



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Find the proposed projects listed in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvement Program in conformity with the General Plan. (Citywide)

APPLICANT: City of Long Beach

DISCUSSION

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a schedule of expenditures to build and maintain the public infrastructure throughout the City. Each year the City updates the CIP to adjust priorities, delete completed projects and add new ones. The CIP represents a comprehensive and direct statement of how the City will maintain and enhance its infrastructure for the future.

The Long Beach City Charter, Section 1002(e), confers to the Planning Commission the duty to review the City's long range CIP to ensure that it is consistent with the City's General Plan. The intent of this section is to ensure that the General Plan directs all land use decisions and remains an effective tool for managing resources and projects. All project proposals in the CIP must be found to conform to the maps and policies of the General Plan; otherwise, an application should be filed to amend the General Plan to reflect the City's new priorities and policies.

On August 11, 2009, City Council referred the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2010 CIP) (Attachment A) to the Planning Commission for review of its consistency with the General Plan.

The Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee was responsible for developing the FY 2010 CIP. This interdepartmental committee was composed of senior managers from Community Development; Financial Management; Fire; Parks, Recreation and Marine; Police; and Public Works. This process for identifying which capital projects would best meet anticipated demands has resulted in \$28.9 million in new capital investment for FY 2010.

The FY 2010 CIP is divided into eleven major sections according to the category of capital investment:

- Airport
- Community Development

- Marinas, Beaches and Waterways
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Facilities
- Storm Drains
- Street Rehabilitation
- Transportation Enhancements
- Gas and Oil
- Redevelopment Agency

The Harbor, Redevelopment Agency and Water Departments each develop a separate CIP and report to their independent commission, but are included here for informational purposes. For each major section, there is a list of programs. For each program receiving new FY 2010 funding allocations, there is a narrative description of the project.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

The Department of Development Services has reviewed the FY 2010 CIP for conformity to the General Plan. An analysis of the consistency of each new budgeted item and the relevant elements of the General Plan is provided in Attachment B. Staff has identified the General Plan goal and/or policy that pertains to each project. The Land Use Element includes the fifteen goals and objectives from *Long Beach 2000: The Strategic Plan* for setting a determined course for Long Beach. These goals and objectives are itemized in Attachment C. It should be noted that, while specific policies are noted for each project, there may be additional General Plan policies and reference that apply. None of the projects in the CIP are found to be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the City's General Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, it has been determined that this action is exempt from environmental review. As a result, Categorical Exemption 51-09 was issued (Attachment D). However, the potential environmental impacts associated with the projects in the FY 2010 CIP will be assessed in specific environmental documents prepared for each individual project at the time of implementation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

- a) Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvement Program
- b) General Plan Findings for Fiscal Year 2010 CIP Improvement Program
- c) General Plan Goals
- d) Categorical Exemption

General Plan Findings for Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvement Program

The Fiscal Year 2010 (FY 2010) Capital Improvement Program is divided into 12 major sections according to the category of capital investment. The Index Page of each category of investment lists the programs that received new funding allocations in FY 2010 and as well as the programs with carryover funding. However, only those programs that have new FY 2010 funding receive a narrative description of each project. Each program receiving new funding in the CIP is reviewed for conformance with goals and objectives of the *General Plan* and relevant elements of the *General Plan*. Please reference Appendix C for a description of each goal and objective. Based on this review of the below goals and policies, staff finds the proposed FY 2010 CIP consistent with the Long Beach General Plan.

I. Airport

The Long Beach Airport offers a variety of services required by commercial and general aviation users. Funding for airport-related improvements comes from Federal Aviation Administration grants, airport fees and facility charges, loans, and bonds. Improvements are intended to accommodate the needs of 41 commercial flights and over three million passengers annually. The only improvements that received new funding were:

- Airport Terminal Area Improvements
- Terminal Apron Improvements
- Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation
- Parking Improvement

General Plan Finding: Consistent with Economic Development, Facilities Maintenance and Quality Services Goals of the *General Plan* and the Land Use District Number 12 (Harbor/Port).

II. Parks & Recreation

There is a constant effort to address and balance the issues of aging facilities, demographic changes, and the uneven distribution of park acreage throughout the City. In a period of budget constraint, the City has managed to add park acreage and improve existing facilities. New funds were allocated for Park Acquisition and Development and Park Bike Path Replacement.

- Park Bike Path Replacement

General Plan Finding: Conforms with Consistency Test Number Two allowing neighborhood-serving land uses and explicitly makes provisions for them without indicating locations; Neighborhood Emphasis Goal of the *General Plan*; Open Space and Recreation Element: Policy 4.1: *Create additional recreation open*

space and pursue all appropriate available funding to enhance recreation opportunities; Bicycle Master Plan Policy 7.1: Ensure ongoing efforts that support the Bicycle Master Plan in relation to maintenance and monitoring.

III. Public Facilities

Functional and well-maintained public facilities manifest the pride of the citizens in their city. New funds are allocated for Critical Facility Repairs and the Downtown Bikestation Demonstration Project.

- Downtown Bike Station Demo Project

General Plan Finding: Consistent with Functional Transportation, Facilities Maintenance and Quality Services Goals of the General Plan, Open Space and Recreation Element: Policy 4.6: With the help of the community, plan and maintain park facilities at a level acceptable to the constituencies they serve; Bicycle Master Plan: Policy 2.1: The City Shall strive to ensure that bicycle support facilities are provided throughout Long Beach.

