

IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 10: IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS

The individual General Plan Elements (Sections 2 through 9) indicate the specific programs that will implement the goals and policies contained within each Element. The specific implementation measures and programs are described in this section. The identification of a funding source for individual programs does not exclude the use of other available funds. The programs have been arranged in alphabetical order to facilitate reference and updating.

1. Accessible Housing in Zoning Ordinance

The availability of handicap access often prevent handicapped households from obtaining adequate housing. The State has established standards for handicap access in new developments and existing residential units. The City will incorporate handicap access requirements into the Zoning Ordinance, as required by State Law.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

2. Accident and Crime Statistics Review Program

Accident and crime statistics provide information on the specific needs of Whittier and on the effectiveness of its police services. These statistics are primarily used in planning police staffing, programs and priorities. The City will continue to gather accident and crime statistics for the area for use in the review of police service needs. An annual summary will be provided to the City Council.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Police Department
Funding: General Fund

3. Acoustical Analysis Reports

By identifying the potential for noise impacts, noise-sensitive uses such as residences, schools, hospitals, library and nursing homes will not be located beside industrial and heavy commercial areas. The City will require the preparation of acoustical analysis reports for uses that would create noise impacts that will be located near noise-sensitive uses, or that will be adversely impacted by outside noises. The City will require acoustical design measures to mitigate potential noise impacts.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

4. Affordable Housing Fund

The Redevelopment Agency is required to spend 20 percent of the tax increment funds on housing for low and moderate income households. These funds may be used for rehabilitation loans, improvement grants or new housing development within the redevelopment project area. The City will establish an "affordable housing fund" through the redevelopment planning process.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Redevelopment Agency
Funding: Redevelopment Funds

5. Air Quality Coordinator

The City will assign specific persons in the City to track the SCAQMD rule development process, inform affected departments and the City Council, and convey the concerns of Whittier residents and comment on issues affecting the City. The coordinator will work with SCAQMD in monitoring the implementation of SCAQMD Regulations, the AQMP, and other air quality programs in the City of Whittier. The Coordinator will also assist SCAQMD by providing available data on city building activities, on request. The air quality coordinator would be the City's representative for expressing the City's position for state and federal air quality regulation.

Timing: 1993
Agency: City Manager
Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

6. Annexation Program

There are unincorporated areas adjacent to Whittier which are served by City services and bear a physical, social or economic relationship to the City. Because these areas are outside the City limits, Whittier does not have authority over these areas. The City's will continue to evaluate the feasibility of annexing these areas in order to have greater control on development in the area. The City will determine the extent of local support related to possible annexation into the City of Whittier. It will inform the property owners of the City's support for annexation and encourage such efforts through cooperation with annexation studies.

Timing: 1993-1995
Agency: Community Development Department, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

7. Beautification Program

Beautification programs allow residents to volunteer their efforts toward the enhancement of their neighborhoods. These programs may include graffiti removal, tree planting, fence painting,

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parkway cleaning, trash removal, and other improvements to public places. These efforts improve the quality of the environment, promote property maintenance, and could increase public safety. With a common cause to work for, residents develop cooperation, friendship, and pride in their community. The City will develop a Beautification Program for the City's residential neighborhoods.

Timing: 1995-1996

Agency: Planning Department, Community Development Department, Parks Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

8. Bicycle Facilities

The City will develop regulations for secure parking areas for bicycles and showers and locker facilities at new commercial and industrial facilities with 50 or more employees.

Timing: 1995

Agency: Planning Department

Funding: General Fund

9. Bikeway and Equestrian Trails

Currently, bikeways and bicycle lanes in the City do not provide a system for travel to major activity centers and other bikeways in the area. Safety concerns and convenience have discouraged bicycle users from using these facilities. The City will develop a bikeway plan to serve and connect major activity centers in the City and surrounding areas, as discussed in the Environmental Resource Management Element. This plan will be compatible with the City's street network, as discussed in the Transportation Element. Regional trails run along the San Gabriel River and on the Puente Hills to the north. Trails running into the City of Whittier could encourage greater use of the existing regional bicycle and hiking trails. The City will work with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for developing a regional trail system through the City.

Timing: 1994 - 1995

Agency: Parks Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

10. Bikeway Plan

The City will implement its bikeway plan to serve and connect major activity centers in the City and surrounding area. The City will prioritize bikeway/bike lane construction and include them in the Capital Improvement Program.

Timing: 1994
Agency: Parks Department, Community Services
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

11. Capital Improvement Program

The City of Whittier has a developed infrastructure and public service system to serve its residents. The City's Capital Improvement Program outlines projects for the improvement, construction or maintenance needed of public facilities and infrastructure. It includes City structures, libraries, parks and recreational facilities, drainage facilities, roadway and traffic systems, water and sewer lines, and other infrastructure. The program provides a schedule of projects and their funding for a 5-year time period. It is reviewed annually and extended for an additional year. The City will prioritize infrastructure and public service projects through the City's capital improvement program.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

12. Carbon Monoxide Hotspots

The City will identify existing and potential carbon monoxide hotspots (such as busy intersections) in the vicinity of new projects through the CEQA review process and identify any sensitive receptors that would be impacted by project-related carbon monoxide increases or by exposure to carbon monoxide hotspots through occupancy of new developments.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

13. Carpool Programs

The City will continue to coordinate carpooling among City employees and refer interested residents and small businesses to appropriate agencies.

The City will advertise and disseminate the availability of carpool programs for existing and future City employees.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Transit Department
Funding: Enterprise Fund, Special Revenue Fund

14. City Emergency Plan

The City's Emergency Plan includes a City Disaster Preparedness Program, emergency drills and training, update of the disaster manual, earthquake safety information program, resource directories, assessment of equipment and supplies, and preparation of Community Resource Director and Employee Skill Inventory. It provides procedures to follow in case of any disaster, including evacuation routes and individual responsibilities. The City will update and implement the City's Emergency Plan. The timing and location of drills will be varied to promote emergency preparedness.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Personnel Department
Funding: General Fund

15. City Vehicles and Equipment

The City will purchase public vehicles and other equipment that use *methanol* or other low-emissions fuels on city vehicles that are cost effective to purchase, use and maintain. It will require that vehicles purchased for the City's vehicle fleet comply with SCAQMD's existing and proposed regulations, as required by the California Clean Air Act. The City will review new street cleaning vehicles which achieve improved particulate removal efficiency and replace existing street sweepers, as feasible, when new purchases are needed. In the meantime, it will keep city equipment properly tuned and in good condition to minimize pollutant emissions.

Timing: 1996
Agency: Department of Public Works, Fleet Maintenance
Funding: Internal Service Fund

16. Code Enforcement

Without property maintenance, housing units look unsafe and could deteriorate faster. The City has established minimum standards for maintenance to protect public safety and enhance neighborhood quality. The standards help conserve the housing stock and maintain property values. The City will enforce the property maintenance standards. The City will continue the code enforcement of nuisances (inoperable vehicles, alleys, property maintenance) and illegal housing units and garage conversions.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Code Enforcement Division, Community Development Department, Building & Safety, City Attorney, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

17. Commercial Development Standards

The City has adopted commercial development guidelines to provide design standards for yards, off-street parking, and signs. These will improve the quality of commercial projects in the City. The City will continue to implement and inform citizens and developers of commercial development standards and design guidelines.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

18. Communication Systems

Communication systems and power lines may be damaged by disasters, causing emergency response to be delayed or disorganized. There are other means of communications which may be utilized during these situations. The City will review available communications systems for use in case of emergencies.

Timing: 1993 - 1994
Agency: Human Resources Department
Funding: General Fund

19. Community Participation Program

The City of Whittier encourages community participation and input into City programs and ordinances. This leads to programs that reflect citizen interests and meet their needs. It also develops pride and commitment from its residents. By involving residents in the decision-making process, equal opportunity is promoted and the sense of community is strengthened. The City will disseminate information by cable television and other media to encourage community participation in all City programs.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department, Transit Department, Library
Funding: General Fund

20. Comprehensive Historic Survey

A number of studies and field surveys have been made on Whittier's historic structures but a comprehensive survey is yet to be done. While the City may not have the resources to complete the survey, there are community groups and interested individuals who could assist the City in this program. The City will combine past surveys and studies and work with community groups on preparing a comprehensive survey of cultural resources in the City.

Timing: 1993 - 1994

Agency: Department of Community Development, Historic Resource Commission

Funding: General Fund

21. Construction-related Air Quality Impacts Evaluation

The City will develop a program, in cooperation with existing SCAQMD regulations which will be effective in controlling short-term construction related emissions. The Existing SCAQMD regulations concerning fugitive dust control, diesel emissions, and structural demolition will serve as the framework for the City's program.

