

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2012 AND PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT YEAR IN SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to provide the City Council with the City's *General Plan Annual Progress Report 2012* (APR), and request that City Council authorize staff to forward the report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Additionally, staff is presenting the *Planning and Community Development Department Year in Summary* for the City Council's reference. These two items are combined in the *General Plan Annual Progress Report 2012 and Planning and Community Development Department Year in Summary*. A copy of the document will be provided to the Planning Commission for information.

Government Code Section 65400 establishes the requirement that each city and county prepare an annual report on the status of the General Plan, including the Housing Element, and progress in its implementation to OPR and HCD. State law also requires that the APR be reviewed by the legislative body (City Council) at a public meeting. The City Council adopted the City's General Plan 2035 in March 2010, and the 2008-2014 Housing Element in November 2008. The Planning and Community Development Department is currently preparing an update of the Housing Element (referred to as the 2013-2021 Housing Element), which would be brought before the City Council in the next few months, prior to certification of the document by the HCD in October of this year.

The report contains two parts: the required General Plan APR, and a summary of activities of the Planning and Community Development Department this past year, which encompasses more items than direct General Plan implementation. The second part of the report is being provided for informational purposes. Much of the everyday work in the Planning and Community Development Department can be related ultimately to implementing the General Plan goals and policies in one way or another – some specifically and some more broadly – from current case planning to long range planning.

Some highlights of 2012 include:

- Completion of the design of the Agoura Road Widening and Canwood Street Improvements Project
- Preparation of the Kanan Road/Thousand Oaks Boulevard Intersection Pedestrian Plan, completed with funding from SCAG's Compass Blueprint Grant Program
- Adoption of the Parking Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The Pedestrian Plan provides solutions to improve pedestrian and bicycle access at the intersection and at neighborhoods that surround the intersection, including improved pedestrian crossing signals, bus shelters, improved bike lanes, and enhanced sidewalk and crosswalk paving, among other items. The Pedestrian Plan also envisions a multi-use trail along the channelized portions of Medea Creek behind the commercial shopping centers on Kanan Road.

The Parking Zoning Ordinance Amendment updated the parking requirement for several types of commercial uses not addressed, or with outdated parking requirements, in the Zoning Code. It also provided clarity on the use of shared parking in commercial centers for greater effectiveness, with the goal of creating more efficient parking.

The *General Plan Annual Progress Report 2012 and Planning and Community Development Department Year in Summary* also details the amount of development that occurred in 2012. During the 2012 calendar year, one above-moderate income single family home completed construction, and 95,884 square feet of office development were completed, consisting of Corporate Point (Scheu) and the Hilton Foundation Headquarters, adjacent to one another on Agoura Road.

Upon authorization by the City Council, staff will forward the *General Plan Annual Progress Report 2012 and Planning and Community Development Department Year in Summary* to OPR and HCD.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council authorize staff to forward the *General Plan Annual Progress Report 2012 and Planning and Community Development Department Year in Summary* to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Attachment: General Plan Annual Progress Report 2012 and Planning and Community Development Department Year in Summary