VII. Street Rehabilitation

The Street Rehabilitation section is designed for neighborhood street repairs. Several projects were awarded new budget allocations including Proposition "A" Transit Related Improvements, Major and Secondary Highway Program, and Citywide Residential Street Repair.

- Major and Secondary Highway Program
- Citywide Residential Street Repair
- Citywide Infrastructure Improvements (Sidewalks)

General Plan Finding: Consistent with Functional Transportation, Facilities Maintenance and the Quality Services Goals of the General Plan.

IV. Transportation Enhancements

This category is designed for projects that add capacity to City roadways. I-710 Freeway Major Corridor Improvements and Bikeway & Pedestrian Improvements are new programs that were included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Improvement Program.

- Bikeway and Pedestrian Improvements
- Congestion Management Program Compliance
- Citywide Signage Program
- Traffic Mitigation Program Traffic Signals-New Installations and Enhancements
- I-710 Freeway Major Corridor Improvements
- Traffic Operation

General Plan Finding: Consistent with Managed Growth, Facilities Maintenance and the Quality Services Goals of the General Plan: Bicycle Master Plan Objective 1.0: Develop a comprehensive Bikeway network; Transportation Element: 5.1.2.: Promote transit use and enhance pedestrian movement; Transportation Element: 5.1.3.: Increase efficiency of operation of regional corridors and major and minor arterials.

V. Gas and Oil

The Long Beach Energy natural gas pipeline is a City asset with a \$400 million replacement value. A primary objective of the Department is to maintain the highest standards of pipeline integrity. These projects are administrated by Long Beach Energy.

General Plan Finding: Consistent with Facilities Maintenance and Quality Services Goals of the General Plan.

VI. Harbor

The Harbor Department develops a separate CIP and reports to an independent commission. However, their key projects include terminal expansion and development; bridge and railway construction; and land acquisition.

VII. Redevelopment Agency

The Redevelopment Agency develops a separate non-general fund budget and reports to an independent commission. However, their key projects include parks, street improvements and libraries.

VIII. Water

The Water Department develops a separate CIP and reports to an independent commission. However, their key projects include Potable Water Facility Upgrades, Reclaimed Water System Expansion, and Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements.

GENERAL PLAN GOALS FOR THE YEAR 2000

Managed Growth: Long Beach accepts the population and economic growth anticipated through the year 2000, and intends to guide that growth to have an overall beneficial impact upon the City's quality of life.

Economic Development: Long Beach will pursue economic development, which focuses upon international trade, while maintaining and expanding its historic economic strengths in aerospace, biomedicine and tourism.

Downtown Revitalization: Long Beach will build its downtown into a multi-purpose activity center of regional significance, emphasizing a quality physical environment, a pedestrian focus, and a wide variety of activities and architectural styles.

New Housing Construction: Long Beach encourages the development of 24,000 new housing units through the year 2000, with emphasis upon filling the gaps which exist or are anticipated in certain sectors of the City's housing market. In the immediate future, such emphasis should be upon for-sale housing for first-time homebuyers and upon upscale residential development in and around the downtown area.

Affordable Housing: Long Beach views its existing housing stock as its greatest resource of affordable housing, and will stimulate and support continued maintenance and reinvestment in that housing stock. It will take advantage of every available state and federal program to make its housing affordable to its population, but it will not sacrifice long-term quality for short-term affordability in rehabilitated housing.

Neighborhood Emphasis: Long Beach recognizes the strong neighborhood to be the essential building block of a citywide quality living environment, and will assist and support citizen efforts to maintain and strengthen their neighborhoods.

Quality Services: Long Beach will emphasize quality in the provision of services to its residents and businesses and will strive to make public services readily accessible to all citizens.

Citizen Opportunity: Long Beach finds strength in the increasing diversity of its population, and will seek to ensure that opportunities are available to our new citizens to fully participate in the community and to achieve their personal goals.

Quality Education: Long Beach recognizes that quality education is a key ingredient in building a successful community through the year 2000 and it will foster community-wide support of education on all levels and for all age groups.

Facilities Maintenance: Long Beach will maintain its physical facilities and public rights-of-way at a high level of functional and aesthetic quality, manifesting the pride of

the citizens in their City and ensuring that future generations need not bear the burden of deferred maintenance.

Adequate Water Supply: Long Beach will continue to take the actions that are necessary to preserve an adequate supply of water for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes.

Functional Transportation: Long Beach will maintain or improve the current ability to move people and goods to and from development centers while preserving and protecting residential neighborhoods.

Art and Culture Support: Long Beach recognizes art and culture to be necessary ingredients of a quality living environment, and will create and support mechanisms through which private individuals and organizations can expand cultural opportunities for all residents.

Citizen Participation: Long Beach will pursue increased opportunities for citizen participation in public decision-making, and will encourage voluntary efforts to provide and improve local facilities and services.

Financial Stability: Long Beach will make efforts necessary to maintain stable local government financing; to identify and to prioritize existing and potential financing resources; and to make those fiscal allocations required to meet the goals which have been established through the strategic planning process.



CITY OF LONG BEACH NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Categorical Exemption CE- 51-09

Project Location/Address: CITYWIDE

Project/Activity Description: GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE FINDING

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

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Application Number: CIP-09 Planner's Initials: MB

Required Permits: GENERAL PLAN CONFORMITY FINDING

THE ABOVE PROJECT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA IN ACCORDANCE WITH
STATE GUIDELINES SECTION 15306 CLASS 6

Statement of support for this finding: INFORMATION COLLECTION
AND DISTRIBUTION FOR GENERAL
PLAN CONFORMITY FINDING

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