



**MOBILITY element**

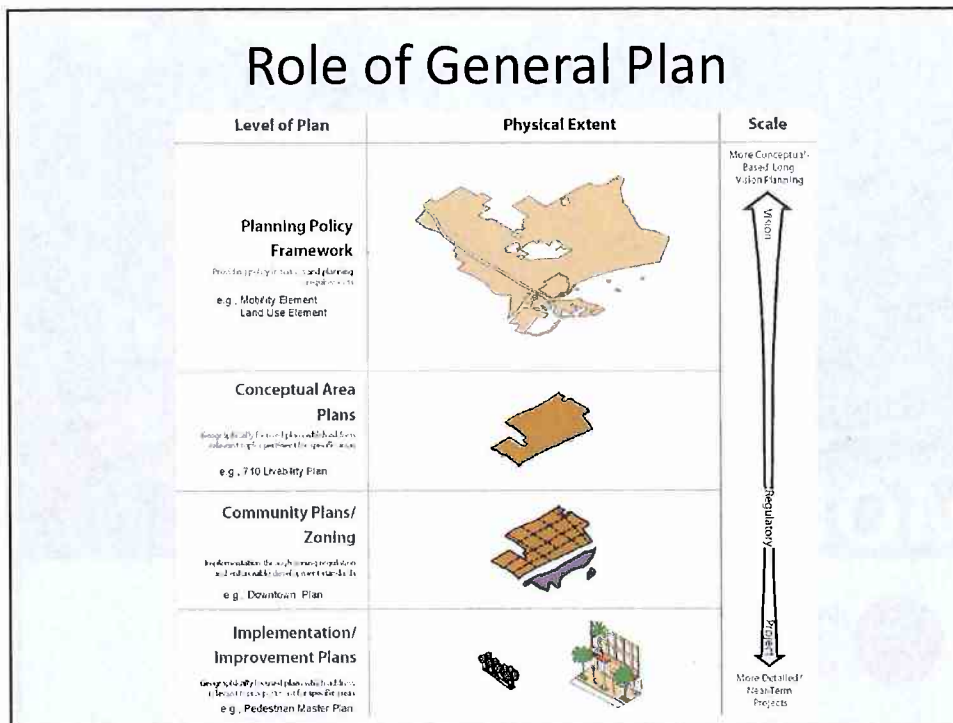


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## What is it?

- Policy level document -- establishes vision, goals, strategies, policies and implementation measures
- Outlines the City's existing and future multimodal transportation system by mode
- Serves as guide for wide range of planning documents, including annual CIP, transportation master plans, development permits, etc.
- Not a detailed blueprint – instead policy document that provides framework for future decision making

## Role of General Plan



## 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?

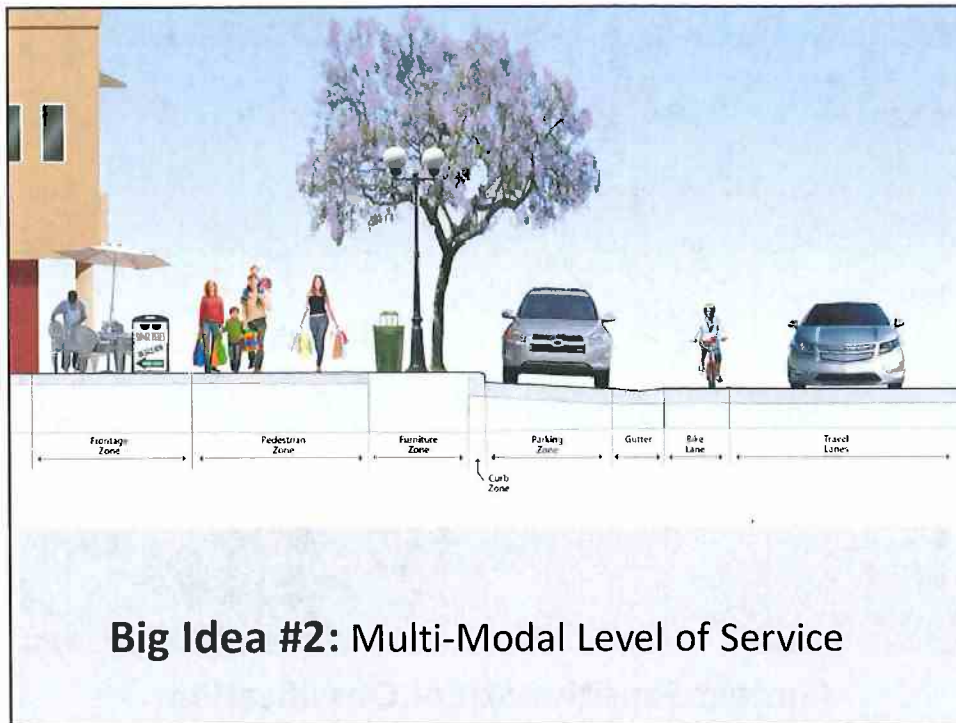
- Update existing Transportation Element
  - Last updated in 1991
  - Completed many projects
  - Need to update programs and policies
  - Community discussions underway for years
- Funding Eligibility
  - Federal and State grant eligibility
  - Use of Transportation Impact Fees

