

MEMO
HUMBOLDT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LAND USE DIVISION

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Robert W. Bronkall, Associate Engineer 

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**RE: PRELIMINARY REVIEW ON THE DRAFT COMMUNITY
 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES ELEMENT (CHAPTER 7) AND
 DRAFT CIRCULATION ELEMENT (CHAPTER 8) OF THE COUNTY
 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

The Department has completed a PRELIMINARY review of the Draft Community Infrastructure and Services Element (Chapter 7); the November 2007 Community Infrastructure & Services Technical Report by Winzler and Kelly; and the Draft Circulation Element (Chapter 8), all of the County General Plan. These items contain a tremendous amount of technical data that is of great interest and importance to the Department. The Department has developed a list of preliminary comments on specific items in these documents. Those comments were previously provided to the Planning Division of the Community Development Services Department. In addition, the Department has met with the sub-consultant of the Technical Report to provide further comments.

11-1 In general, the documents do a good job of describing the current state of the infrastructure related to the Department's responsibility. One of the Department's biggest concerns is regarding the information listed in Table 2-3 of the Technical Report. The Department has requested that the authors undertake a substantial review of the data to address the Department's concerns.

11-2 The Department has requested that an additional run of the model be performed and added to Section 2.7.2 of the Technical Report. The information in Table 2-3 of the Technical Report does not appear to take into consideration the projects listed in 2.7.2 of the Technical Report to resolve some of the traffic issues.

11-2 When Table 2.3 of the Technical Report is revised, it will provide a good snapshot of the existing conditions, as well as what the future full build-out conditions would be without additional roadways or improvements being constructed. By adding the improvements and re-running the model for Table 2.7.2 of the Technical Report, the results of the improvements on traffic flow will provide guidance for the planning and development of future subdivisions.

11-3 Also, the chapters in the general plan must be coordinated with the current update of the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan. Lack of coordination may result in funding for local projects being withheld.

The Department looks forward to providing an in-depth review of these documents once the initial comments have been incorporated.