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Meeting Date: 01/22/2008		Item Number: <u>A-4</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of Regional Development and Traffic and Proposed Formation of a Regional Traffic Working Group involving participation by the City of Culver City, the City of Los Angeles, and the County of Los Angeles.			
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Department Approval: Sol Blumenfeld (01/15/08) Charles Herbertson (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 discuss the topic of regional traffic and a proposal to form a Regional Traffic Working Group involving participation by the City of Culver City, the City of Los Angeles, and the County of Los Angeles. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Culver City has been experiencing increased traffic impacts as a result of new development both within Culver City's corporate limits and in areas surrounding Culver City in the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. Though projects in Culver City have contributed to some of the problems of traffic congestion related to new development, by far the biggest contributor to increased traffic results from major new developments in both the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. The developments at Playa Vista, Howard Hughes Center, Los Angeles International Airport, the Marina District, Glencoe, Westchester, and other residential and commercial developments have contributed many millions of square feet of new development over the past five years with a consequent increase in vehicle trips. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> The problem of increased traffic congestion demands regional solutions. All governmental entities on in the West Side sub-region need to look at developing a			

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regional traffic mitigation plan that balances growth with transportation and other needs on a regional basis. This regional review needs to look creatively at broad based solutions that address:

- Road construction and expansions
- Smart highway information and synchronization systems
- Transportation Systems Management including one-way streets, rechannelizing intersections, removable curb parking, and other similar measures
- Increased funding and use of regional transportation systems (including improved bus service and dedicated bus lanes)
- Smart growth to create more compact development with mixed use and pedestrian oriented design
- Transportation Demand Management (including ridesharing, preferential parking for HOV, car parking management and pricing)
- Improved light rail transit, trams, shuttles, and bike and pedestrian improvements.

The plan must be realistic and equitable. Toward that end, staff proposes the following for the City Council's consideration:

1. Convening a regional traffic working group involving participation by the City of Culver City, the City of Los Angeles, and the County of Los Angeles
2. Include as work plan items the following:
 - a. Preparation of a regional survey of new development quantifying the size and trip generation of currently proposed and recent development projects
 - b. Establishment or intra-jurisdictional planning to minimize the effects of new development
 - c. Establishment of regional mitigation measures that require a fair-share contribution to reduce the impacts of new development
 - d. Develop a fair share assessment for each project and jurisdiction in the sub-region to contribute to solutions

Ultimately, the Working Group's final "deliverable" would be an intra-jurisdictional cooperative agreement that implements the planning framework for regional traffic mitigation measures, complete with proposed funding sources for implementation thereof.

Culver City's Efforts

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Culver City retains its leadership in the area of local planning. To address issues within our City, staff is proposing the City Council consider directing staff to prepare designs for development and other planning and development tools to address traffic hot spots in Culver City. These areas include Sepulveda Boulevard, Slauson Avenue, Washington Boulevard, and Venice Boulevard. These planning tools will include a proposal to have all projects within their respective boundaries to contribute to the regionally established traffic mitigation programs to be considered by the Working Group. Should the City Council direct staff to pursue participation in the Working Group, then additional proposals related to these planning tools will be prepared and presented to the City Council for consideration.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Formation of and participation in the Regional Traffic Working Group will involve the participation of City Staff. This participation was not anticipated when the work plans for fiscal year 2007/2008 were developed.

Should the City Council direct staff to pursue formation of the Working Group and should the other participants consent to participate and the Working Group is established, then staff would return to the City Council with the agreement forming the group for the Council's consideration. It is anticipated that additional fiscal resources would be needed. Those resources would be identified and requested at the time the formation agreement is returned to the City Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

- (1) Discuss the topic of regional developments and their impacts on traffic in the West-side sub-region and Culver City; and
- (2) Direct staff to propose formation of the West-Side Regional Traffic Working Group with participation by the City of Culver City, the City of Los Angeles, and the County of Los Angeles.