



CITY OF LONG BEACH

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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August 15, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Receive supporting documentation into the record and conclude the hearing;
- 2) Adopt the attached Resolution certifying the 2005-2006 Local Development Report and its Conformance with the State-Mandated Congestion Management Program; and
- 3) Direct the Director of Planning and Building to submit the Local Development report to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

DISCUSSION

The Congestion Management Program (CMP) is a State-Mandated program created to address the negative impacts of increasing urban traffic congestion on the State's economic vitality and quality of life. The CMP statute became effective with voter approval of Proposition 111 in June 1990. This statute links local land use decisions with their impacts on regional transportation and air quality, and develops a partnership among transportation planning decision-makers, on devising appropriate transportation solutions that include all modes of travel.

In the past, compliance with the CMP was demonstrated by an annual Local Implementation Report which calculates "debits" when issuing new building permits, and "credits" when implementing strategies that improve transportation and reduce traffic congestion. However, in August 2003, the MTA Board authorized a Nexus Study to explore the feasibility of implementing a congestion mitigation fee to meet the CMP mandate. 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. In that regard, the Department of Planning and Building has prepared the Local Development Report (LDR) for the reporting year 2005-2006 (Attachment A).

On July 6, 2006, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the resolution certifying the 2005-2006 Local Development Report and its conformance with the Congestion Management Program. The Planning Commission Staff Report is included for your reference (Attachment B).

Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais reviewed this letter and the 2005-2006 Local Development Report, and prepared the attached resolution on August 1, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The 2005-2006 Local Development Report must be certified by the City Council and submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority by September 1, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Failure to adopt a resolution certifying the 2005-2006 Local Development Report and submittal to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority can result in the loss of state and federal transportation monies.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Attachments:

- A. Local Development Report 2005-2006: Congestion Management Program
- B. Planning Commission Staff Report
Resolution