Timing: 1993

Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works

Funding: General Fund

22. Conversion of Railroad Rights-of-Way

The railroad tracks in the City of Whittier are underutilized, with only a few trains passing every day. As truck deliveries increase, it is expected that these rights-of-way will be abandoned in the future. There are several uses for these railroad rights-of-way and the City will explore ways of getting greater amenity from these. The potential uses of the rights-of-way include a mass transit system, a multi-use trail, a linear park, or other appropriate uses. The City will contact appropriate agencies or organizations (Rails to Trails) to study the feasibility of the conversion of abandoned railroad rights-of-way in Whittier to multi-use trails, including its suitability, other potential uses, financing, and maintenance.

Timing: 1995-1996

Agency: Parks Department, Planning Department, Community Development Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

23. Coordinate with Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and Southern California Rapid Transit District

The City will continue discussions with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission and the Southern California Rapid Transit District on the potential alignment of future light rail systems through the City.

Timing: 1994

Agency: Planning Department, Transit Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

24. Crosswalks

The City will clearly delineate crosswalks in the street system that serve schools, parks, traffic, shopping centers, and other areas of high pedestrian traffic.

Timing: 1994

Agency: Department of Public Works

Funding: General Fund

25. Cultural Resources Preservation Methods

When archaeological and paleontological resources are found, it is important that the appropriate measures are followed for proper preservation. The City will determine preservation methods according to the significance of identified resources. This may include, but is not limited to, keeping the area undeveloped (park or open space), covering with fill, developing the site as a cultural center, removing the resource to another site, or preserving and reuse of structures.

Many archaeological and paleontological resources are overlooked or damaged during excavation activities. Thus, grading and excavation present the greatest opportunity for the identification and preservation of the area's cultural resources. The City will monitor excavation activities for sites identified to a high potential for archaeological and paleontological resources.

Timing: 1993

Agency: Planning Department

Funding: General Fund

26. Deed Restriction

Private parks cannot be designated as parks in the Land Use Plan and Zoning Map unless it is with the owner's consent. Methods of ensuring that private open space is preserved include the use of development agreements or deed restriction. When open space is required in new development, efforts must be taken to ensure this open space is not converted to other uses in the future.

Timing: 1993-1994

Agency: Planning Department

Funding: General Fund

27. Demolition Notice

The demolition of historic structures may sometimes go unnoticed. With greater notification efforts and longer periods, more historic structures may be preserved. The City will continue to

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require adequate notice prior to the demolition of historic structures to solicit interest in moving the structure to another site for possible rehabilitation or alternate methods of preservation.

Timing: 1994
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

28. Density Bonus

Incentives for the development of low income housing and housing for the elderly can encourage developers to enter these ventures. Increases in allowable density reduces per unit costs and makes housing development more affordable. The City will continue to provide density bonuses for low income and senior citizen housing projects.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

29. Design Standards within Historic Districts

To promote the integrity of historic districts, new structures will be compatible in terms of scale and character. Design guidelines can assist developers in planning a project that would complement existing buildings, instead of clashing with them. The City will develop design standards for new development near historic buildings or districts. With design guidelines for historic districts in place, the City can review development projects for compatibility with adjacent structures and the neighborhood identity. This review does not require structures to reflect historical architectural styles, but only to promote the character of the place. The City will evaluate new development for compatibility with adjacent historic structures or districts.

Timing: 1995 - 1996
Agency: Planning Department, Historic Resource Commission
Funding: General Fund

30. Design Review

Design review of proposed developments assures the architectural compatibility of new structures to the existing environment and adjacent structures. As part of the development review process, design review is undertaken by the Planning Department to evaluate a proposal's compliance with established design standards. Design review allows the City to suggest changes to the structural features of development, in order to develop community character and identity. The City will continue to require design review for development proposals and to implement design standards for commercial, industrial, and residential developments. Construction projects valued at 50

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percent or more of the original structure's appraised value and all new developments will be required to go through an administrative design review, at the minimum.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

31. Disaster Planning

Safety concerns on earthquakes, steep slopes, fire, crime and other hazards that affect Whittier are not confined to the City limits. These concerns are shared by adjacent cities and, sometimes, the region. The City of Whittier can decrease the work and increase efficiency by working with adjacent cities in addressing area-wide hazards and disaster planning. Disaster planning will include provision of adequate fireflow, the designation of evacuation routes, and the development of fire lanes within developments. The City will coordinate disaster planning with adjacent cities and communities. It will maintain mutual aid agreements with the Sheriff's Department, adjacent police departments and other law enforcement agencies.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Human Services, Human Resources Department
Funding: General Fund

32. Disaster Recovery Program

A disaster recovery program provides established resources to help return the City to normal operations. It shortens the social, economic and physical disruptions after a disaster and eliminates the pressure on the City to initiate reconstruction programs. The City will develop a disaster recovery program to help in the reconstruction efforts of residents and businesses in the City. This program will be made part of the City's Emergency Plan.

Timing: 1995 - 1996
Agency: Disaster Council
Funding: General Fund

33. Drainage Master Plan

The storm drainage system provides runoff disposal and prevents area flooding. It protects neighborhoods by eliminating flood hazards. Drainage line upgrades are needed in areas to prevent flooding. Also, new development is likely to increase runoff and may require drainage line upgrades. The City will ensure that studies and provisions are incorporated into new development to provide adequate storm drainage and avoid flooding. The City will implement the City's Drainage Master Plan by including storm drain projects in the Capital Improvement

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Program. It will cooperate the County Department of Public Works in maintaining storm drains serving the City.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund

34. Emergency Preparedness Brochures

The damage and disruption caused by emergencies and disasters may be aggravated by panic, ignorance, and misinformation. An emergency preparedness brochure that contains the basic procedures and resources during such cases can be a useful guide for everyone to keep around at all times. The City will prepare emergency preparedness brochures which outline ways to prevent injury and property damage, evacuation routes, emergency shelters, resource persons, and other tips for individual safety.

Timing: 1995 - 1996
Agency: Department of Human Resources, Community Services
Funding: General Fund

35. Energy Conservation

Title 24 of the California Administrative Code outlines insulation and energy conservation standards for new development. A number of other energy conservation practices and design features are recommended by state, local and utility agencies. Natural gas and power companies have developed energy conservation designs and measures and offer free consultation services to developers/builders and users. The City of Whittier can take advantage of these services by initiating contact between local utilities companies and developers during the review process. It will encourage developers/builders to consult with local utility companies on possible energy conservation measures to incorporate into new developments. There are rebate programs, experimental homes, museums, free audits and a host of other services to help conserve energy. There are available brochures and informational material from utility companies that explain the need for energy conservation and the different ways this may be achieved. The City of Whittier will get copies of all different materials to make them available at City Hall for residents and developers. The City will provide energy conservation brochures at City Hall. The City will explore with public utilities the feasibility of retrofitting city facilities for energy-efficient appliances. It will require the use of the most cost-effective energy-saving equipment, heating and lighting in all new City buildings, considering installation, operating and maintenance costs. The City will also encourage the use of passive solar design systems.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department, Department of Building and Safety
Funding: General Fund

36. Entryway Signage

Whittier's irregular City boundaries make it difficult to know if one is inside the City. Coordinated entryway signage can provide better recognition of the City and a sense of identity. The City will develop entryway and other signage to be placed at major streets leading into Whittier.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Department of Public Works, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

37. Environmental Regulations

Environmental quality is a world-wide concern and there are numerous laws by state, federal and local agencies that serve to protect the environment. The City will coordinate with other agencies on the enforcement of local, state and federal laws on environmental protection and pollution control within its jurisdiction.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: City Manager
Funding: General Fund

38. Environmental Review Program

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is a state law that was adopted to protect the quality of the environment. CEQA requires all new development projects to be subject to environmental review and an environmental impact report (EIR) be prepared for projects that may have a potential for environmental impacts. The EIR identifies the environmental setting, potential impacts, and mitigation measures that will prevent or reduce impacts on a wide range of issue areas:

Any environmental review must also consider cumulative and growth-inducing impacts and alternatives to the project. The City will comply with the requirements of CEQA on the conduct of environmental review prior to development approval. In compliance with CEQA, the City will allow the Planning Department to review roadway projects for potential environmental impacts. An environmental review prior to street construction will determine potential impacts on existing wildlife and vegetation, population, housing and the economical impacts of street improvement projects. The review must provide adequate mitigation.

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Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

39. Facilities For Alternate Transportation

The City will prepare an inventory of bus shelters, public seating areas, drinking fountains and other facilities serving cyclists, pedestrians and public transit users. The City will identify existing deficiencies and include these projects into the Capital Improvement Program.

Timing: 1994
Agency: Transit Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

40. Facility Fees

Facility fees are costs charged to individuals or groups to finance the provision of required facilities, services, and infrastructure. Costs associated with a development will be borne by its users. Individuals will pay for the use of certain facilities and to avail of specific services. Facility fees provide the City with the money to finance these facilities; provide adequate public services; cover user fees; and make an equitable distribution of costs. The City will regularly review facility fees and charges to ensure they reflect associated costs.

