



**Department of Development Services** 

City Council Meeting October 15, 2013

#### Role of General Plan

Level of Plan	Physical Extent	Scale
Planning Policy Framework Providing policy initiatives and planning requirements e.g., Mobility Element Land Use Element		More Conceptual- Based/Long Vision Planning
Conceptual Area Plans Geographically focused plans which address relevant topics pertinent for specific areas e.g., 710 Livability Plan		
Community Plans/ Zoning Implementation through zoning regulation and enforceable development standards e.g., Downtown Plan		Regulatory
Implementation/ Improvement Plans  Geographically focused plans which address relevant topics pertinent for specificareas e.g., Pedestrian Master Plan		More Detailed/ Near-Term Projects

# Why Are We Doing This? (Statutory Requirements)

- Cities and Counties are required to prepare and adopt a General Plan
  - Seven required topics: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise and Public Safety
  - Four optional Long Beach topics: Historic Preservation, Seismic Safety, Air Quality and Local Coastal Program
- Complete Streets Act (AB 1358)
  - Adopted in 2008, requires cities to create a balanced mobility system that serves all people regardless of age, ability or choice of transportation
- Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375)
  - Requires the State's 18 MPOs to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through regional transportation projects.
- General Plan Consistency (Government Code 65300.5)
  - Vertical and horizontal consistency
  - Consistency with Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

#### Why Now?

- Update existing Transportation Element
  - Last updated in 1991
  - Completed many projects
  - Need to update programs and policies
  - Community discussions underway for years

- Funding Eligibility
  - Federal and State grant eligibility
  - Use of Transportation Impact Fees

#### What Are The Big Ideas?

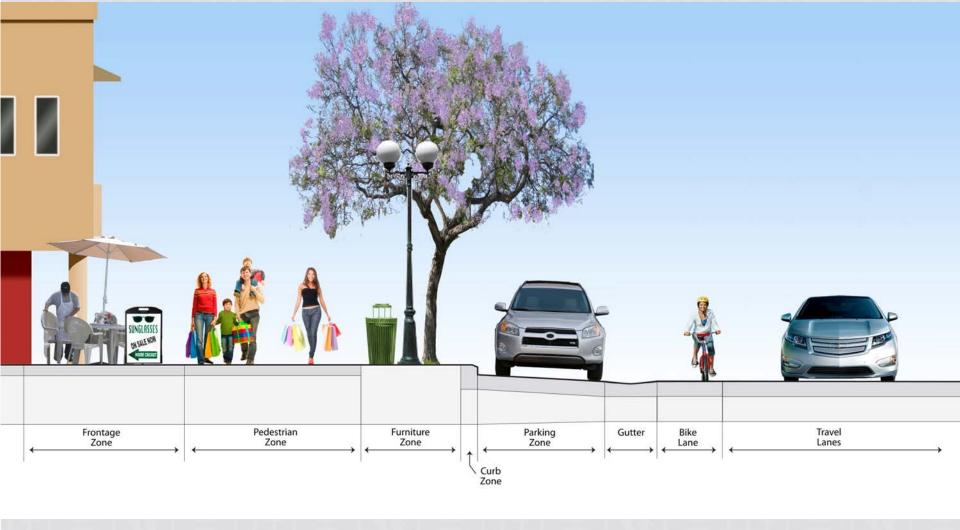
- 1. Establish Context Sensitive Street Classification
- 2. Establish a more flexible Level of Service (LOS) approach to traffic analysis
- 3. Mode shift for short trips to active transportation choices
- 4. Reduce the environmental impacts of the transportation system

Big Idea #1 City of Compton City of Long Beach City of **Context - Sensitive Street Classifications** Rancho City of City of Hawailan City of Signal Hill Los Angeles Legend Classifications NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR REGIONAL CORRIDOR SCENIC ROUTE BOULEVARD LOCAL STREET MAJOR AVENUE ----- PORT-RELATED STREETS

MINOR AVENUE



**Context Sensitive Street Classification** 



Big Idea #2: Multi-Modal Level of Service



Big Idea #3: Encourage Active Transportation



Big Idea #4: Reduce environmental impacts



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## Mobility Element: Navigating Through the Chapters

- Ch. 1: Vision: From Isolated Coast Town to Thriving City
- Ch. 2: Introduction: What Does Mobility Mean To You?
- Ch. 3: Creating the Context
- Ch. 4: Mobility Plan
- Ch. 5: Implementation Strategies and Projects
- Ch. 6: Funding and Administration
- Appendix

#### Ch. 4: Mobility Plan – What's Included

- Mobility of people
- Bicycle Plan
- Transit Plan
- Automobile Plan
- Goods Movement

#### Mobility of People (Pedestrian Plan)

- Greater walkability achieved through pedestrian friendly street, signage, and site and building design.
- A universally accessible, safe and convenient pedestrian system that promotes walking.
- A complete, functional, and interconnected pedestrian network.
- Treat streets as an important part of the public space system.





**Pavement to Plazas** 



**Pedestrian Safety** 

## Bicycle Plan

- Planning for new facilities and routes and evaluate existing programs and annual bike counts
- A safe, attractive and convenient network of bikeways and support facilities throughout the City that serves the needs of all types of bicyclists.
- Increase bicycle mode share by producing promotional activity and educational programs.
- Support programmatic initiatives.





