

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 01/22/08		Item Number: <u>J-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: A JOINT ITEM before the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency regarding the Adoption of a Resolution of Support to Participate in the Southern California Association of Government's Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Program.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒	Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: Master Notification List (1/16/08)			
Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld (01/15/08)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (01/16/08)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Jeff Muir (01/16/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (01/16/08)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution of support to participate in the Southern California Association of Governments ("SCAG") Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Program. <u>BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:</u> With over 18 million residents, the Southern California region is the second largest metropolis in the nation. With one of the world's most dynamic economies, the region, however, is also one of the most congested in the country, with many challenges facing the residents and governmental entities, including: air pollution and supply and affordability of housing. It is projected that by the year 2030, another five million residents will be added to the region, creating more pressure on already congested roadways and scarce housing. SCAG believes that a blueprint for regional growth is needed to address these challenges and provide for livability, mobility, prosperity - sustainably for the future. SCAG is partnering with cities and counties in Southern California to manage growth and promote livability, mobility and sustainability through the Compass Blueprint Program. Applications are being accepted for Compass Blueprint Demonstration Projects that exemplify the goals shared by the Compass Blueprint and unique visions of local communities. Cities selected for Demonstration Project assistance will benefit, free of charge, from dedicated consultant services, technical assistance, and/or staff time to promote examples of creative, forward-thinking and sustainable development solutions that fit local needs and support shared regional values. Demonstration Projects enable cities and counties to better evaluate planning options and stimulate sustainable development opportunities. Project selection will			

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be based in part on the project's ability to provide balanced transportation choices with a mixture of land uses and housing needs.

To this end, staff has prepared an application for consideration of the Washington National Project and Draft Specific Plan to help the City better outline the planning and design implications of transit oriented development. This project offers tremendous regional opportunity to guide decision making regarding long range planning for the West Washington area, examining critical issues related to density, mixed use, and other important area development standards. (Attachment 1)

Specifically, staff is recommending the City Council authorize the application which would request assistance from SCAG with the development of visual aids to reflect the massing of current planning efforts. By studying the proposed volume of development and potential build-out as contemplated under the Draft Specific Plan for the Washington/National site as well as the surrounding area, the City and Agency can better determine the impact of current plans and adjust accordingly to optimize the development outcomes. These findings may help inform the Washington/National planning process.

In order for the application to be considered, the Compass Blueprint Program requires that a resolution of support from the City Council be submitted with the application. A resolution of support (Attachment 2) is included for review and adoption.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact related to the application submittal for the Compass Blueprint Program. If selected, the City would receive specific consultant and technical services, free of charge, to assist with current planning efforts.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution of Support

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

Adopt a resolution of support to participate in the Southern California Association of Governments ("SCAG") Compass Blueprint Demonstration Project Program.

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That the Redevelopment Agency:

Receive and file this report.