Timing: 1994-1995
Agency: City Clerk
Funding: General Fund

41. Fair Housing Council

The City of Whittier promotes equal opportunity to housing through the San Gabriel Valley Fair Housing Council. This council provides free advise and arbitration on housing discrimination issues, landlord-tenant conflicts, rent or lease agreement questions, and tenant rights. The City will promote the use of the Fair Housing Council by informing all City employees of the council services for easy referral.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Department of Community Services, Community Development Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

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42. Federal Housing Programs

There are a variety of federal housing programs which were established to assist in the provision of affordable housing projects. Though funding is limited, the City of Whittier may avail of these programs to augment its resources for affordable housing development in the City. The City will seek to develop new housing projects under the provisions of available Federal subsidy programs.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: Federal Grants

43. Fire Protection Status Report

Population growth, structural deterioration and changes in land use can alter the fire protection levels in a community. Services may need to be expanded or improved to maintain fire protection at acceptable levels. The City will work with County Fire Department to examine protection levels and correct deficiencies. The Department of Public Services will work with the Fire Department in preparing an annual report to the City Council which outlines the staffing, equipment, services, and demand at fire stations serving the City.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

44. Fire Protection Services

The need for fire protection is dependent on development types and intensity, type of construction, population density, area terrain, hydrant capacity, brush areas and other factors. As population growth and development changes occur, fire protection services need to be tailored to the area's needs. The City will review fire protection levels for adequacy to meet the needs of Whittier residents and businesses.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Services
Funding: General Fund

45. Flextime Work Schedules

The City of Whittier will continue to accommodate 9/80 or 4/10 work weeks for city employees. At the same time, it will publicize the advantages that city employees experience with these trip reduction programs to encourage private businesses to do the same.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: City Manager, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

46. General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Consistency Program

A major component of the Land Use Element is the Land Use Plan which regulates the location and intensity of development in the City. The designations contained in the Plan reflect the Land Use policy of the City. The Zoning Ordinance is the primary implementation measure for the Land Use Plan. The Zoning Ordinance regulates the type and intensity of development and contains development standards for lot coverage, building height, signs, landscaping, floor area, etc. As the major tools for land use control, the General Plan Land Use Policy and Zoning Ordinance implement a number of policies relating to the distribution and type of land uses in the City. After adoption of the revised General Plan and future General Plan amendments, the City will review the zoning ordinance for consistency with the General Plan land use policy.

Timing: 1993-1995
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

47. Geologic Investigations

Geologic investigations prior to development can identify site hazards such as erosion, landslides, earthquakes, liquefaction, and debris flow. These investigations can recommend measures for the site planning or structural design of proposed buildings. The City will require geologic investigations for development on hillside areas and near the Whittier fault.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

48. Handicap Access Requirements to Park and Recreation Facilities

The availability of handicap access and facilities often prevent handicapped persons and other persons with special needs from obtaining adequate housing and needed services. The State has established standards for handicap parking and access in new developments and existing residential units. Federal regulations require the provision of accessibility to persons with disabilities to buildings and services receiving Federal funds. The City will continue to enforce handicap access requirements to persons with disabilities as required by state and federal law. City parks, offices, and recreational facilities will be accessible to the handicapped and other persons with special needs. An independent study has been prepared by the Whittier Accessibility Committee to assess the accessibility of City facilities and services. This study will be used to improve handicap access in Whittier. The City will identify public facility improvements (to parks,

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sidewalks, public structures, etc.) that are needed to improve accessibility in Whittier and include their construction in the Capital Improvement Program.

Timing: 1993 - 1996

Agency: Parks Department, Community Services Department, Transit Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

49. Hazardous Waste Segregation

Hazardous waste may inadvertently end up at the Savage Canyon Landfill and contaminate soil and groundwater resources. The City will let residents and garbage haulers know which materials may be included in their trash. This public information service may be accomplished through television, print, radio, bill stuffers, and other means. Household hazardous waste may be disposed with hazardous wastes from public buildings and facilities. This will provide residents with a convenient method for disposal and will encourage the separation of hazardous waste from domestic trash. The City will encourage residents and businesses to participate in the household collection program. The City will continue to provide hazardous materials disposal for City facilities and residential households. The City will evaluate the feasibility of placing "No Hazardous Materials" signs at public trash cans. It will implement the City's Household Hazardous Waste (Element) Plan.

Timing: 1993 - 1994

Agency: Department of Public Works

Funding: General Fund

50. Hazardous Waste Management Plan

The Hazardous Waste Management Plan of Los Angeles County provides standards for disposal, handling, processing, storage and treatment of local hazardous wastes. It also includes a criteria for the siting of hazardous waste facilities. The City will implement a Hazardous Waste Management Plan prepared for the City.

Timing: 1993 - 1998

Agency: Department of Public Works

Funding: General Fund

51. Hazardous Material Transport

Accidental spills during the transport of hazardous materials can affect the City of Whittier. Areas that may be affected include those adjacent to the San Gabriel River Freeway, Whittier Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, and Colima Road. The City will continue to enforce laws on the transport of hazardous materials.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Police Department
Funding: General Fund

52. Hillside Standards

Development on hillside areas is regulated by the City's Zoning Ordinance, Hillside Standards and other land use and building regulations. These standards limit the grading and density of development and ensures that geologic hazard areas, natural resources and fire protection are considered in site planning. The City will continue to implement hillside standards for new development on designated Hillside Residential areas.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

53. Historic District Designation

Historic Districts are overlay zones in the Zoning Ordinance which designated areas where historic preservation efforts will be focused. The Hadley/Greenleaf Historic District was established to preserve and enhance the architectural and historical character of the Hadley/Greenleaf residential neighborhood. The District sets standards for the preservation of significant structures and ensures that new development is compatible with the existing community character. With the number of historic structures in the City, it is expected that new historic districts will be established. If the Citywide survey shows that a number of historic structures are located within a neighborhood or near one another, a historic district designation may help preservation efforts. Historic districts protect structures from demolition or remodeling that erases their historical significance. The City will identify potential areas for historic districts. In order to make property owners understand the benefits of historic designation, the City needs to be sensitive to their needs and will prevent undue hardships. The City will work with property owners to designate Historic Districts, as appropriate.

Timing: 1996 - 1997
Agency: Historic Resource Commission, Department of Community Development
Funding: General Fund

54. Historic Resource Promotion

The colorful history of the Whittier area and the variety of historical structures and sites that presently exist can be used to market the City as a desirable place to live or to invest. Preservation programs can be tied with efforts to attract homebuyers, developers and investors into the City. It will continue to support cultural activities (such as Founders Day, field trips, presentations, street fairs, etc.) and educational and promotional materials (videos, articles,

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brochures, etc.) to expand public awareness in the City. The City will work with the Board of Realtors and other local groups for promoting the historic resources of the City, to market it to potential investors, residents, and visitors.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: City Manager, Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

55. Homebuyer Assistance

Increases in the homeowner population make neighborhoods more stable and create a greater sense of community. To encourage home ownership in Whittier, the City may be able to provide some form of assistance to first time home buyers. The City will develop a program to establish a subsidy fund to assist first time homebuyers in Whittier.

Timing: 1993-1996
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

56. Housing Rehabilitation Program

Through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the City of Whittier has developed programs for the rehabilitation of the existing housing stock. These programs include low-interest homeowner and renter loans, deferred payment loans, home improvement grants, and technical assistance. Housing rehabilitation improves the City's residential neighborhoods, conserves affordable housing units and prevents the deterioration of living conditions. The City will continue to implement the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Community Development Department, Housing Rehabilitation Division
Funding: CDBG Funds, Special Revenue Fund

57. Housing for Elderly and Handicapped

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development manages Direct Loans for Elderly and Handicapped Housing (Section 202). This program provides financing for the construction of dwelling units for elderly and handicapped households. Aside from construction funds, tenants may also receive rental assistance from Section 8 funds. The City will study the need and provide new housing for the elderly and handicapped through the Section 202 program.

Timing: 1993 - 1995
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: Federal Grant

58. Housing Preservation Program

The City of Whittier will participate in negotiations or actions which may involve the conversion of subsidized multi-family rental units to market-rate housing. Since it will receive notices of application for conversion from HUD and the State regarding projects which are considering buy-out or prepayment, at least one year before conversion, the City will include in its yearly housing program, an effort to determine the following: Potential incentives that may be offered to a property owner considering conversion, available resources in the City to buy-out the project, all parties interested in taking over the property, ways of developing a similar project in the City to relocate the project's tenants, and other measures to prevent hardship for existing tenants. The City will assign a person to coordinate and negotiate with the owner and other agencies during the notice period of affordable housing projects. It will utilize all available means and resources to preserve existing affordable housing units or replace them with an equivalent project.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

59. Hydrant Capacity

Fireflow capacity is provided by the availability of emergency water and adequate hydrant pressure. Taller and higher intensity uses require greater fire flow capacity for firefighting purposes. As development occurs, the City will consider the fire flow needs of new development and its impact on existing hydrant capacity. The City will regularly monitor hydrant capacity to ensure adequate fire flow needs and to evaluate the impacts of new development on existing hydrant capacity.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund

60. Identify Areas Lacking Bicycle Racks

The City will identify public areas where bicycle racks are deficient and include the provision of racks into the Capital Improvement Program.

