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Napa County Planning Commission Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Planning Commission
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Conservation, Development & Planning
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SUBJECT: Public Works Road and Street Standards Update

RECOMMENDATION

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD AND STREET STANDARDS UPDATE

CEQA Status: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

Request: Presentation and discussion on a draft update to the Napa County Road & Street Standards. These standards address design criteria for roads, streets, driveways, parking lots, traffic control, storm drainage, and entry gates. The proposed revisions consist mainly of clarification to existing standards, but include providing additional flexibility for improvements to existing residential driveways, updating references to Caltrans requirements, and updating hydrology information.

Staff Recommendation: Information item. Any Commission and public comments will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County first adopted standards for road and streets in 1971. Over the last 30 years, these standards have been updated several times, with the latest update occurring in 2006. Updates to the standards are adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, and a Planning Commission recommendation is not required. Public Works Staff have requested that the Planning Commission review the standards and provide comments prior to consideration by the Board given that entitlement requests that come before the Commission are subject to these road and street standards. In addition, the Planning Commission is designated as the decision-maker on

requests for exceptions (also commonly called modifications) to these standards when such a request is made in association with a Commission-level use permit. These standards also provide a substantial basis for staff recommendations on required traffic control improvements, general and emergency access improvements, and drainage improvements for projects that come before the Commission.

Attached is a tracked-changes version of the proposed updates. At the meeting, Public Works staff will give a brief overview of the proposed updates and be available to respond to questions and receive comments. A previous draft of this document was shared with local land use development professionals (engineers, planners, architects, contractors) with comments incorporated into the current draft.

This item is not a noticed public hearing, but the Commission is encouraged to receive comments from any interested members of the public. Any Commission and public comments will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisor for consideration at their future noticed public hearing. The Board's public hearing is tentative scheduled for June 28, 2011 at 10 a.m.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Significant proposed updates consist of the following items:

- | Revised formatting of entire document / new table of contents
- | Update to overall objectives language contained on pages 7 and 8
- | Addition of definitions section on pages 10 and 11
- | Revised residential driveway standards on pages 13, 15 and 17 through 19
- | Updated Left Turn Warrant Graph on page 23 to account for larger average daily trips
- | Updated Typical Cross Sections on pages 24 through 41
- | Updated storm water run-off characteristics on pages 51 through 60

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Draft Road and Street Standards Update

Napa County Planning Commission: Approve

Reviewed By: John McDowell