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MEMORANDUM

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: Eric Norris, AICP, General Plan Program Manager
Cc: Planning Commission Members
Date: September 3, 2002
Re: Status of the General Plan

Per the Council's request, here is a summary of the current status of the General Plan program. A proposed schedule for completion of the General Plan Program is provided on **page 3**.

Preparation of the Draft General Plan

- Land Use Policy Map and Alternatives—A digital version of the Land Use Policy Map has been completed and is available at city hall and on the City's web site. An earlier draft of the Land Use Policy Map was released in July; that earlier version was updated with a number of minor corrections. Also scheduled for completion this week is a digital land use policy map for the "planning area" outside the city limits; this map will be used in the preparation of the environmental impact report.
- General Plan Elements—The following General Plan components have been **completed and released in draft form**:

Vision Statement—Completed and released in draft form June 27, 2002

Introduction—Completed and released in draft form September 3, 2002

Economic Development Element—Reviewed by the General Plan Advisory Committee in July and August 2002

Historic Resources Element—Scheduled to be reviewed by the General Plan Advisory Committee on September 5, 2002

Housing Element—Policy issues have been reviewed on several occasions by the General Plan Advisory Committee; the completed draft Element will be reviewed by the General Plan Advisory Committee on September 5, 2002

Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Element—Scheduled to be reviewed by the General Plan Advisory Committee on September 5, 2002

The following Elements are **in progress** at this time:

Circulation Element—Initial work has been completed; the General Plan traffic consultants are currently preparing their analysis, which will be used to complete this element. Tentative release date: October 2002

Conservation and Air Quality Element—Substantial work has been completed on this Element, which is tentatively scheduled for release the week of September 9.

Land Use Element—Substantial work has been complete on this Element, which is tentatively scheduled for release the week of September 9.

Noise Element—This Element has been completed in draft form and is currently being reviewed by the General Plan noise consultant. Tentative release date: Week of September 9

Public Facilities and Finance Element—Currently in progress. Tentative release date: Week of September 16

Safety Element—Currently in progress. Tentative release date: Week of September 16

- General Plan Background Report—Substantial work has already been completed on the Background Report, which will be released with the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (see below).
- General Plan Environmental Impact Report—Work is under way on the General Plan EIR, including:

Technical studies—Work is under way by the City's consultants the completion of various technical studies and the drafting of existing setting information.

Traffic—The General Plan traffic consultant has begun the collection of background information, and will be working this month on the computer modeling of traffic based on the proposed General Plan Land Use Policy Map and alternatives.

Noise—The noise consultant has completed initial work on this technical study, and is ready to finish the analysis once the traffic analysis is completed.

Biology—The General Plan biology consultant is currently resolving contract details with the City Attorney's office. Once these have been resolved, work should be completed within one month.

Air Quality—Background information is being collected by the General Plan air quality consultant. A final report will be produced once the traffic analysis has been completed.

Historic/Cultural Resources—The City's consultant for history/archaeology has completed this report in draft form; a final report is due this month.

- Tentative Schedule for Completion—As noted above, staff’s tentative schedule calls for the release of the remaining General Plan elements by the end of September or early October. Completion of the General Plan EIR will occur at approximately the same time or in late October, beginning the 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR.

The following schedule is proposed at this time:

Completion of Draft General Plan: October 2002

With the completion of the Draft General Plan, the Planning Commission can begin public hearings; however, no action to adopt the General Plan can be taken until comments on the Draft EIR have been completed.

Completion of General Plan Draft EIR: Late October 2002

45-day Public Review of Draft EIR: Ends December 2002

Preparation of Response to EIR Comments: January 2003

Public hearings on the General Plan: Begin January/February 2003

Adoption of the General Plan: February/March 2003