Timing: 1994
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

61. Incentives For Developers

The City will require future commercial and industrial developments to comply with Title 24 and SCAQMD measures regarding handicap access, bicycle racks, showers (where appropriate), and changing areas, vanpool and carpool programs, and other measures to promote the use of alternative modes of transportation.

Timing: 1994
Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Transit Department
Funding: General Fund

62. Incentives for Historic Preservation

The preservation of historic structures when appropriate, will be accomplished by the rehabilitation of existing structures for adaptive reuse. This may include structural restoration to its original architectural design and form. Volunteers and financial loans can facilitate historic rehabilitation in Whittier. The City will use volunteer labor, loans, and grants to encourage the rehabilitation of historic structures. The cost of historic preservation can be reduced by tax incentives and financing options available through State, local, and private agencies. The City will promote preservation by disseminating information of available incentives, loans, and financing programs for historic structures. The City will feature available tax incentives and financing options for historic structures in a brochure or handout at City Hall. The City will provide economic incentives for historic site preservation efforts. This may include reduced taxes, transfer development rights, direct compensation, reduced parking requirements, etc. The City will prioritize sites for funding based on the findings of the historic resource surveys undertaken as part of the Comprehensive City survey. The City will work with appropriate public and private organizations to obtain funds for the preservation of significant structures, sites, and landscaped areas in the City.

Timing: 1994 - 1996
Agency: Department of Community Development, Historic Resource Commission
Funding: General Fund

63. Incentives to Create Larger Lots

Small parcels with high density zoning designations are often developed at maximum density. The limited area leads to increased lot coverage and limited open space for private recreation areas. One way to encourage the redevelopment of these lots and the construction of high quality housing is by providing incentives for lot assembly. Larger lots allow greater flexibility in site

planning and building design, with less impact on adjacent lots. The City will develop standards which provide incentives, density bonuses, and lower requirements for the assembly of multi-family residential lots. It will revise the zoning ordinance to reflect these standards. It will also talk to property owners of landlocked sites to facilitate lot assembly.

Timing: 1993 - 1994
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

64. Industrial Rehabilitation

The City of Whittier has limited authority with private developments outside of requiring compliance with City ordinances. Property owners often have no cause for improving their properties. The City can promote rehabilitation by providing incentives and other assistance. In this way, property owners have tangible benefits to derive from their rehabilitation efforts. The City will encourage property owners to rehabilitate older industrial developments by providing technical support, incentives, and code enforcement.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Redevelopment Agency
Funding: Redevelopment Funds

65. Infill Development

A number of vacant lots in the City are found in scattered areas. These include irregular and remnant railroad property. They are parcels that have remained undeveloped every since; had their structures demolished; or have been cleared for future development. Vacant lots are often not maintained and could become dumping sites or places for vandalism. They represent underutilized areas that could be developed with projects for the benefit of the community, or just to improve the neighborhood. The City will promote quality development of infill lots through coordination with property owners and interested developers.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department, Redevelopment Agency
Funding: General Fund, Redevelopment Funds

66. Inter-Agency Coordination

The City will cooperate with the State Department of Water Resources, the County Department of Public Works, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Environmental Protection Agency and other responsible agencies in the enforcement of laws regarding water quality, air quality and other environmental concerns.

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Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Building and Safety
Funding: Enterprise Fund, Special Revenue Fund

67. Inventory of Hazardous Material Users

Hazardous materials use is regulated by federal, state, county and local agencies. The City of Whittier will identify hazardous material users in the City and develop a program for emergency response during the accidental release of hazardous materials. The City will also request copies of agency permits before granting business licenses to these users. The City will maintain a current inventory of hazardous material users and generators and develop an emergency response to hazardous material accidents. This will include hazardous material users and generators in neighboring cities which may affect the City of Whittier. It will incorporate the program into the City's Emergency Response Plan.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Department of Public Works, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

68. Land Consolidation

Residential development on larger lots have greater flexibility in providing open space, landscaping, recreational facilities and other amenities. Projects initiated by the City could benefit from land consolidation by increasing unit capacity and providing space for site amenities. The City will evaluate the feasibility of buying abutting parcels for the development of affordable multi-family development.

Timing: 1994
Agency: Redevelopment Agency
Funding: Redevelopment Funds

69. Land Cost Write-down

The City of Whittier can assist in the development of affordable housing through a land cost write-down. By selling land at a cost lower than its purchase price, the City subsidizes the land and lowers the cost associated with new residential development. The City will establish a land cost write-down fund using the Community Development Block Grant program as a funding source.

Section 10: Implementation Programs (continued)

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: CDBG Funds

70. Landfill Monitoring Systems

The Savage Canyon Landfill is a potential source for ground and water contamination from the decomposition of wastes on site. Environmental regulations require monitoring systems for the early detection and prevention of contamination. The City will continue to monitor water wells, gas wells, and probes at the landfill for potential ground and water contamination. It will maintain gas collection system to burn off methane before it migrates off site.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund

71. Landfill Reclamation Plan

Upon closure of the landfill and proper remediation, it may be converted to urban uses. The City anticipates that the site will be developed as a park in the future. The City of Whittier will prepare a study for site closure and reclamation which would identify procedures and alternative uses for the site. The City will develop a reclamation plan for the Savage Canyon Landfill which will allow future use of the site without public health and safety risks.

Timing: As required
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund

72. Landscaping and Land Use Buffers

Land use buffers, setbacks, and landscaping serve to minimize impacts between adjacent users and to improve the overall appearance of structures. Standards for the provision of buffers, setbacks, and landscaping in development projects are contained in the City's Zoning Ordinance. The City will review standards on land use buffers, setbacks, and landscaping for consistency with General Plan policies (LU 3.7). It will require landscaping and land use buffers for proposed developments, where appropriate.

Buffer zones provide beauty and identity to streetscapes and neighborhoods. They create a sense of spaciousness and cleanliness and separate incompatible uses. The City will maintain existing buffer zones along major roadways and railroad tracks. There are areas in the City which could benefit from the provision of buffer zones. They include existing gaps of buffer zones along major roadways and between residential uses and railroad tracks. The City will identify areas along major roadways and railroad tracks which may be used as buffer zones. It will encourage property

owners to landscape these areas or, if City property, include these areas for landscape maintenance. The City will identify opportunities for buffer zones or small open space areas within residential neighborhoods and explore ways to preserve them as open space. Otherwise, it will encourage the maintenance of landscaped areas and vacant lots through weed abatement and regular landscape maintenance.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works, Planning Department, Parks Department
Funding: General Fund

73. Levels of Service

The City will monitor levels of service along roadways and develop capital improvement projects as needed.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Department of Public Works - Streets Division
Funding: Special Revenue Fund, General Fund

74. Library Improvements

Library services provided by the City need to be expanded to accommodate population growth and new technology. This will ensure that there are adequate opportunities for learning, leisure and research for all Whittier residents. The City will develop a plan for the renovation and expansion of existing library facilities and resources to better serve all citizens of Whittier. It will include library improvement projects into the capital improvement program.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Library
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

75. Low-Polluting Materials

The City will explore available literature on low polluting construction materials and coatings which can be made available for developers and interested persons. It will consider the air pollution impacts of coatings in the environmental review of proposed projects and credit the use of low polluting materials as mitigation measures. The City will also encourage best available control technology (BACT) in commercial and industrial operations to reduce pollutant emissions.

Timing: 1994
Agency: Department of Public Works, Building and Safety
Funding: General Fund

76. Manufactured Homes

State law requires cities to allow manufactured homes on single-family lots. The City of Whittier has complied with this regulation and encourages manufactured homes as an affordable housing option. The City will inform the public of the zoning regulation allowing manufactured homes on single-family lots subject to certain conditions to encourage the use of manufactures homes as affordable housing alternatives.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

77. Master Plan of Streets and Highways

The City will regularly review and implement the City's Master Plan of Streets and Highways.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

78. Mitigation Monitoring

Amendments to CEQA have required a monitoring and reporting program for ensuring compliance with the mitigation measures. While the EIR serves primarily as an informational document, mitigation monitoring provides it with the mechanism to reduce or eliminate potential environmental impacts. Specific mitigation measures, the individuals responsible for implementing the measures, the time frame for implementation and the agency responsible for monitoring compliance will be made as conditions of approval. In this way, there is greater accountability for compliance. The City will ensure that after environmental review the identified mitigation measures are made conditions of approval for the project and the responsibilities of monitoring are assigned.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: Private Funds and General Fund

79. National Historic Trail

The Mountains Conservancy Foundation and the Santa Monica Mountain Trails Council are working on the establishment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail throughout the region. The City of Whittier will cooperate and support the preservation and development of this trail and other historic trails, as a means of expanding the recreational opportunities in the area.

Section 10: Implementation Programs (continued)

Timing: 1994
Agency: Parks Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

80. Neighborhood Watch Groups

The demand for police protection may be reduced by the formation of neighborhood watch groups. These groups establish a cooperative arrangement to protect their neighborhood from criminal elements. Problem-oriented policing (POP), can also focus police services to areas with the greatest need. The City will encourage the continuation and formation of neighborhood watch groups, including programs such as problem-oriented policing (POP), to serve as deterrents to crime. The captains of these groups will assign a person with a cellular telephone to act as communications coordinator during a disaster.

