



## TRAFFIC and TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 20, 2004

7:00 p.m.

Location- City Hall- Council Chambers  
600 Elm Street, San Carlos

You are hereby invited to attend the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting to provide public commentary on the City's Circulation Element of the General Plan.

### Agenda

Traffic Mitigation Measures  
Local Traffic Calming Policies and Devices  
San Carlos General Plan – Circulation Element

For further information, you may contact Liz Cullinan (Planning Director) at 802-4264



## Technical Advisory Staff:



- San Carlos Public Works Department
- San Carlos Planning Department
- San Carlos Police Department

## *Draft Traffic Mitigation and Traffic Calming Policies Key Changes*

- A proposed public/private partnership to achieve a 20% reduction in traffic over the long term.
- A proposal to maintain acceptable intersection service levels at a mid range level D.
- Consideration of a Transit Impact Fee for new development to support City-Wide Transportation Measures.

## *Miscellaneous Changes:*

- Support for “Smart Growth” and “Sustainability” Policies:
  - reducing travel time from housing to jobs;
  - providing affordable transportation to all members of the community;
  - allowing compact mixed-use development, and
  - decreasing dependency on automobiles.
  
- Confirmation of preferred methodology for Traffic Assessment (volume to capacity average delay versus).

## *Misc. Changes Continued:*

- Enhancements to emphasize a balance of safety, efficiency, environmental sensitivity, and aesthetic considerations within a circulation system.
- Enhancements to accommodate positive pedestrian and bicycle experiences.
- Promotion of flexibility in street widths.

## *Misc. Changes Continued:*

- An emphasis on the need to assess traffic impacts both regionally as well as locally.
- Support for adequate loading/unloading/delivery areas for new development and businesses.
- A policy for preservation of the City's alley system.

## *Misc. Changes Continued:*

- Local thresholds for consideration of Traffic Calming devices.
- Incorporation of West Side Specific Plan policies for the creation of public spaces and amenities within the railroad station area.
- Support for local school efforts in reducing traffic.

## *Misc. Changes Continued:*

- Support for City employee efforts to utilize alternative transportation.
- Support for regional coordination in transportation and circulation efforts.
- Confirmation of thresholds for intersection signaling.

## *Misc. Changes Continued:*

- Consideration of Infill opportunity Zones allowing flexible parking requirements.
- Acknowledgement of C/CAG Congestion Management Requirements.
- Consideration of revising parking requirements to reflect current trends in business, industry and housing.

# *Next Steps*

## *November 2004*

*Commission review of :*

- Pedestrian Enhancements
- Bicycle Policies

## *December 2004*

Commission overview of updated document and recommendation to Planning Commission.

# *Next Steps*

## *January 2005*

Planning Commission review and recommendation to City Council of a Resolution Amending Circulation Element of the General Plan.

## *February 2005*

City Council consideration of Resolution Amending the Circulation Element of the General Plan.

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