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To:

Chair and Members of the Planning Commission

From:

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Subject:

**Draft Mobility Element Study Session** 

The Draft Mobility Element is the culmination of extensive community meetings and stakeholder discussions over the past five years. On January 18 and February 15, 2012, the Planning Commission conducted two working sessions on the Mobility Element to consider policies and programs for a balanced transportation network and meaningful travel choices. On November 1, 2012, the Planning Commission received a status report on the Draft Mobility Element, which is now available for your initial review and consideration.

Through this new plan, the City of Long Beach establishes an overview of the transportation infrastructure and multimodal strategies for the movement of people and goods. The Draft Mobility Element includes a discussion of the existing conditions, regulatory context, the movement of goods and resources, and capital improvement projects. All modes of travel are discussed including walking, bicycling, riding transit and driving. In addition, related topics are addressed including parking, transportation demand management, neighborhood enhancements and funding.

The Draft Mobility Element will be formally released to the public the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> along with a mitigated Negative Declaration for environmental clearance. A citywide workshop will be held in March and then staff will return to the Planning Commission for formal adoption of the Mobility Element in late spring.