Timing: 1993 - 1994
Agency: Police Department
Funding: General Fund

81. Neighborhood Housing Services Project

The Neighborhood Housing Services Project focuses on the revitalization of neighborhoods through rehabilitation loan programs and the development of new townhomes for first time homebuyers. Existing residents are offered the right of first refusal for units proposed for construction onsite. The City will continue to support the Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) Project for the revitalization of neighborhoods. The project provides rehabilitation loans for existing residential structures and initiates the construction of townhouses.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Redevelopment Agency
Funding: Redevelopment Funds

82. New Technology

There is continuous research and experimentation for ways to improve public safety. In the City's goal to provide the highest quality of fire, police and health protection, it will be open to potential improvements in service provisions and available technology. The City will encourage new technology in fire protection, hazard prevention and crime deterrence through experimental programs in the City.

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Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: City Manager
Funding: General Fund

83. Newsletter Safety Guidelines

Public awareness can also be increased through a City newsletter. Articles, resource listing, safety tips and other information can provide residents with regular reminders on various public safety issues. The City will use a City newsletter to increase public awareness on safety, crime prevention, fire prevention, earthquake preparedness and other potential disasters.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Services
Funding: General Fund

84. Noise Complaints

There are individual occurrences of noise which can only be monitored by noise complaints. If persons complain, it often indicates noise disturbance beyond acceptable levels. The City will respond to noise complaints in the City.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Code Enforcement, Police Department
Funding: General Fund

85. Noise Control Coordination

Agencies responsible for noise control and noise sources include public or private, state, federal or local entities. The City of Whittier will be able to coordinate noise control measures and develop noise mitigation programs by establishing cooperative arrangements with all these agencies. The City will coordinate with Caltrans, L.A. County Health, SPRR, UPRR, and the Sheriff's Department for addressing noise concerns in the City.

Timing: 1992 - 1993
Agency: Community Development
Funding: General Fund

86. Noise Ordinance

A noise ordinance will regulate the sources of noise in the City. The City will develop a noise ordinance which contains measures to correct existing noise problems through buffers, barriers, abatement and other improvements. Refuse trucks represent an existing noise problem in the City. Garbage trucks and sweepers are scheduled in the early morning hours when traffic is light.

Greater sensitivity to noise during this time makes truck and sweeper noise especially annoying. The City will determine ways to limit the noise of garbage trucks and sweepers during the early morning hours. The City will also establish standards for regulating the length of time for false alarms for both cars and business.

Timing: 1994-1995

Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Code Enforcement Division

Funding: General Fund

87. Non-Conforming Use Abatement Program

Non-conforming uses in the City include lots, structures or land uses which do not meet the established regulations and standards in the Zoning Ordinance for the zone in which it is located. These uses were rendered non-conforming through changes in the Zoning Ordinance that were adopted after the uses were in place. In order to protect individual property rights, non-conforming uses cannot be required to comply with new standards or be condemned by the City. Rather, amortization periods allow the non-conforming uses to get a profitable return on investment before they need to be modified or abandoned. The City will update its list of non-conforming uses and establish amortization periods for each one.

Timing: 1993-1996

Agency: Planning Department, Code Enforcement Division

Funding: General Fund

88. Oil Field Rehabilitation & Site Reclamation

Oil and gas drilling operations are regulated by the State Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas. All oil drilling operations in Whittier will comply with department regulations regarding access, maintenance, safety, abandonment, and other activities associated with oil and gas recovery. Abandonment and reabandonment of oil wells will be made in compliance with the Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas specifications. This may include remedial plugging, early abandonment of idle wells, periodic maintenance, and other regulations. Proposed structures will not be located over or near abandoned oil wells. Otherwise, setbacks will be provided to allow future access to wells. This will allow future hydrocarbon exploration and potential oil and gas development. Open space areas within developments will allow future drilling operations. Adequate gas venting systems will be placed if structures are located on abandoned wells. Consultation with the Department of Conservation will be made regarding activities and developments within the Whittier oil fields. The City will be actively involved in the review of closure plans for oil wells. It will support the efforts of other regulatory agencies to ensure that proper closure and abandonment procedures are followed. The City will provide appropriate environmental review for oil field rehabilitation and site reclamation projects.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Department of Public Works, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

89. Open Space Acquisition Program

The undeveloped portions of the City and lands within Puente Hills provide vast opportunities for open space, trails and park development. It is unlikely that these uses will remain undeveloped without active programs for open space acquisition. Public and private measures will be evaluated to preserve the hills before they are developed. The City will seek funding sources to acquire open space areas, trails and parkland in the Puente Hills.

Timing: 1993-1996
Agency: Parks Department, Community Services Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

90. OSHA Requirements

The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) sets noise exposure standards in the workplace. These standards limit the time period of employee exposure to different noise levels to prevent the adverse effects of excessive noise. The City will require potential noise sources to comply with OSHA requirements for noise exposure of employees.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

91. Park Fees

In accordance with the Quimby Act, the City of Whittier collects park fees for the development of parks to serve new developments. These fees may be used for the acquisition and maintenance of parks. It allows the City to provide park facilities as housing development occurs. The City will continue to collect park fees from new development for the development of park facilities to serve development in which land dedication is infeasible.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Parks Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

92. Park Maintenance and Recreation Programs

Park facilities and recreation programs serve the recreational needs of the City. City parks need to be maintained for continued use by Whittier residents. This includes the different recreational

programs that are offered by the City to interested individuals. The City will continue to maintain public parks in the City and offer a variety of recreational programs to serve the recreational needs of residents.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Parks Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

93. Parking Regulations

The City will continue to enforce on-street parking regulations to maintain good traffic flow, especially during peak travel hours.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Police Department
Funding: General Fund

94. Parking Standards Review

The provision of onsite parking may be designed to accommodate anticipated demand or it may be limited to encourage public transit or alternative travel arrangements. The first objective will limit street congestion; the second, reduce vehicle trips and air pollution. The City will review the City's parking standards for "balance" between adequacy to meet the demand for parking and the promotion of alternative forms of travel. It will compare existing City standards with those accepted by national and state traffic groups, adjacent cities and other agencies. Any changes that may improve parking provisions and promote public transportation will be explored. The City will revise City parking codes, where appropriate, to permit new commercial and industrial developments that provide bicycle racks and changing areas for employees to reduce required parking areas. Reduced parking provision will also be allowed when shared parking arrangements are made.

The City will review on-street parking regulations and determine where on-street parking may be limited to improve street safety, reduce vehicle trips, provide bike lanes, and promote the use of garages for automobile parking only.

Timing: 1993 - 1996
Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

95. Park Needs Study Update

The City has set an ideal parkland ratio of 4.5 acres of parks per thousand residents. This means that additional parks and recreational facilities are needed to serve the existing and future

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population of Whittier. The City's Park Needs Study evaluates the availability and utilization of parks and recreational facilities in the City. It also provides guidelines for future park improvements by identifying existing deficiencies, potential sites and future needs. The Study was prepared in 1977 and does not reflect current facilities and needs. In order to make it applicable and useful, the City needs to update the Study and develop a master plan for parks and recreational facilities in Whittier. The City will update the Parks Needs Study and develop parks and recreational facilities in accordance with the plan. It will identify potential sites for parks and recreational facilities and explore funding sources for their acquisition. Also, it will encourage land dedication to the City in lieu of park fees to increase the City's parkland. The City will coordinate with public and private agencies in the expansion of park land in the area, as contained in the Whittier Hills Park Plan.

Timing: Period Review

Agency: Parks Department, Community Services Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

96. Pedestrian and Bicycle Routes

The City will establish and develop a system of bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways around the City to discourage vehicle use. The City will cooperate in the scheduling of walkathons, bicycle races and other recreation programs which show the benefits of walking or biking. The City will cooperate, through the City Newsletter and working with the Chamber of Commerce, in the use of delivery services and other shopping promotions to customers who use Whittier Transit or who arrive by walking or cycling. The City will seek funding from SCAQMD Mobile Source Discretionary Fund for these special promotions.

Timing: 1995

Agency: Parks Department, Department of Public Works, Transit Department, Community Services

Funding: Special Revenue Fund, Enterprise Fund, Mobile Source Discretionary Fund

97. Personal Transportation

The City will establish guidelines for the use of bikes, skateboards, and other forms of personal travel, in order to promote safety, convenience, and reduced traffic. The City will enforce safety rules concerning the use of skateboards, roller skates and other forms of personal transportation and regularly publish these rules to increase public awareness.