## 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 #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**

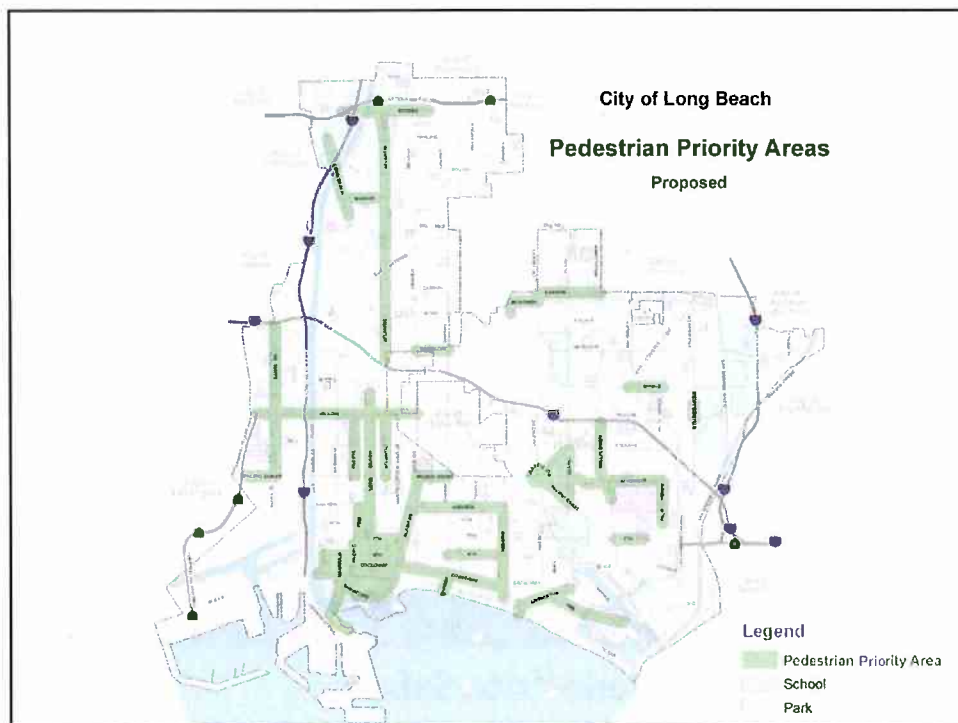
## Ch. 4: Mobility Plan – What's Included

