



PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FEE

The Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley will hold a public hearing on the above matter on Wednesday, **June 14, 2006** at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. (at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way), Berkeley. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

The City of Berkeley is considering adoption of a Transportation Services Fee to be applied to new development and changes of use. The fee will specifically fund projects and programs that will mitigate development impacts on the City's transportation facilities and services. These impacts, in the form of increased motor vehicle trips, will negatively affect transit service, pedestrians and cyclists, will worsen traffic congestion, will increase parking demand, and will increase the costs of enforcing traffic safety laws. Additional motor vehicle trips will also negatively impact environmental conditions by contributing to air, water and noise pollution, visual degradation, and increase energy consumption.

The Transportation Services Fee would fund programs and projects that aim to reduce the growth in peak hour motor vehicle trips. It focuses on three main elements: 1) Citywide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) marketing and incentives programs that will encourage those who travel within, to, or from Berkeley to use alternative transportation modes. 2) Transit service and signage improvements, expansion of the EcoPass program, and improvements to the Downtown Berkeley Bike Station that will provide additional transit service and improved access to transit, making it a better alternative to the private automobile. And, 3) pedestrian and bicycle facilities improvements that are designed to increase the number of people using these transportation modes.

The proposal includes proposed fee rates for new development and changes of use, implementation, and other land use considerations.

This proposal does not include any General Plan or Zoning Ordinance (BMC Title 23) amendments.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may vote to recommend that the Council adopt, modify, or reject the proposed policy. The Planning Commission's recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council, which may approve, modify, or reject the proposed policy.

To obtain copies of the proposed policy and Staff Report to the Planning Commission regarding this matter please contact Carli Paine at (510) 981-7403. TDD (510) 644-6915. Materials are also available

on line at: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/landuse/current.html> .

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments may be made verbally at the public hearing and in writing before the hearing. Those wishing to speak at the hearing must submit a speaker card. Written comments concerning this project should be directed to:

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To assure distribution to Commission members prior to the meeting, correspondence must be received by 12:00 noon, seven (7) days before the meeting.

COMMUNICATION ACCESS

To request a meeting agenda in large print, Braille, or on audiocassette, or to request a sign language interpreter for the meeting, call (510) 981-7410 (voice) or 981-7474 (TDD). Notice of at least five (5) business days will ensure availability. Agendas are also available on the Internet at: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions about the project should be directed to the Carli Paine, Associate Planner, at (510) 981-7403 or cpaine@ci.berkeley.ca.us.