

# ***Plan Santa Barbara***

## **Draft Implementation Program**

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### **Phase I Projects**

1. **Housing Element Certification:** The recently adopted Housing Element has been submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This project will require responding to any additional comments from HCD with Council adoption of any required amendments. This project is being managed by Long Range Planning.
2. **Historic Resources Element:** Currently underway and expected to be adopted in 2012. The Historic Resources Element is a new General Plan element that draws on existing goals and policies found in various other elements, as well as new measures developed through the *PlanSB* process, and current efforts by the Historic Landmarks Commission. This project is being managed by the Design Review section with review by the City Attorney.
3. **Average Unit-Size Density Incentive Program:** The project will replace the existing Variable Density incentive program through new standards and ordinance amendments to help promote smaller residential unit sizes and buildings. The project also includes revised parking standards for multi-unit projects that qualify for the incentive program. This process is estimated to require two years to complete. Long Range Planning will lead this effort with support from Transportation and the City Attorney. This project will be initiated by the Council.
4. **Non-Residential Growth Management Program:** This project includes the renewal of the “Measure E” ordinance (set to expire on January 1, 2013) with revised square foot amounts and categories, community benefit determinations, associated Development Plan Ordinance revision, and criteria to assess traffic impacts and the potential ongoing use of the traffic model. Long Range Planning and Transportation will jointly lead this effort, with support from the City Attorney. This project will be initiated at the Planning Commission.
5. **Zoning and LCP Map Amendments:** Currently underway and expected to be completed by FY 2015, a three year effort. The Zoning map is required by state law to be consistent with the new General Plan map, in terms of designations, boundaries and residential densities. Similarly, per the Coastal Act, both the General Plan map and the Zoning map are required to be consistent with the Local Coastal Program (LCP). This effort will require both Zoning Ordinance and LCP amendments. Long Range Planning is leading this effort with support from the City Attorney. This project will be initiated by the Planning Commission.
6. **Highway 101 Air Quality Setback:** Currently underway and expected to extent into FY 2015, a four year effort. This project was identified in the Final EIR as a mitigation measure, per the Air Resources Board, to reduce the impact to sensitive receptors of diesel emissions associated with vehicle travel on Highway 101. This project will establish project review protocols, followed by monitoring, until the setback policy is removed as a result of improved vehicle emissions.

The Planning Division is leading this effort with support from the City Attorney. This project will be initiated by the Council.

7. **SB 375/Housing Element Update:** Currently underway and expected to be completed by FY 2015, a four year effort. Senate Bill 375 seeks to integrate the existing Regional Transportation Plan process with the existing Regional Housing Needs Assessment process through a new Sustainable Communities Strategy. This project will culminate with the certification of the City's next Housing Element in December, 2014. This project is led by the Santa Barbara Association of Governments (SBCAG), with limited staff support from each local jurisdiction. City staff contributions from Long Range Planning and Transportation, including producing the next Housing Element.
8. **Climate Action Plan:** Currently underway and expected to be completed by FY 2013, a three year effort. This implementation action was identified in the *PlanSB* Final EIR as a mitigation measure to reduce the impact of Green House Gases (GHG) during the life of the plan. This project is being led by Long Range Planning with the support of the City Green Team Departments. A \$50,000 grant has been secured to assist with technical services primarily related to calculating GHG projections.
9. **Safety Element:** Currently underway and expected to be completed by FY 2014, a three year effort. The update of the Safety Element of the General Plan will require a number of technical studies to identify potential natural and manmade hazards. This effort will be led by Long Range Planning, with the support of the Building & Safety Division, Fire Department, Public Works Department and limited professional services. A \$250,000 grant has been secured to fund the professional services.
10. **Adaptive Management Program:** This project will formally establish a program to monitor, evaluate and report on the implementation of General Plan policies in meeting the Plan's goals, including recommended adjustments and/or amendments as necessary. The initial phase will establish the framework and primarily integrate existing monitoring programs, and is expected to be completed in the first year. Long Range Planning will lead this effort with support from Transportation, Water Resources, Environmental Services and Parks & Recreation. This project will be initiated by the Council.
11. **Emergency Shelter Zoning:** State Housing law requires that within one year of Housing Element adoption (FY 2013), each jurisdiction shall designate at least one zone in which a year-round emergency shelter can be established without any discretionary permit. This effort will also require establishing development standards and permit procedures, as allowed by state law. Long Range Planning will lead this effort, with support from the City Attorney. This project will be initiated by the Planning Commission.
12. **Building Height Over 45 Feet:** This project will establish special findings in the Zoning Ordinance for projects that exceed 45 feet in height. This project is expected to be completed within one year; Long Range Planning will lead the effort with support from the City Attorney. This project will be initiated by the Planning Commission.

13. **Alternative Transportation Demand Analysis:** This project will assess the current and future demand for alternative modes of transportation in the city, e.g. transit, biking and walking. This project is expected to be completed within a year and will be led by Transportation, with support from Long Range Planning. Funds are available for this project and will require consultant services. This project will be initiated by the Council.
  
14. **Arts Master Plan:** This project is currently underway and expected to be completed by FY 2013. The effort is being led by the Santa Barbara County Arts Advisory Committee with minimal support from Long Range Planning. This project was initiated by the Arts Commission.