



CITY of CALABASAS

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2022

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**FROM: ROBERT YALDA, PE, TE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER
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**SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – CIRCULATION ELEMENT AND SAFETY
ELEMENT**

MEETING

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2022

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Traffic and Transportation Commission and Public Safety Commission review and provide comments on the draft updates to the Circulation Element and Safety Element of the General Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Every city and county in California must prepare, adopt and implement a General Plan, which establishes overall goals and policies for future growth of the jurisdiction. As set out in the California Government Code, a city's General Plan must include a Housing Element, Circulation Element and Safety Element among seven mandatory elements. For Cities located within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) area, the Housing Element is required to be updated every eight years to address regional housing needs. On October 13, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-1755 updating the Housing Element

and Land Use Element of the 2030 General Plan. In accordance with state law, the Safety Element shall be updated when the Housing Element is updated in order to address Climate Change, Evacuations and Wildfire.

In September 2020, the Traffic and Transportation Commission (TTC) supported and recommended that the City Council approve the City's new Transportation Impact Thresholds for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in compliance with the SB 743 and the State of California Office of Planning and Research recommended guidance. Prior to July 2020, public agencies could use level of service (LOS) to determine environmental impacts of projects and plans. However, new state law requires agencies to consider vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the impact criteria. In June 2021 the TTC reviewed and provided comments on the City's new guidelines for conducting CEQA and local impact analysis.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The City's General Plan update consultant team is led by Rincon Consultants with assistance from Fehr & Peers for the transportation aspects of the update. The team will be presenting the draft Circulation Element and Safety Element. Attached are the two draft elements for your review prior to the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Preparation of updates to the General Plan had been anticipated, and the necessary funding was included in the adopted 2020 - 2021 and 2021 - 2022 City budgets.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Traffic and Transportation Commission and Public Safety Commission review and provide comments on the draft updates to the Circulation Element and Safety Element of the General Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Draft Circulation Element
- Attachment 2: Draft Safety Element
- Attachment 3: Updates to the General Plan Circulation and Safety Elements
Presentation Slides