



MEMORANDUM

TO: Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee / Transportation Advisory Board

FROM: Laura Weigel, Associate Planner

DATE: July 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Connected Community Draft Goals and Policies Overview

ACTION

Review the draft Connected Community/Transportation System Plan (TSP) goals and policies. Discuss and provide revisions for the Planning Commission's July 13 work session. ***Please be sure to read over these goals and policies carefully prior to the meeting and be prepared to provide feedback at the meeting.***

DISCUSSION

This Action Area includes revisions and additions to the existing Plan's Goal 12 – Transportation chapter. The proposed draft is based upon the goals and policies from the current TSP and informed by public comment, the 2035 Vision Map, Statewide Planning Goal 12 requirements, as well as other state and regional plans and policies, and extensive review by staff and consultants. Additionally, the Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee provided feedback on the drafts goals (not policies) at their May 9, 2012 meeting.

There are 11 goals in the existing TSP. This draft has 7 goals that reflect the language in the vision statement and is organized differently than the existing plan. The revised organization takes a more holistic approach to the system rather than having a specific goal for a specific mode. For example, instead of having a specific goal for walking, walking is included in numerous goals. Because of the reorganization a tracked changes version of the revision would not be helpful as the changes are too great and it would be too hard to read. Staff will provide a document that tracks how an existing policy was addressed in the revised goals and policies at the meeting on Wednesday.

Connected Community Vision Statement

We have safe, efficient and convenient transportation choices. There are frequent and reliable public transportation options that make it easy to move around our city and the region. Pathways, sidewalks, roadways and bike routes encourage residents of all neighborhoods to walk and bike safely.

Summary of all Connected Community Goal and Policy Revisions:

- Incorporate public comment.
- Incorporate the vision statement and the 2035 Vision Map designations.
- Meet regional and state requirements.
- Remove specific language that is now covered in the Community Development Code.
- Reflect neighborhood planning and the We Love LO sustainability principles.

- Streamline language and also incorporate more flexibility.
- Reviewed Economic Vitality draft goals and policies for consistency and to avoid redundancies.
- Move descriptive text into the future chapter preamble.
- Reflect transportation best practices.

Method of Constructing Goals and Policies:

As noted above, the draft Goals have been constructed to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Vision and the Connected Communities Vision Statement. Each vision is of a sustainable community where the systems of land use and transportation are fully integrated and complementary. This has led to the development of draft goals that focus on essential characteristics (e.g. safety, connectivity, accessibility) of a multimodal transportation system to achieve that vision. The previous goals were mode-specific (e.g. pedestrian, bicycle, automobile) and these are mode-neutral. The policies are then crafted to provide guidance on how that characteristic is achieved with a particular mode, in a particular place, and/or for a particular type of user.

Each Goal should contain the following:

1. a specific type of action to be taken (e.g. provide, optimize, increase)
2. a primary purpose (e.g. safety, connectivity, efficiency, accessibility)
3. a focus of the action on something specific (e.g. an outcome, a mode of travel, an area of the community)
4. and MAY note particular users or areas of emphasis.

Each Policy should contain the following:

5. a specific type of action to be taken (e.g. designate, coordinate, preserve, improve)
6. a reinforcement of the primary purpose stated in the goal (e.g. safety, efficiency, connectivity)
7. further definition of the type of actions to be taken and/or the facilities they are focused on
8. and MAY note or define particular users, areas of emphasis, or specific locations.

QUESTIONS FOR CAC DISCUSSION

As you prepare for Wednesday's meeting, please review Attachment 2 (Connected Community Public Comment), attachments a and b (Draft Goals and Policies and Existing Goals and Policies), and any reference documents you may find helpful.

1. Is there consistency between these draft goals and policies and:
 - a. The Comprehensive Plan Vision
 - b. The Connected Communities Vision Statement
 - c. The other Action Areas
 - d. The previous TSP Goals and Policies?
2. Do the proposed goals and policies reflect what you heard and the comments that were collected? If not, how should they be revised and still kept consistent with the vision statements and other Action Areas?
3. Are there additional changes that should be made for clarity? The guidance here is to keep each statement succinct and focused on one purpose.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will revise the goals and policies based on TAB/CAC feedback, and forward them to the Planning Commission for their August 13 work session. TAB will review the revisions via email prior to the CAC's second review on August 22.