

## RESOLUTION NO. 6472

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AN UPDATED CIRCULATION PLAN AS PART OF THE GARDENA GENERAL PLAN

**WHEREAS**, State law requires the City to adopt and maintain a General Plan that contains certain mandatory elements, including a Circulation Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gardena has adopted a General Plan containing the required Elements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Circulation Element is identified as the Circulation Plan and is part of the Community Development Element; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 the State Legislature adopted SB 743 which addressed a range of topics aimed to better promote statewide policies that: combat climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; encourage infill development instead of urban sprawl; and promote multi-modal transportation networks; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of SB 743 the methodology for analyzing transportation impacts has been modified and using a traditional level of service (LOS) analysis which measures traffic delays is no longer allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, as of July 1, 2020 transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines will instead use vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the metric to measure transportation impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Gardena's Circulation Plan, which is part of the City's General Plan, includes references to LOS to determine circulation impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 the State Legislature adopted AB 1358 entitled the California Complete Streets Act of 2008 which required cities to include complete streets policies as part of their general plans so that roadways are designed to safely accommodate all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, children, older people, and disable people, as well as motorists; and

**WHEREAS**, under AB 1358, any substantive revision of the circulation element after January 2011 requires local governments to include complete street provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to update the City's Circulation Plan to account for the changes required by both SB 743 and AB 1358; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of Gardena held a duly noticed public hearing on this matter on June 2, 2020 at which time it considered all evidence presented, both written and oral; and

**WHEREAS**, after the close of the public hearing the Planning Commission adopted PC Resolution No. 5-20 recommending that the City Council adopt the Updated Circulation Plan and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Gardena held a duly noticed public hearing on this matter on July 14, 2020 at which time it considered all evidence presented, both written and oral;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council, based upon substantial evidence in the record, hereby makes the following findings in support of the adoption of the 2020 Updated Circulation Plan:

A. Each and every WHEREAS clause listed above is a true and correct statement.

B. It is in the best interest of public health, safety and welfare to update the City's 2006 Circulation Element by implementing the State laws designed to protect the health of the citizens and insure everyone's needs are accounted for with regard to streets.

C. The update to the City's 2006 Circulation Element is consistent with the following goals and policies of the City's General Plan:

- Circulation Goal 1: Promote a safe and efficient circulation system that benefits residents and businesses, and integrates with the greater Los Angeles/South Bay transportation system.
- Circulation Goal 3: Promote alternative modes of transportation that are safe and efficient for commuters, and available to persons of all income levels and disabilities.
- Land Use Goal 1: Preserve and protect existing single-family and low/medium-density residential neighborhoods while promoting the development of additional high quality housing types in the City.
  - LU 1.5: Provide adequate residential amenities such as open space, recreation, off-street parking and pedestrian features in multifamily residential developments.
- Land Use Goal 4: Provide the highest quality of public facilities possible to meet the needs of the City's residents and businesses and promote the City's image and cultural heritage.

o LU 4.3: Design public improvements to encourage pedestrian activity and access and to provide safe and convenient pedestrian circulation.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Circulation Plan. The City Council hereby adopts the 2020 Updated Circulation Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A. While this is not a comprehensive update to the 2006 Circulation Plan, it makes the changes necessary to comply with SB 743 and AB 1358, as well as makes other minor technical corrections/updates.

SECTION 3. CEQA. The City Council's adoption of the 2020 Updated Circulation Plan is exempt from CEQA under the common sense exemption of Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) where it can be seen with certainty that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment given that regardless of whether the City takes these actions, State law mandates the change in the methodology assessing traffic impacts. Additionally, these actions are exempt under Guidelines Section 15308 because they are taken to protect the environment. Staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption with the Office of the County Clerk.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered among the original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.



TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:



*for* MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LISA E. KRANITZ, Assistant City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            ) SS:  
CITY OF GARDENA                        )

I, **MINA SEMENZA**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being **Resolution No. 6472** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **14th day of July, 2020**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:     COUNCIL MEMBERS TANAKA AND KASKANIAN, MAYOR PRO TEM  
            HENDERSON, COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS AND MAYOR CERDA

NOES:     NONE

ABSENT:  NONE

  
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City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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