Timing: 1995

Agency: Parks Department, Department of Public Works

Funding: Special Revenue Fund, General Fund

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98. Plan Check

Structures must comply with established standards for construction and building design. The plan check process allows the City to review proposed buildings for compliance with building and design codes. It also provides building plans for use during site inspections, in order to monitor if construction is proceeding according to approved plans. All new development will be subject to the plan check process to ensure compliance with the Uniform Building Code and other codes and standards.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works, Building & Safety Department
Funding: General Fund

99. Police and Fire Department Review

Proposed developments are subject to the reviews of the Police and Fire Departments. This allows the departments to provide input on ways to increase the safety of projects and decrease their demand for protection services. It also informs the Fire and Police Departments of new projects to aid in the planning of their service provision. The City will continue to allow the Police and Fire Departments to review proposed development plans and other discretionary approvals. In this way, they can recommend measures that will decrease fire potential, crime, and facilitate emergency response.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department, Police Department
Funding: General Fund.

100. Police Services

Population, events and activities, criminal elements, land use type, and other factors affect the need for police protection and law enforcement services. There is a need to maintain safety and security levels in the community through the provision of adequate police services. Adjustments in staffing and equipment will be necessary to continuously provide adequate services and maintain safety and security in the City. The City will regularly review the adequacy of police services in the City and modify staffing and equipment as necessary.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Police Department
Funding: General Fund

101. Pre-application Meetings

All new development are subject to development review to evaluate their compliance with City standards and ordinances. Pre-application meetings provide the City and developer a chance to informally talk about a project before any commitment for a structure or land use is made. It saves time and money for the developer by understanding what the City expects and the process that must be followed. Also, it informs the City of proposed developments early in the process. Pre-application meetings provide an opportunity to develop cooperation and to bring about higher quality development. The City will continue to encourage pre-application "development review" meetings with developers. This will allow the City to learn about proposed projects and the developer to determine the requirements for the City.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

102. Private Recreational Facilities

The City requires the provision of private open space areas in high density residential developments. These areas may include landscaped areas with barbecue pits, playground equipment, picnic facilities, swimming pool, or recreation room. The City will require new developments to provide private recreational facilities within residential projects. This will help meet the City's standard for park provision. The City wants to preserve private recreation areas and prevent their conversion to other uses. Sometimes, public support is necessary to do this. By informing residents of propose conversions, the City could determine if these recreation facilities are still in use or are better off developed for other uses. The City will gather support for the preservation of private recreation areas and facilities which are proposed for development to other uses.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

103. Promotion of Local Industries

Industrial developments provide an economic tax base for the City. Whittier encourages such developments but does not want the environmental problems associated with heavy industries and similar uses. Light industries such as warehouses, research and development uses, distributors, wholesalers, and packers present a suitable choice.

The City will encourage light industrial development in Whittier through promotional campaigns to major developers and investors.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: City Manager, Community Development Department, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

104. Proposed Parking Designs

The City will review proposed parking lot designs to comply with City standards. It will enforce off-street parking standards in the zoning ordinance.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works, Redevelopment Agency, Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

105. Public Awareness of Significant Cultural Resources

Public awareness can help in the City's historic preservation efforts. Education and information programs can rally support for preservation issues in the City. The City will expand its cultural awareness programs and work with public and private organizations interested in cultural resource management and education. The City will work with other agencies to prepare a brochure of Whittier's cultural resources. The promotion of Whittier's cultural resources through public information can be expanded by prominent identification of historic sites and structures. This will generate greater interest and knowledge on the area's history and heritage. The City will work with public and private organizations in providing historic buildings with signs and monuments for identification.

Timing: 1995 - 1996
Agency: Department of Community Development
Funding: General Fund

106. Public Transit Facilities

The City will review current building codes to promote the development of bus shelters, turn out lanes, bicycle racks, and other facilities in new developments where it can be demonstrated that the facilities are appropriate for the intended use.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Planning Department, Transit Department
Funding: Props A and C, General Fund

107. Public Transit Program

The City of Whittier will continue to provide public transit within the City through the Whittier Transit. It will continue to coordinate with SCRTD on the frequency and routing of bus lines in the City to facilitate easy transfer to and from the Whittier Transit. In order to encourage transit use, it will provide Whittier Transit and RTD bus routes and schedules at the information counter at City Hall, Community Center, Senior Center and other similar locations. The City will use the Whittier newsletter to promote the use of the Whittier Transit and the RTD buses. It will also encourage existing and new commercial developments to provide information stands at lobbies to hold transit routes and schedules, as appropriate. Also, the City will monitor the usage of the Whittier Transit and provide additional lines as necessary. It will investigate the feasibility of extending bus routes to the Pio Pico State Park. It will work with the SCRTD to provide route information and schedule signs at bus stops and shelters for both RTD buses and the Whittier Transit and other transit agencies that serve the City. The City will coordinate public transit service planning with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, (LACTC), Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD), and adjacent cities.

Timing: Ongoing

Agency: Transit Department

Funding: Prop A (Local transit tax), Enterprise Fund, Special Revenue Fund

108. Puente Hills Cooperative Planning Program

The Puente Hills is outside the City's jurisdictional boundaries. Yet, future development there will affect Whittier in a number of ways. The City will participate in the planning of this area. It will inform property owners, the Los Angeles County Department of Planning, and other responsible agencies that the City of Whittier would like to be notified and involved in any planning of the hills and areas within the City's sphere of influence. The City will actively participate in the environmental review of any proposed uses on the Puente Hills to encourage the preservation of important ecological resources and to prevent adverse traffic impacts. The City will meet with property owners and coordinate planning efforts in the area.

Timing: Ongoing

Agency: Planning Department

Funding: General Fund

109. Recreational Facilities Planning

Schools in Whittier provide recreational opportunities with their open fields, game courts, swimming pools and auditoriums. These facilities are available outside school hours and during school vacation days. Joint use and maintenance agreements allow the City to develop and maintain new parks and recreational facilities at a lower cost. The City will establish joint use/maintenance agreements with school districts for future recreational facilities, in appropriate.

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Aside from City parks and area schools, there are other private and public recreation facilities in the City which may be made available for public use. These include City Parks, County parks, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, day care centers, and other recreational facilities by private individuals or groups. The City will coordinate the provision of recreation facilities by the City Parks and Recreation Department, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the YMCA, day care centers, and other private and public groups for maximum utilization of available facilities. The City will continue to work with the different school districts in making school facilities available for public use outside of school hours.

Timing: 1995 - 1996
Agency: Parks Department, Community Services Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

110. Redevelopment Programs

The Whittier Redevelopment Agency serves to implement the redevelopment plans in the City. Redevelopment is a tool for improving the environment and removing blight when private action along cannot stop the deterioration of an area. The City of Whittier has adopted three redevelopment plans: the Uptown Whittier/Greenleaf Avenue Redevelopment Plan; the Whittier Boulevard Redevelopment Plan; and the Whittier Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Plan. Redevelopment projects include residential, commercial or industrial rehabilitation or new construction, roadway and infrastructure improvements, land assembly and writedown, home repair loans and affordable housing development, public facilities, and a host of other projects. All these are intended to revitalize the project areas and promote new investment.

The City will continue to implement redevelopment plans in the City to improve and revitalize existing developments.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Redevelopment Agency
Funding: Redevelopment Funds

111. Relationship of Jobs to Housing

The City will evaluate the impacts of new development on jobs/housing balance and cumulatively address these impacts by encouraging future development to balance out past developments. It will initiate talks with adjacent cities on potential area-wide strategies to promote jobs/housing balance in the subarea.

Timing: 1995
Agency: Department of Community Development
Funding: General Fund

112. Residential Design Guidelines

The Residential Design Guidelines in the City of Whittier regulate the development of multi-family residential projects. They include standards for architectural design, yards, open space, landscaping, fencing and parking. These standards promote the improvement of the living environment. The City will require proposed residential developments to comply with the multi-family residential development standards and design guidelines.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

113. Road Widening Alternative

The City will evaluate the benefits of transportation demand management programs and other methods to reduce traffic volumes and enhance intersection operations, without the need for road widening. Where necessary, the City will require the dedication of land for the development of roadways or roadway widening projects.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

114. Safety and Emergency Practices on Television

Television provides a medium for reaching a large segment of the population. The City's public information programs can be extended to cable television for increasing safety awareness and emergency coordination. The City will provide the capability of utilizing public access cable television to inform Whittier residents on ways to prevent a disaster, to prepare for one, or to act during an emergency or disaster.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Disaster Council
Funding: General Fund

115. Safety Information Programs

There are safety information programs by the City, school districts, the county and other agencies. By identifying ongoing programs and identifying areas where new information programs are needed, the City can improve its safety information campaign. The City will coordinate public information programs on fire prevention, crime prevention, disaster preparedness and other safety issues.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Human Services, Human Resources Department
Funding: General Fund

116. Savage Canyon Landfill

The Savage Canyon Landfill accepts solid wastes generated in the City. With increasing demands for landfill capacity in the region, the Savage Canyon Landfill assures the City of a disposal facility. The City will continue to operate the Savage Canyon Landfill to serve the waste disposal needs of the City.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund

117. SCAQMD Funds

The SCAQMD has established a fund for education programs on public transit and innovative demonstration programs that reduce individual passenger vehicle use. The SCAQMD also has funds for innovative projects which encourage alternate modes of travel and reduce the need for parking. The City of Whittier will seek funding from the SCAQMD Mobile Source Discretionary Fund and Vehicle License Fund for local programs.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Transit Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund, SCAQMD Funds

