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TO: Transportation and Communications Committee

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SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Vision and Guiding Principles

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BACKGROUND:
The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Task Force requested that staff articulate a vision and guiding principles for the RCP. The vision and guiding principles have been reviewed by the RCP Task Force and staff has incorporated the comments in the most recent version.

These statements are an articulation of themes and concepts discussed throughout the RCP process. They are based on the Growth Vision principles of sustainability, livability, prosperity and mobility. They describe how the RCP can promote and sustain these principles and provide a conceptual framework for the document. This approach is consistent with previous RCP Task Force discussions that identified the RCP as part of the Compass Growth Vision and 2% Strategy Implementation. These principles will be addressed in each of the nine chapters.

Staff plans to bring forth the Transportation and Security & Emergency Preparedness chapters to the TCC for review in September. The Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for release by fall 2007 with the final version accompanying the Regional Transportation Plan's adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Activities related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan are contained in the OWP under the work element 07-035.SCGS1.

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Vision

The vision of the Regional Comprehensive Plan is to foster a Southern California region that addresses future needs while recognizing the interrelationship between economic prosperity, natural resource sustainability, and quality of life.

Through measured performance and tangible outcomes, the RCP serves as both an action plan for implementation of short-term strategies and a call to action for strategic, long-term initiatives that are guided by the following Guiding Principles for sustaining a livable region:

Guiding Principles

Principle 1 - Improve mobility for all residents
Improve the efficiency of the transportation system by strategically adding new travel choices to enhance system connectivity in concert with land use decisions and environmental objectives.

Principle 2- Foster livability in all communities
Foster safe, healthy, walkable communities with diverse services, strong civic participation, affordable housing and equal distribution of environmental benefits.

Principle 3 – Enable prosperity for all people
Promote economic vitality and new economies by providing housing, education, and job training opportunities for all people.

Principle 4 – Promote sustainability for future generations
Promote a region where quality of life and economic prosperity for future generations are supported by the sustainable use of natural resources.