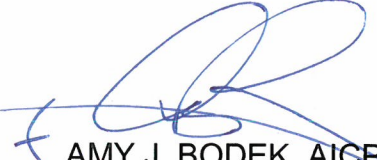
The proposed 2013-2014 Local Development Report of the Congestion Management Program is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan. The CMP is intended to allow for growth balanced with transportation improvements that will mitigate traffic impacts. Traffic improvements attract businesses while improving the quality of life for residents. These efforts are consistent with the growth management and economic development goals of the General Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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2014 CMP Local Development Report

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CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

2014 DEFICIENCY PLAN SUMMARY

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DEVELOPMENT TOTALS

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

	Dwelling Units
Single Family Residential	22.00
Multi-Family Residential	128.00
Group Quarters	0.00

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

	1,000 Net Sq.Ft. ²
Commercial (less than 300,000 sq.ft.)	117.00
Commercial (300,000 sq.ft. or more)	0.00
Freestanding Eating & Drinking	1.90

NON-RETAIL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

	1,000 Net Sq.Ft. ²
Lodging	0.00
Industrial	75.00
Office (less than 50,000 sq.ft.)	86.00
Office (50,000-299,999 sq.ft.)	51.00
Office (300,000 sq.ft. or more)	0.00
Medical	0.00
Government	8.00
Institutional/Educational	0.00
University (# of students)	0.00

OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

	Daily Trips
ENTER IF APPLICABLE	0.00
ENTER IF APPLICABLE	0.00

EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT TOTALS

Exempted Dwelling Units	163
Exempted Non-residential sq. ft. (in 1,000s)	0