- 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**



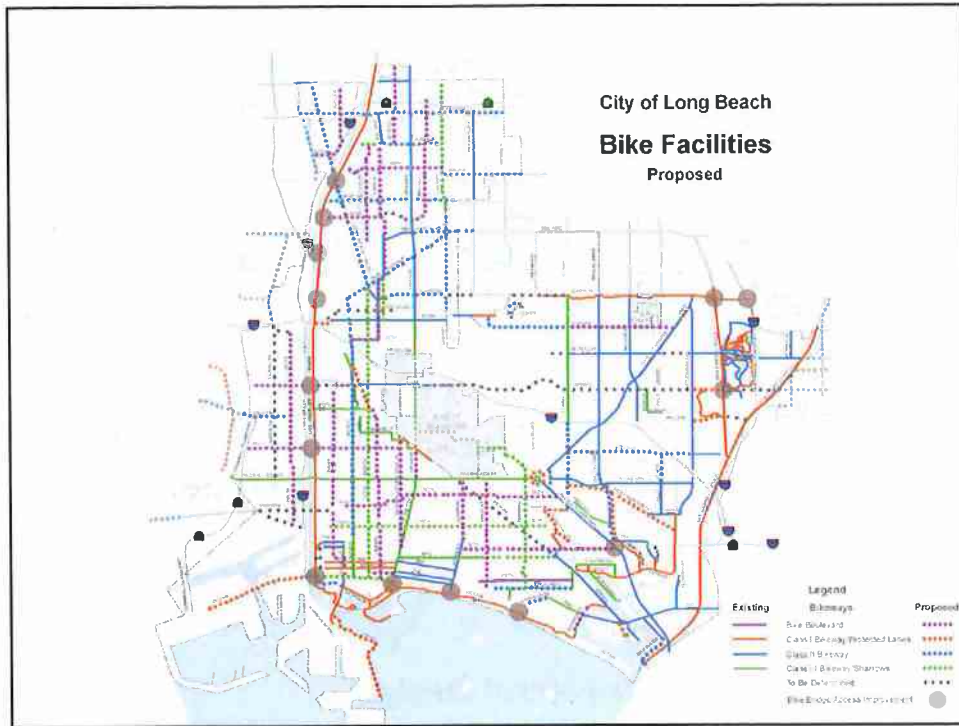
**Pedestrian Safety**



**Universal Design**

## 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.



## 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 .

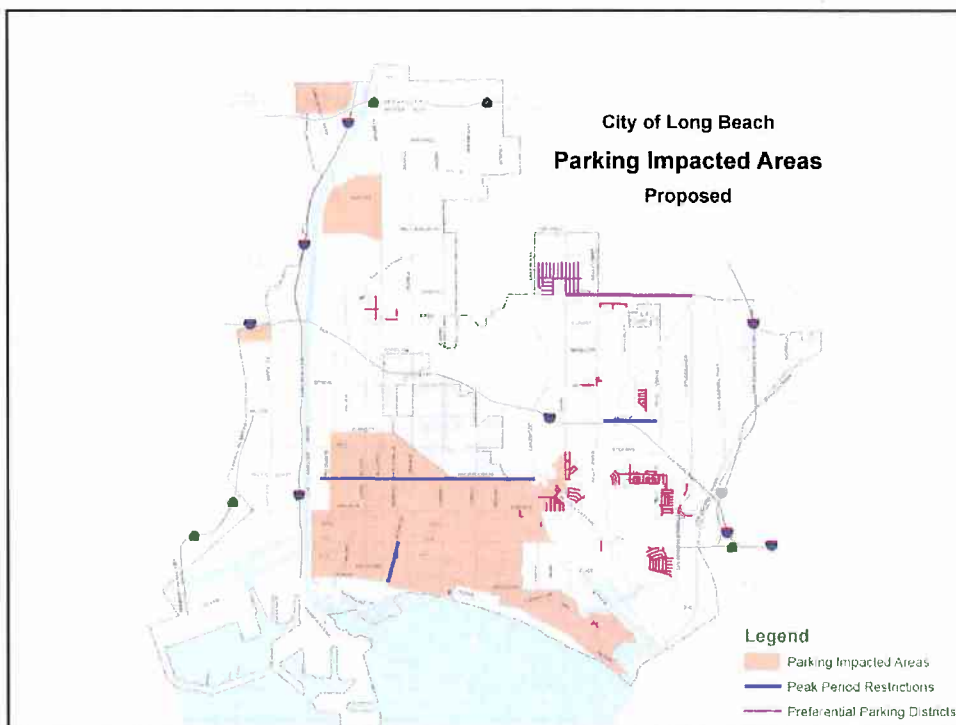


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## Parking

- 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.



