



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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**AGENDA TITLE:** Receive Progress Report on the City of Lodi General Plan Update

**MEETING DATE:** November 7, 2007

**PREPARED BY:** Rad Bartlam, General Plan Project Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive progress report on the City of Lodi General Plan update.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Early in 2006, the City Council directed the Community Development Department to begin the process for updating the City of Lodi General Plan. On May 17, 2006, the City Council entered into a contract with the consulting firm of Dyett & Bhatia for services to update the General Plan.

On September 19, 2007, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with myself in order to manage the program. In the past month, my time has been spent on background information including the review of all documents produced to date and interviews with a variety of interested people involved in the plan.

At this time, the following documents and/or tasks have been completed:

Stakeholder Interviews

Community Workshop #1

Community Survey

Working Papers:

\*Land Use & Transportation

\*Urban Design & Liveability

\*Growth & Economic Development

\*Greenbelt Strategies

The activities and papers listed above constitute the background conditions that the consultant team will use as the foundation for the General Plan. We are currently scheduling a joint session with the City Council and Planning Commission to receive a presentation regarding this work product. Once complete, the development of alternatives will begin.

As a side note, the City Council received a presentation from the Chamber of Commerce at a recent shirtsleeve on their "Blueprint" of recommendations for the General Plan. This report will be added to the baseline material for alternative development.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Blair King, City Manager

**SCHEDULE**

The attached schedule represents the revised assumptions for completion of the various tasks for the General Plan. As shown, the Sketch Plans (Alternatives) would be completed by mid February. The alternatives will be vetted and reviewed by the public through the month of May. The Draft General Plan policy document and Environmental Impact Report being complete in November. The public review process and adoption schedule would commence in January, 2009 and the projected Final for City Council action in March, 2009.

**BUDGET**

After thorough review of the current product, invoices and meetings with the consultant team, I feel the program is approximately \$30,000 over budget to date. I believe that some of this can be made up with the revised schedule and tasks. I do not know as to what level of change will ultimately occur. I would suggest that it is quite reasonable to have the budget within three percent of the original contract.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**                   None.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:**       The cost of the above work is included in the contract for the General Plan Update authorized by the City Council.

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Kirk Evans, Budget Manager

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Rad Bartlam  
General Plan Project Manager

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Attachments: Schedule dated October 12, 2007

# Schedule for the City of Lodi General Plan Update and EIR

