

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 10

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: March 21, 2007

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **SANDAG SERIES 11 NORTH COUNTY SUB-AREA TRAFFIC MODEL**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the SANDAG Series 11 North County Sub-Area Traffic Model be used for the City's Circulation Element Update.

BACKGROUND

On January 30, 2007, staff presented to the City Council preliminary results of the SANDAG Series 10 North County Sub-Area traffic model volume forecasts for three network alternatives studied as part of the Circulation Element Update. Staff recommended that additional review and adjustment of the SANDAG Series 10 North County Sub-Area model would be necessary and could take a couple of months.

Additionally, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update is anticipated to be completed by SANDAG this March. The RTP update is based upon the new regional SANDAG traffic model referred to as Series 11. Also in March, SANDAG will ask the North County cities of Carlsbad, Vista, San Marcos, Encinitas, Escondido and Oceanside to work with them on developing a focused traffic model for the North County area referred to as the Series 11 North County Sub-Area model. At the January 30 City Council meeting, staff anticipated that the SANDAG Series 11 North County Sub-Area model would be completed by June of 2007.

The City Council directed staff to get a more definite timeline from SANDAG on the anticipated completion date for the Series 11 North County Sub-Area model and to bring this information back to them in March.

ANALYSIS

On February 16, 2007, staff met with SANDAG representatives to discuss when they expect the Series 11 North County Sub-Area model to be completed. Moreover, related Smart Growth and land use zoning issues were also discussed with SANDAG.

SANDAG indicated they must work with North County cities to refine the Series 11 North County Sub-Area model, which would be completed by July 2007. It should be

noted that there is a small risk of delay associated with the other North County cities, depending on their specific model inputs and adjustments they would like included in the model. However, SANDAG was confident Series 11 would be completed by July. Additional aspects of the Series 11 North County Sub-Area model were discussed with SANDAG and are outlined below:

- The Series 11 model does not include Smart Growth concepts, but rather is based upon the City's General Plan land uses for year 2020;
- The General Plan Land Use zoning for the City's 2020 buildout horizon will be carried forward for year 2030 for analysis;
- A separate Smart Growth alternative for year 2030 also would be developed and analyzed; and
- An update to the City's General Plan Land Use Element will not be required.

Environmental scoping meetings with the public could take place in Spring or early Summer, prior to the completion of Series 11 in July. Staff expects to begin the Series 11 analysis for each Circulation Element roadway alternative in July or August of 2007 which would have the Circulation Element for final Council review in August 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

Does not apply.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

A staff update to the Transportation Commission was provided on February 20, 2007. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The City Attorney has reviewed the staff report and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the SANDAG Series 11 North County Sub-Area Traffic Model be used for the City's Circulation Element Update.

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