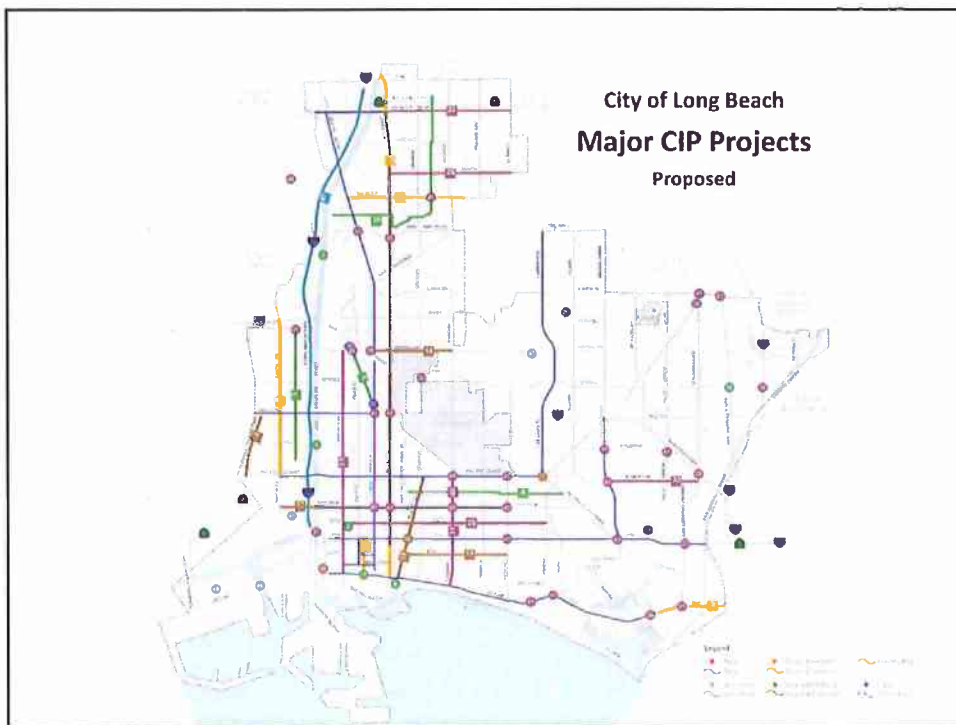
## Mobility of Goods & Resources

- 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.



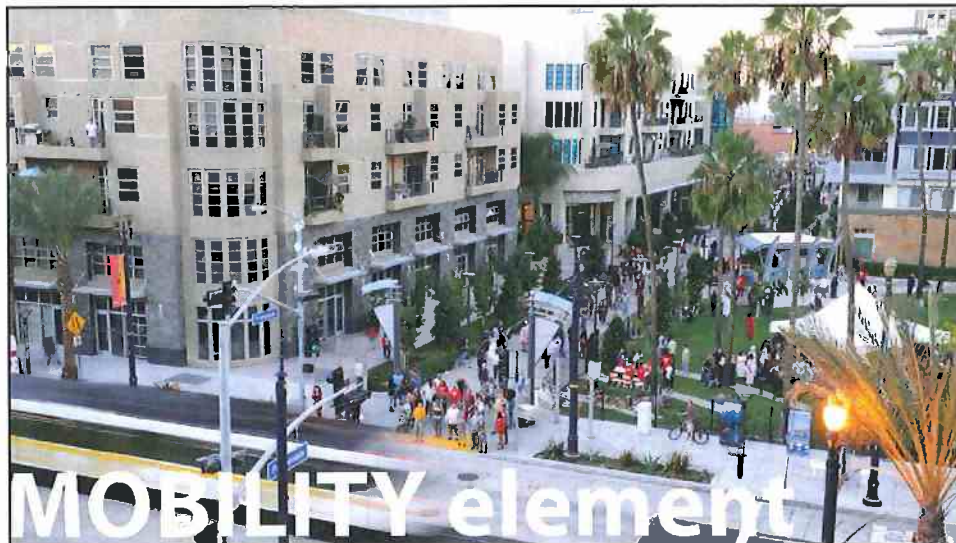
## Implementation – How Does It All Work?

- 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

- Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission
  - Scheduled for October 2, 2013
- City Council Hearing to adopt Mobility Element and consider the ND
  - Tentatively Scheduled for October 15, 2013
- California Coastal Commission for certification
  - Winter 2014
- Implement it!



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