



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file the 2016 Mobility Element Annual Report and instruct the Director of Development Services to submit the Annual Report to the City Council and State Office of Planning and Research. (Citywide)

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**DISCUSSION**

Cities and counties in California are required to prepare and adopt a general plan as a comprehensive guide for long-term development. The general plan projects existing conditions and needs into the future, as a basis for determining policies, programs and objectives. It also establishes the long-term policy framework for day-to-day decision-making based upon these objectives. A community's general plan must address seven primary topics: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise and safety. The Mobility Element focuses on the circulation component of the Long Beach General Plan.

The Mobility Element establishes a vision, goals, strategies, policies and implementation measures necessary to achieve a balanced mobility system that services the needs of all users of the public rights-of-way by recommending complete streets and context-sensitive design principles. In addition, the Mobility Element serves as a guide for a wide range of City planning documents and programming activities, such as the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), transportation-related plans, and project entitlement applications and regional planning documents.

California law [Government Code §65400] mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies and the Office of Planning of Research an annual report on the status of their general plan and the progress toward its implementation. The intent of this statute is to ensure that the General Plan directs all land use decisions and remains an

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effective guide for future development. The principal purpose of this report is to satisfy this requirement for the recently adopted Mobility Element and to highlight the implementation achievements since its adoption in 2013.

The Annual Report was prepared by Development Services with input from other departments including the Departments of Public Works, Harbor and Health and Human Services. As indicated in the Mobility Element Annual Report for 2016, the City has made progress in implementing the programs outlined in the Mobility Element (Exhibit A).

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Exhibit A - 2016 Mobility Element Annual Report