



**COLUSA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
STEERING COMMITTEE**

AGENDA PACKET

Meeting #4 – December 1, 2010

TO: Steering Committee Members

FROM: Steve Hackney, Director of Planning and Building; Ben Ritchie and Beth Thompson, De Novo Planning Group

SUBJECT: Circulation and Safety

DATE: November 18, 2010

INTRODUCTION

Please note that this meeting packet includes an agenda for the upcoming meeting, identifies specific reading materials related to circulation and safety, and raises key issues to consider prior to the fourth Steering Committee meeting. Select pages from the 1989 General Plan, Existing Conditions Report, and Issues and Opportunities Report have been identified with this packet; please make sure to read these materials prior to the meeting. These materials are included in the large binder you received at the last meeting. If you did not attend the last meeting, you may contact the Colusa County Department of Planning and Building at #(530)458-0480 to make arrangements to pick up your binder. The documents referenced herein can also be downloaded from the General Plan Update website: <http://www.countyofcolusageneralplan.org/>.

This Steering Committee meeting will focus on the topics of Circulation and Safety. Both of these topics are State-mandated elements of a General Plan and must be addressed. Jeff Clark with Fehr & Peers, the General Plan traffic consultant, will be at the meeting to discuss issues related to circulation.

The Circulation Element must address major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, other local public utilities and facilities, and must plan for a balanced multi-modal transportation network that meets the needs of all users.

The Safety Element must address fire hazards, seismic hazards, flood hazards, landslides, and emergency management coordination. It is anticipated that the Safety Element discussion for this meeting will have an emphasis on flooding and flood-related hazards.

As part of the Visioning process, County residents and stakeholders identified the following priorities to address:

- Poor condition of the roadway system;
- Increasing roadway congestion;
- Lack of public transportation options within the County for regional travel to/from the County;

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- Extensive areas of flooding throughout the County; and
- Lack of storm drainage infrastructure throughout most areas of the County.

The County's 1989 General Plan includes a stand-alone Circulation Element and a stand-alone Safety Element.

REQUIRED READING

Prior to the meeting on December 1st, please review the following materials:

1. December 1, 2010 General Plan Steering Committee Agenda
2. General Plan Background Report: Section 2-1 and Section 4-1
3. Issues and Opportunities Report: Section 2.4 and Section 2.7
4. Colusa County 1989 General Plan

Goals and Objectives: pages 3-4 and 8

Circulation Element: All policies on pages 36 through 42.

Safety Element: All policies on pages 33 through 37.

WORK EXERCISE

As you are reading through each of the Issues and Opportunities topics related to circulation and safety, please review and think about the questions posed at the end of each topic. Please also consider, and be prepared to discuss, the following questions:

- a) Are there specific roadways that need to be widened or expanded (capacity increases)?
- b) Are there problematic intersections that need to have improved operations?
- c) Should the County consider developing a fee program to address roadway maintenance?
- d) Is there a need for facilities to support non-auto transportation (bike trail systems, bus routes, pedestrian-friendly areas, etc.)?
- e) What are the top priorities for the County to address relative to drainage and flooding?
- f) What other safety issues are key concerns that should be addressed in the General Plan update?

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND MATERIALS

The Colusa County General Plan Update website is an excellent source of information for this project. Full copies of the Background Report, Issues and Opportunities Report, the 1989 General Plan, and the General Plan newsletters can be viewed and downloaded from the website located at: www.countyofcolusageneralplan.org.

Attachment 1
Meeting Agenda

GENERAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
December 1, 2010

AGENDA

Public Comment: If you wish to speak on an item contained in the Agenda or an issue within the purview of the General Plan Steering Committee, please complete a Speaker Card identifying the Item(s) and provide it to the Clerk prior to consideration of the item. When addressing the Committee, please state your name for the record, and please address the Committee. The total amount of time allotted to each topic is 15 minutes and each individual or speaker will be limited to no more than 5 minutes within the 15 minutes.

1. Call to Order – 1:00 P.M.

- a. Roll Call

2. General Business – 1:05 P.M.

- a. Public comment

3. Circulation Policy Discussion – 1:15 P.M.

- a. Legal requirements for a Circulation Element
- b. Overview of Colusa County's circulation system
- b. Goal and policy discussion

4. Safety Policy Discussion – 2:45 P.M.

- a. Legal requirements for a Safety Element
- b. Key safety issues in Colusa County
- b. Goal and policy discussion

5. Adjournment

NOTE: The agenda, supporting documents, and public records distributed for this meeting are available for inspection at the Colusa County Department of Planning and Building, 220 12th Street, Colusa, CA 95932 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) and are also on the General Plan Update website at: <http://countyofcolusageneralplan.org/content/meetings-workshops>. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Colusa County General Plan Steering Committee meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Department of Planning and Building at (530) 458-0480 at least 48 hours before the meeting to enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.