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SUBJECT: Project Status of Mobility Plan Update

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The City last updated and adopted its General Plan in 2003, which included the Circulation Element. The 2003 Circulation Element was primarily auto-oriented and focused on neighborhood traffic protection and capital programs as evident by its four sections: Circulation, Neighborhood Traffic Intrusion, Parking, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks. In January 2013, the City began working with Iteris, Inc. to prepare an update to its General Plan Circulation Element, which will now be re-labeled as the Mobility Plan. The Mobility Plan will identify goals and policies for a balanced, multi-modal transportation system serving all users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities and transit users. The Mobility Plan update represents a change in direction from an auto-oriented focused policy document to a multi-modal approach with a significantly greater emphasis on moving people through active transportation options and improving transit opportunities. Ultimately, the Mobility Plan update and its implementing actions will result in a tailored set of recommendations to fit Manhattan Beach's unique community.

The project's community engagement efforts began with a public workshop in February 2013, which provided the community with an introduction to the purpose of the Mobility Plan update, and to solicit feedback on transportation throughout the City. In June and July 2013, small group outreach meetings with representatives from key stakeholder groups were held, which allowed for additional interaction and discussion between staff and representatives on various transportation opportunities. In August and September 2013, the City held two town hall meetings to discuss sharrows, specifically for Pacific Avenue. Approximately 100 people were in attendance at both meetings, with 45 speakers sharing comments and questions during the open discussions.

In November 2013, the City Council held a joint meeting with the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) and discussed scoping topics for the Mobility Plan. The City Council requested that staff return to Council and provide a preview of the pedestrian and bicycle project list, and in March 2014, staff presented the detailed draft list of pedestrian and bicycle projects to be considered and prioritized through the Mobility Plan update process. At that meeting, the City Council directed staff to return with an overview on Complete Streets, as well as provide the Draft Mobility Plan document for review and discussion before presenting it to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission and Planning Commission. In September 2014, the initial draft Mobility Plan (June 2014 version) was brought forward to the City Council with a detailed presentation on the contents of the draft Plan. The City Council directed staff to continue moving the document

forward to the two Commissions to gather input. Subsequently, in December 2014, the draft Plan was presented to the PPIC, and the Commission unanimously agreed that staff should continue moving forward with the process.

With a change in the Department's leadership, the project was reevaluated to ensure that the updated Mobility Plan was consistent with the overall purpose of the General Plan and keeping it within context of a higher level policy document. As a result, in 2015, staff performed a thorough review of the 2014 draft Plan as previously presented to the public, City Council and PPIC. Given the degree of specificity that was included in the draft Plan, upon further reflection, staff revised the 2014 draft Plan and removed the following sections:

- Pedestrian Project List Phases
- Bicycle Project List Phases Bicycle Parking (types, styles, locations)
- Current Bicycle Activity and Counts
- Transit Upgrade Options (amenities)
- Complete Streets Best Practices Review
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Project List & Crossing Enhancement Policy
- Public Comments
- Public Outreach Summary

Although these sections were removed from the 2014 draft Plan, the information from those sections has not been lost. As an alternative, all those sections were recommended to be brought back separately from the Mobility Plan, and presented as an Active Transportation Implementation Plan. Bifurcating the 2014 draft Plan in this manner and returning with the Active Transportation Implementation Plan would allow for additional engagement with the community on the various improvements and allow for additional community input on the specific bicycle and pedestrian recommendations. The additional community engagement would ensure that the recommendations are tailored to meet the needs and desires of our residents, provide various mobility options for children to and from school, provide safer family-friendly bicycle routes for families, provide east/west bicycle routes for families, and overall walkability in our neighborhoods.

The above mentioned revisions resulted in the 2015 draft Mobility Plan, which was presented to City Council and Planning Commission in a Joint Meeting in November 2015. At that meeting, additional feedback was received for the Plan's next iteration to reflect the following:

- Consolidate and refine goals and policies
- Remove references to specific projects and organizations
- Remove references to plans that have not been adopted by City Council
- Remove and replace various pictures, tables, and figures
- Remove trolley recommendation
- Promote NEVs
- Emphasize safety and enforcement
- Address universal design policy
- Address sidewalks (areas without sidewalks, discontinuous sidewalks, areas where sidewalks are not intended)

The requested revisions from the November 2015 meeting have been incorporated into the most current 2017 draft Mobility Plan. Prior to moving forward with the final revisions to the draft Initial Study, staff is seeking input from the City Council on next steps for this Plan.