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AGENDA ITEM _____

TO: **Members of the Planning Commission**
FROM: **Kevin Bryant, Advance Planner**
SUBJECT: **General Plan Update:
Circulation Element Issues Paper and Public Hearing**

MEETING DATE: **May 26, 2004** REVIEWED BY: _____

BACKGROUND

The Goal, Policy, and Program Refinement stage of the General Plan Update continues with the fourth of a series of issues papers, the *Circulation Element Issues Paper*, now before the Planning Commission for discussion. The paper is intended to provide a common reference point for discussion and deliberation of goals, policies, and programs to be included in the new Circulation Element of the updated General Plan, *Tiburon 2020*.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

Issue Identification/Data Collection (Spring - Fall 2002) – COMPLETE

Goal, Policy, and Program Refinement (2003 - 04)

*Housing Element – Review Complete
Downtown Element – Review Complete
Land Use Element – Review Complete
OSC Element – Review Complete*

Circulation Element

*Safety and Noise Elements – Summer '04
Parks & Recreation Element – Summer '04*

Plan Preparation, CEQA Compliance, and Plan Adoption (2004-05)

OBJECTIVES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The objectives of the Planning Commission meeting are to provide a forum to receive public comment and for the Planning Commission to provide feedback to Staff. The input received from the public and Planning Commission will be reported to the Town Council.

Staff has sent out over 600 fliers, nearly 200 emails, and placed a ¼-page advertisement in the *Ark*, all inviting participation at the May 26 Planning Commission meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to share their opinions about the recommendations in the *Circulation Element Issues Paper* with the Planning Commission. People who are unable to attend this meeting will have a similar opportunity before the Town Council, most likely in June.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee has also received copies of the *Issues Paper* and will have the opportunity to forward comments to the Planning Commission at their May 25 meeting, prior to the Planning Commission hearing.

The role of the Planning Commission at this meeting is to take the information, analysis, and recommendations presented in the *Issues Paper*, combined with the comments provided by the public, and to provide feedback to Staff concerning the goal, policy, and program



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recommendations in the *Issues Paper*. This feedback will be reported by Staff to the Town Council.

This is the time in the General Plan Update process to give direction for substantial changes to the recommendations presented in the *Issues Paper*. Following Planning Commission and Town Council review, Staff will begin preparation of the Circulation Element that will be part of the Draft General Plan, *Tiburon 2020*.

CIRCULATION ELEMENT ISSUES PAPER: OVERVIEW

Many of the existing goals, policies, and programs are included in the recommendations for the updated General Plan. Staff has also recommended additional policies and programs to promote the use of bicycles and walking and other alternative transportation modes.

In addition to the goals, policies, and programs, Staff has recommended a revised list of proposed circulation system improvements for the Planning Area.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission take public comment on the goal, policy, and program recommendations contained in the *Circulation Element Issues Paper*, and to provide feedback and recommendations to be forwarded to the Town Council.

ATTACHMENT

1. *Circulation Element Issues Paper (April 2004)* (previously distributed to Planning Commission)
2. Comments from Ralph Leighton, May 6, 2004
3. Comments from Bruce Powell, August 1, 2003

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