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- City of Bellflower
- City of Cerritos
- City of Cudahy
- City of Downey
- City of Glendale
- City of Huntington Park
- City of Maywood
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- City of South Gate
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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority

FROM: Michael R. Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: August 8, 2012

SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING METRO SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

ISSUE

Metro has distributed a draft Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy to help support sustainability policies and practices for Los Angeles County. The comment period for the draft opened on July 12, 2012 and will close on September 4, 2012. The document is available on Metro’s website.

BACKGROUND

Metro has been working to publish a Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy to provide a sustainability framework for Los Angeles County. A draft of the Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy was released on July 12, 2012 and includes:

- Development of Performance Measurements and Monitoring
- Integration of Sustainability Principles into Metro’s Planning Function
- Pilot Projects and Community Participation
- Outreach and Education
- Regional Planning and Policy Development

Metro plans to adopt the final Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy in the fall of this year and plans to seek federal, state and local funds to implement the program. Metro plans to review and update policies at least every five years.

The Gateway Cities Council of Government (COG) has done extensive work related to sustainability planning and policy and is reviewing the draft from Metro. This information is available at Gateway Cities COG.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented; and/or
2. Receive and file this report

Attachment

DRAFT Countywide Sustainability Planning Policy Implementation Plan	Initiation Timeframe	Participants
1. Performance Measurement and Monitoring		
1.1 Develop/Refine Sustainability Assessment Tools to evaluate the sustainability of projects and plans.	0-2 year	Countywide Planning
1.2 Include sustainability performance metrics in the Sustainability section of the Short Range Transportation Plan.	0-1 year	Countywide Planning
1.3 Evaluate and report on progress toward achieving policy goals by developing an annual report on the program and countywide performance metrics.	Annual	Countywide Planning
1.4 Include sustainability performance metrics in the Sustainability section of the Long Range Transportation Plan.	Next Cycle	Countywide Planning
1.5 Conduct before and after studies of projects funded through the Call for Projects to quantify impact.	Next Cycle	Countywide Planning, Highway Program
2. Integration of Sustainability Principles into Metro's Planning Functions		
2.1 Strengthen Call for Projects link to Metro's sustainability commitments.	0-1 years	Countywide Planning, Highway Program
2.2 Continue to offer the Transit Oriented Development Planning Grant Program and provide related technical support and resource to cities, including a model TOD ordinance, to optimize the transit and sustainability benefits of land-use changes.	0-2 years	Countywide Planning
2.3 Per Board Direction, continue development of an Active Transportation and Design Policy that will advance the Context Sensitivity, Green Modes, and Healthy Neighborhoods policy priorities.	0-2 years	Countywide Planning
2.4 Organize staff webinars and briefings, as needed, to highlight trends and promote continuous learning within the department, as well as between departments, on sustainability issues.	Ongoing	Countywide Planning, Other Depts as applicable
2.5 Per Board Direction, develop Countywide Safe Routes to School initiative to promote active transportation among school-age children.	1-3 years	Countywide Planning
2.6 Per Board Direction, develop safe routes to transit programs that target youth, senior, and low-income populations.	1-4 years	Countywide Planning
3. Pilot Projects & Community Partnerships		
3.1 Subject to management and board approval, develop a Sustainable Transportation Grant Program to support city partners in implementing innovative capital or operations improvements that apply guidance from the policy. Seek funding from SCAG, AQMD, State Strategic Growth Council, and federal/state grants.	0-2 years	Countywide Planning

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3.2 Per Board Resolution, partner with the Department of Public Health and Tree People to develop a Systemwide Urban Greening Plan to improve placemaking, increase environmental stewardship, and create livable streets around transit stations with funds awarded by the State Strategic Growth Council.	0-2 years	Countywide Planning
4. Outreach/Education		
4.1 External: Disseminate information on the policy, associated strategies, and tools to regional stakeholders and the greater public.	0-2 years	Countywide Planning
4.2 Internal: Disseminate information on the policy, associated strategies, and tools for inter- and intra-department coordination and collaboration.	0-2 years	Countywide Planning
4.3 Organize forums and workshops to promote and inform cities, industry professionals, and other stakeholders of best practices in the areas of active transportation, transportation demand management and other sustainability topics.	Ongoing	Countywide Planning
5. Regional Planning & Policy Development		
5.1 Partner with SCAG to conduct a First-Last Mile Study to explore opportunities to increase ridership through access improvements in the transit catchment area.	0-2	Countywide Planning
5.2 Serve on advisory committees to develop regional policies and plans that seek to implement the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.	0-4	Countywide Planning
5.3 Continue efforts to coordinate a Countywide Zero-Emissions Truck Collaborative to accelerate market adoption of zero and near-zero vehicles in Los Angeles County.	0-2	Highway Program, Countywide Planning
5.4 Provide leadership for the development of the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by working with SCAG and engaging other County Transportation Commissions to share best practices, advance innovation, and develop coalitions to advocate for greater federal and state funding.	0-4	CEO's Office, Countywide Planning
6. Funding		
6.1 Seek federal, state, and local funds to implement planning guidance and strategies to advance both Metro's sustainability goals and those of the RTP/SCS.	0-4	Countywide Planning
7. Policy Updates		
7.1 Review and consider updates to the policy at least every five years.		Metro Board, Countywide Planning