**Increase Bicycle Connectivity and Convenience** 



Focus on short bicycle trips



**Create a network of bike boulevards** 



**Bicycle Awareness/Safety Programs** 

#### Transit Plan

- Create an attractive, sustainable and convenient transit system.
- Create a seamless integration with other modes and transit agencies.
- Make transit the first choice of travel for many of the trips made in the City.
- Continue to develop bus rapid transit and investigate the feasibility of a street car system.
- Develop additional transit hubs throughout Long Beach.





Better integrate bikes and transit

#### **Motor Vehicles**

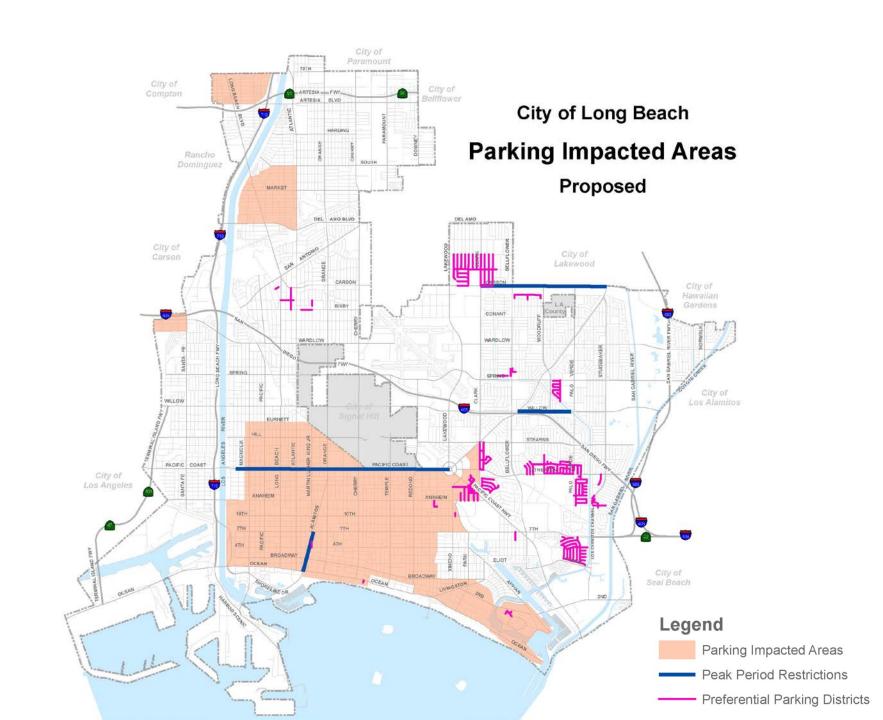
- Continue to enhance the City's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Support creative Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies.
- Strategically increase vehicle capacity at key intersections.
- Implement "road diet" for selected streets.



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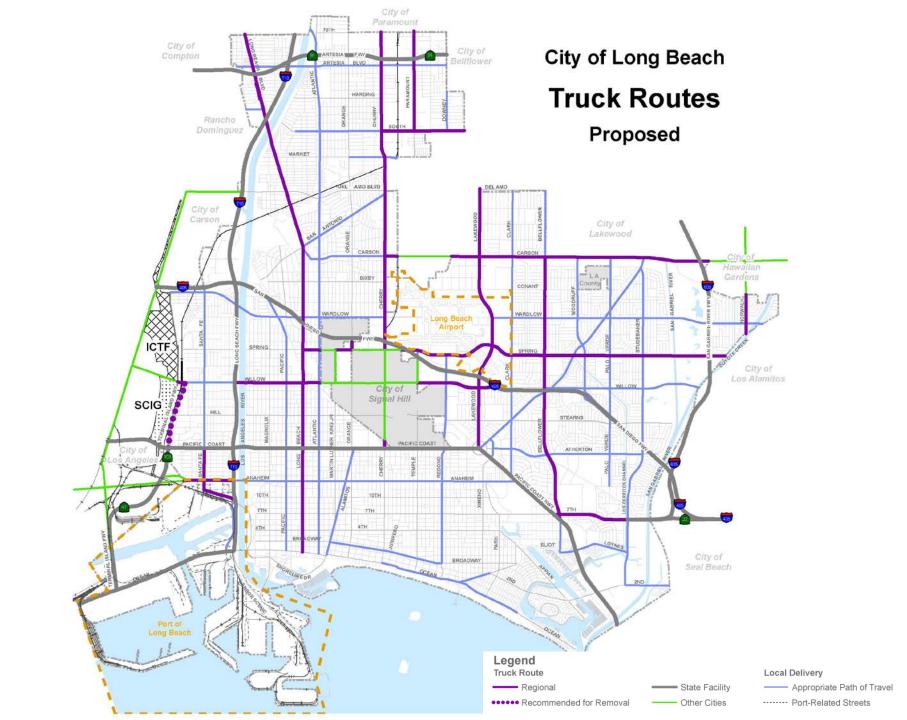
## **Parking**

- Land Use and Mobility goals take a priority over parking policy.
- Support shared parking.
- Well designed parking structures and lots integrated into urban fabric.
- Expand Parking Impacted Areas.



### Mobility of Goods & Resources

- Regional cooperation on transportation issues.
- Mitigate local impacts.
- Establish separate and different regulations for both regional trucking routes and local delivery routes.
  - Without identified truck routes, trucks can use any street they want.



#### Implementation – How Does It All Work?

- Capital Improvement Projects
  - Annual CIP program approved by Council
- Update Traffic Mitigation Fee
  - Nexus study to occur
- 75 Implementation Measures
  - Pedestrian Master Plan



#### **NEXT STEPS**

- California Coastal Commission for certification
  - Winter 2014
- Implement it!





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