118. SCAQMD Permits

The City will provide a summary of SCAQMD regulations for local citizen use or obtain information brochures from the SCAQMD, and provide technical assistance for compliance with SCAQMD rules. An individual in the Department of Public Works will be made responsible for maintaining information on current and proposed SCAQMD regulations, to be available to assist local residents and industries, and to work with the SCAQMD's offices to assist Whittier residents and industries comply with SCAQMD regulations. Prior to issuing occupancy permits, The City will require written proof that the applicant has obtained all required SCAQMD permits and is in compliance with SCAQMD rules.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

119. Scenic Corridor Preservation

Scenic corridors in the City of Whittier include Turnbull Canyon Road, Colima Road, Beverly Boulevard and Skyline Drive. The scenic qualities of these roadways can be diminished by insensitive developments. The City will establish a program for preserving scenic corridors in the City. Coordinate this program with the Los Angeles County for roadways extending into unincorporated county areas.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Parks Department, Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

120. School Services

Population growth will include an increase in the number of students and the demand for school services. The educational needs of residents is a major concern in Whittier. While school districts are independent of City services, cooperation between the City and the different school districts will allow improved services and joint programs. The City will coordinate with school districts in the provision of adequate school services to ensure there is adequate capacity to provide education to Whittier residents. It will inform the appropriate school district of proposed developments to determine the impact on school services.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Services, Planning Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

121. Second Units

State law allows the development of second units in single-family lots subject to certain standards. This provision encourages the development of housing on large residential lots and helps in the increase of the affordable housing stock. The City will not discourage the development of "Granny Flats" or second units in residential zones, as allowed by State laws.

Timing: 1993 - 1994
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

122. Section 8 Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development offers Low Income Rental Assistance (Section 8) for lower income groups. The Section 8 Existing Program subsidizes a portion of the monthly rents of low income households. The rent amount above 30 percent of the household income and up to the fair market rent of the unit is paid by local housing agencies. The Section

8 Housing Voucher Demonstration Program expands the program by using fair market rents to determine subsidy levels but renters may pay more if they choose units with higher rents. The City will continue to provide housing assistance in existing standard housing through the Section 8 housing assistance payments program and the housing voucher program.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: Section 8 Funds

123. Seismic Safety Standards

Nearby earthquake faults expose the City to the potential for extreme seismic hazards. Critical facilities (fire stations, police stations, schools, hospitals, and other structures that will be needed during disasters) will be designed to withstand earthquake events in the area. All critical facilities and new development will comply with seismic safety standards of the Uniform Building Code.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Building and Safety Department
Funding: General Fund

124. Senior Citizen and Low Income Housing Projects

The length of time it takes to obtain permit approval for projects often increase the costs of development. In order to encourage residential projects for senior citizens and low income households, the City may decrease the time associated with development approval for these projects. The City will expedite the permit process for low income and senior citizen housing projects. It will work with State and local agencies and residents of low-income or senior citizen housing projects for the preservation of units that are likely to revert to market rate housing.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

125. Service Capacity Monitoring

New development must be adequately served by existing infrastructure and public services. This lessens the impacts on current users and allows improvements of the system when they are needed. Service capacity monitoring is a method for having current information on available capacity, in order to estimate accurately if proposed projects can be served. By knowing what system or service upgrades are needed before development takes place, the City can more reliably ensure the adequacy of its services. The City will develop a system for service capacity monitoring. This will ensure that adequate utility capacity exists to accommodate new development.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund, General Fund

126. Service Commitment

The availability and adequacy of public services to serve new development must be assured before development takes place. The City will be able to review water line, sewer line, landfill and police service availability during development review. But services that are provided by utility companies and other agencies need to be evaluated, too. The City will require service commitment letters from utility companies prior to development approval, in order to address the potential impacts on required services.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

127. Sewer System Improvements

The City maintains sewer lines in Whittier and ensures that they are clear and clean. Also, it regularly monitors the capacity of the sewer system to meet needs of existing and proposed developments. In recent years, it has been found that the majority of sewer lines are being utilized at maximum capacity and will not be able to handle additional loads. A number of these lines have been identified for replacement and relief lines are proposed. Future development will also lead to increased sewage generation and the need for upgrades to sewer trunks and mains, provision of new lines and expansion of treatment plant capacity. The City will continue the City's sewer replacement project and coordinate with Los Angeles County Sanitation District in providing sewer services.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund

128. Sign Ordinance Review

The City's Sign Ordinance regulates the type, size, and number of signs in Whittier. It protects the aesthetic qualities of neighborhoods and promotes driver safety and convenience. The City of Whittier will identify signage problems in the City and determine if they are allowed under current sign standards. Changes will be made to the ordinance to prevent the proliferation of unwanted signs.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Planning Department, Code Enforcement Division

Funding: General Fund

129. Sidewalk and Parkway Development and Maintenance

Sidewalks and parkways in the City serve residents and pedestrians. They also represent landscapes in residential neighborhoods. Tree-lined streets in Whittier are uniquely attractive and help create a sense of place. The City will continue to maintain existing sidewalks and parkways and encourage property owners abutting these areas to maintain parkway trees. This may include public information programs such as flyers, newsletter articles, and the like. There are existing gaps in the sidewalk system which present safety concerns for pedestrians, students and residents. They make the streets unfriendly and discourage walking instead of using a vehicle. By developing a complete system of sidewalks, the City of Whittier will be able to improve pedestrian safety and enhance the visual quality of streets. The City will identify areas and lots where sidewalks and parkways need to be developed and encourage property owners to build the sidewalks, where possible. Otherwise, the City will explore other funding mechanisms, such as including the needed improvements into the City's Capital Improvement Program. Priority will be given to sidewalks that serve parks, schools, and other routes with high pedestrian traffic.

Timing: 1994

Agency: Department of Public Works, Parks Department

Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

130. Signal Controls Analysis

The City will regularly perform signal warrant analysis to determine the need for traffic signals and signs, and install and remove them as required. The City will identify those intersections where traffic controls may be added to enhance the level of service.

Timing: Periodic

Agency: Department of Public Works, Traffic Signal Division

Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

131. Site Investigations and Surveys

The presence of historic and archaeological resources in the planning area can be verified by previous site investigations and surveys. Sites that are found to have a high probability for historic resources are those adjacent to sites where resources have been found in the past. Established procedures for future surveys will ensure that many of the area's resources are preserved. The City will require historic, archaeological, or paleontological surveys and site investigations before development approval, as appropriate. It will require a written report of the survey and investigation to describe the findings and recommendations for preservation. Also, it will encourage the collection of all materials during investigation for transfer to local museums, college and other depositories where they can be preserved. Appendix K of the CEQA guidelines

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will be used to help mitigate adverse impacts on cultural resources. With the findings of past surveys and future investigations, the City will establish sensitivity maps for the area's cultural resources. It needs to pull together all available information and update the data as new sites are discovered or new areas are surveyed. The City will maintain current information on sensitive sites to use for reference in future review. In this way, development review of new projects can easily identify resource sensitivity.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

132. Social Service Agencies

There a number of private, public and non-profit agencies in the City and surrounding area which provide services to individuals with special needs. The City recognizes that they offer valuable assistance to Whittier residents and encourages such services. The City will assist public and non-profit agencies which provide support services to special needs populations (the homeless, the elderly, single-parent household, etc.). The homeless population has been increasing and the availability of services for the homeless has lagged behind. In the City of Whittier, a number of service organizations provide homeless services. These agencies operate independently and could benefit from the sharing of resources and the coordination of efforts. The City will coordinate homeless services through the Social Service Commission. There are a number of existing and future programs and facilities that provide meals, child care, job development, and housing assistance. The City will continue to support those programs that serve the homeless.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Community Services Department, Redevelopment Agency
Funding: Special Revenue Fund, CDBG Funds, Redevelopment Funds

133. Source Reduction and Recycling Element

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) addresses the need for the reduction of solid wastes. It requires counties and cities to achieve a 25 percent waste reduction by 1995 and a 50 percent reduction by the year 2000. These cuts may be implement by recycling programs, composting, source reduction or other means. The City's Source Reduction and Recycling Element outlines various ways to reduce solid waste disposal, in accordance with AB 939.

Proposed and existing programs in the Element include the promotion of source reduction practices, expansion of recycling programs, special waste diversion, composting projects and public information campaigns. The City will implement its Source Reduction and Recycling Element. The City also coordinates a periodic household hazardous waste collection and disposal program. This allows businesses and households to properly dispose of small quantities of hazardous wastes

and materials. Random checks of refuse trucks at the Savage Canyon Landfill also discourage the disposal of hazardous wastes at the landfill.

