



City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department
STUDY SESSION REPORT

TO: Planning Commission
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DATE: July 27, 2010
SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 10-002 (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/11)

LOCATION: CITYWIDE

PROJECT REQUEST AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

General Plan Conformance No. 2010-002 represents a request, pursuant to Section 65402 of the California Government Code, by the City of Huntington Beach to determine if the 2010/11 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. The 2010/11 CIP is a list of proposed projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction during the next fiscal year. The role of the Planning Commission in reviewing a CIP is to ensure the conformity of each project with the goals, objectives and policies of the General Plan.

CURRENT LAND USE, HISTORY OF SITE, ZONING AND GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATIONS

Not applicable.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINES

DATE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION: July 9, 2010
MANDATORY PROCESSING DATE(S): August 18, 2010 (within 40 days of complete application)

General Plan Conformance No. 10-002 is scheduled for action by the Planning Commission on August 10, 2010.

CEQA ANALYSIS/REVIEW:

The General Plan conformance review is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15306, Class 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act, which states that information collection which does not result in major disturbance to an environmental resource is exempt from any environmental review.

COMMENTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES:

The capital projects that are recommended by various City departments for fiscal year 2010/11 have been compiled into one comprehensive list (Attachment No. 1).

PUBLIC MEETINGS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

The draft CIP was presented to the Public Works Commission on June 21, 2010 for review and comment. Their recommendation will be submitted to the City Council.

PLANNING ISSUES

The study session provides the Planning Commission with an opportunity to review the proposed CIP and ask questions on the intent and conformity with the General Plan. The benefits and funding source for individual projects listed in the CIP will be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Attachment No. 1 represents the coordinated list of all capital projects recommended by City departments for fiscal year 2010-11. Projects are summarized by subject category.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Exhibit A- 2010-11 Capital Improvement Program (GPC No. 10-002)

EXHIBIT A

**PLANNED PROJECTS AND GENERAL PLAN POLICIES FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2010/2011
(GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO.10-002)**

The following is a list of planned projects for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) that requires General Plan Conformance. The list is divided into categories by subject. Below each project group is a listing of the relevant General Plan policies.

I. FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects:

1. City Hall ADA Improvements
Improvements to the Lower Level and Council Chambers to provide a greater level of ADA accessibility. Per the citywide ADA Survey and Transition Plan

B. General Plan Policies:

LU 13.1.1 Allow for the continuation of existing public and private institutional, cultural, educational, and health uses at their present locations and development of new uses in areas designated on the Land Use Plan Map in accordance with Policy 7.1.1.

PF 6.1.3 Maintain or improve the governmental facilities and services in order to meet the adopted levels of service and standards established in the Growth Management Element.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects:

1. 1st and Atlanta Surface Parking Lot
Construct a parking lot on old railroad and City owned parcel per the Downtown Specific Plan Update.

B. General Plan Policies:

CE 5 Provide sufficient, well designed and convenient on and off street parking facilities throughout the City.

CE 5.1 Balance the supply of parking with the demand for parking.

CE 5.1.1 Maintain an adequate supply of parking that supports the present level of demand and allow for the expected increase in private transportation use.

CE 5.1.2 Provide safe and convenient parking that has minimal impacts on the natural environment, the community image, or quality of life.

ATTACHMENT NO. 1.1

III. PARKS AND BEACHES

A. Planned Projects:

1. Sports Complex – Team Room
Construct team room to accommodate team assembly at the Sports Complex.

B. General Plan Policies:

RCS 3.1.1 Design neighborhood park features and facilities that are responsive to the recreational preferences expressed by the park users and local neighborhood residents.

RCS 4.1 Improve and modernize existing parks and facilities to overcome existing design deficiencies and deteriorated conditions.

IV. STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects

1. Arterial Rehabilitation
Edwards Street (Talbert to Warner), Delaware Street (Yorktown to Main), Springdale Street (Warner to Edinger), and Garfield Avenue (Newland to Magnolia).

B. General Plan Policies:

CE 2.1.3 Identify and improve roadways and intersections that are approaching, or have reached, unacceptable levels of service.

V. WATER IMPROVEMENTS

A. Planned Projects:

1. Well 9 GAC Filtration
Design and install granulated activated carbon (GAC) filter system at Well 9.
2. Well 10 Rehabilitation
Rehabilitate and improve Well 10, which was damaged by fire in 2009.

B. General Plan Policies:

LU 2.1.1 Plan and construct public infrastructure and service improvements as demand necessitates to support the land uses specified in the Land Use Plan (as defined in the Circulation and Public Utilities and Services Elements of the General Plan).

U 1.1.1 Monitor the demands on the water system, manage the development to mitigate impacts and/or facilitate improvements to the water supply and distribution system, and maintain and expand water supply and distribution facilities.

U 1.1.3 Continue to evaluate the adequacy of the water supply and distribution system.

ATTACHMENT NO. 1.2