Timing: 1993 - 2000
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund

134. Southern Pacific Railroad and Depot

The use of alternative modes of transit will reduce traffic on City streets. The City of Whittier could benefit from the development of a mass transit system or connection to the regional light rail system. The railroad tracks in the City are underutilized and present an opportunity for potential transit use. The City will study the possible use of the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot and railroad tracks for a public transit system or the regional light rail system.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

135. Specific Plan Consistency Program

Two areas in the City have adopted Specific Plans: Uptown Whittier and The Whittier Quad. A third is being designated for future development of a specific plan: Whittier College. Future development within the adopted Specific Plan areas must conform with established plans. Specific plans contain development standards and design guidelines for all projects within a designated area. The City will continue to implement the two existing Specific Plans (Uptown Whittier and the Quad at Whittier) and undertake the preparation of the Specific Plan for the Whittier College. Specific plans provide for the regulation of the type and design of developments within a designated area. A specific plan contains development standards and design guidelines for all projects within a designated area. It controls the use and development of all lots through standards for yards, parking, building height, setbacks, lighting, landscaping and other site features. It also identifies public improvements that are needed in the plan area. While it may seem like a zoning ordinance, a specific plan is tailored to a particular area and is more restrictive in terms of buildings and their facades, public area improvements and the overall relationship of developments.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Planning Department, Public Works Department, Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

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136. Standards for Adaptive Reuse

The adaptive reuse of historic structures will lead to greater historic preservation efforts in the City. It encourages property owners to preserve historic structures and at the same time provides options for changing the use of the structure. By establishing guidelines and standards for adaptive reuse, there will be greater awareness of opportunities for rehabilitation. The City will develop standards for the reuse of historic structures. The standards will include incentives to encourage adaptive reuse and discourage lot splits.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

137. State and Federal Reconstruction Programs

There are state and federal assistance programs that could be utilized for the City's Disaster Recovery Program. The City has availed of some programs after the earthquake in 1987. They include the State Earthquake Rehabilitation Assistance (SERA) program, the federal Disaster Assistance Loan program by the Small Business Administration, and other similar programs. The City will utilize regional, state and federal programs for the reconstruction of the City after a disaster and incorporate them in the City's recovery plan.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Department of Human Resources, Community Development, Community Services
Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

138. State and Federal Preservation Laws

The City will require compliance with State and Federal cultural resource preservation standards and regulations. There are various Federal and State laws that protect cultural resources. They include the following:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (1970, as amended). Private and public agency "projects" not otherwise exempt are required to evaluate the environmental consequences of their activities. CEQA requires a Lead Agency to identify project-related effects to "any object, building, structure, site, area or place which is historically significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military or cultural annals of California".

Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. (State EIR Guidelines) Developed by the Governor's Office of Planning and research for the Secretary of Resources, The State EIR Guidelines detail the practical application of CEQA. The Guidelines

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define procedures, types of activities, persons and agencies required to comply with CEQA, including recommended procedures for lessening or eliminating damage to cultural resources. Appendix K deals specifically with archaeological resources.

Health and Safety Code, Section 7050.5 and 7052. Establishes a felony penalty for anyone who mutilates, disturbs or disinters human remains, other than relatives.

Penal Code, Section 622.5. Provides a misdemeanor penalty for injuring or destroying objects of historical or archaeological interest located on public or private lands. Excludes the landowner.

Public Resources Code, Section 5097.5. Defines as a misdemeanor any unauthorized disturbance or removal of archaeological, historical or paleontological resources in public lands.

Senate Bill 297. Revises the Health and Safety Code Chapter 1492, and the Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, to include a requirement that the Native American Heritage Commission, be contacted whenever Native American graves are found. Makes it illegal to possess artifacts or remains from Native American graves.

Public Resources Code: Sections 5024 and 5024.5. Requires state agencies to inventory and protect state-owned historical objects and structures. It mandates consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer before any listed property is altered or sold.

Federal Antiquities Act of 1906. Forbids disturbance of any archaeological resource "or any object of antiquity" on federal lands without a permit issued by the responsible agency. Establishes criminal sanctions for unauthorized desecration or appropriation of antiquities.

Historic Sites Act of 1935. Declares "it is a national policy to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings and objects of national significant". Gives the Secretary of the Interior broad powers to execute this policy including criminal sanctions.

Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960. Requires the Secretary of the Interior to institute a salvage program in connection with federally funded reservoir construction and requires the cooperation of responsible agencies with this program.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Creates the National Register of Historic Places, authorizes the expenditure of funds for resource preservation and acquisition, establishes an Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and outlines its authority.

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Requires that cultural resources be considered in assessing the environmental consequences of a proposed undertaking.

Executive Order 11593, May 31, 1971, "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment". Mandates the federal government to "take the lead" in preserving, protecting and

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enhancing the nation's cultural environment. Specifies that federal agencies will initiate inventories of properties under their jurisdiction and provide for their protection.

Archaeological Salvage Act of 1974. Amends the Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960 to include any federal action which may cause irreparable harm to any cultural resource, authorizes the expenditure of project funding for salvage, requires the Secretary of the Interior to report annually on the program's effectiveness.

Native American Religious Freedom Act of 1978. Required federal agencies to allow access to federal lands and objects used in the practice of traditional Native American religious ceremonies.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

139. State and Federal Preservation Programs

State and Federal Programs provide a means for historic preservation and additional protection for structures and landscapes (street trees, gardens, etc.) with identified historical significance. The City of Whittier can avail of these benefits by applying for the designation of important structures. The City will nominate buildings and neighborhoods of historic significance to the National Register and State Historic Landmarks programs.

Timing: 1995 - 1996
Agency: Historic Resource Commission
Funding: General Fund

140. Storm Drain Facilities

Flood hazards in the City are fairly minor and are characterized by street flooding and sheet flows on short roadway segments. These hazards can be eliminated by improvements to existing storm drain facilities. The City will construct adequate storm drain facilities to eliminate flood hazards in the City. It will include these projects in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Enterprise Fund, General Fund

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141. Streamline Permit Process

Permit processing constitutes a large portion of the time and costs associated with development. By shortening the permit process, the City can lessen the cost of development. This can lead to a greater number of housing projects or the construction of more affordable housing units. The City will continue to streamline permit processing for more efficient use of time and lessen the costs associated with obtaining permits.

Timing: 1993 - 1994
Agency: Planning Department, Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

142. Street Maintenance

Street maintenance is necessary for efficient traffic flow and aesthetics. Roadways need regular maintenance with street sweeping, paving and lane marking. The City will continue street maintenance projects throughout the City and include priority projects in the Capital Improvement Program.

Timing: Periodic
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

143. Substandard Dwelling Units and Structures

Substandard dwelling units and structures compromise the health and safety of its residents. They increase the potential for property damage and human injury during disasters. Substandard structures are often older buildings that do not meet current codes and building standards or that have deteriorated over time. They include dwelling units that are created without the required building inspections (illegal garage conversions). The rehabilitation of substandard units would eliminate existing hazards and improve the living environment of Whittier residents. The City will identify substandard dwelling units and encourage rehabilitation through the provision of technical support and other incentives. It will actively work towards the repair, rehabilitation or removal of substandard structures which do not meet safety standards, at the earliest time possible or before a change of occupancy or use.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Building and Safety, Rehabilitation Division, Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

144. Support Organizations

The City has limited resources to be involved in development projects. It is primarily in the hands of private developers to bring in new development to the City. The City of Whittier recognizes that by working with local organizations, it can promote development and new investment in the City. The City will coordinate with local organizations to promote the development of quality projects in the City.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Community Development Department, City Manager
Funding: General Fund

145. Synchronized Signals

The City will synchronize traffic signals along City streets to reduce vehicle idling and reduce roadway congestion.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

146. Telecommuting and Teleconferencing

The City of Whittier will promote the benefits of telecommuting and teleconferencing to businesses and residents. It will examine the feasibility of an ordinance requiring large new employment centers to establish telecommuting centers in new facilities and authorizing use of telecommuting and teleconferencing activities by City employees. It will also review the zoning ordinance and amend it, if necessary, to permit telecommuting and home employment, where such employment does not result in added traffic, noise or otherwise intrude on residential neighborhoods.

Timing: 1994 - 1996
Agency: City Manager, Transit Department, Community Development Department
Funding: General Fund

147. Temporary Parking

The City will allow temporary uses with limited available parking where it will encourage walking and the use of public transit. It will promote street fairs and other neighborhood events in Uptown or other areas of City which are surrounded by residential uses and where parking can be temporarily eliminated and users can walk or take public transit.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

148. Through Truck Routes

Truck traffic disrupts residential neighborhoods by causing congestion, noise, air pollution and street maintenance problems. They will be confined to the major roadways in the City. The City will designate truck routes and provide signs for truck routes and weight limits along City streets. It will encourage local businesses to schedule truck traffic during off peak hours through information programs with local businesses.

Timing: 1994 - 1995
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund

149. Toxic Emissions

The City will evaluate if new industrial development will use any toxic compounds and require that it comply with all equipment, risk assessment, and notification requirements of the SCAQMD prior to being issued a building permit. It will actively discourage sensitive receptors from locating near land uses with toxic emissions.

Timing: 1993
Agency: Planning Department
Funding: General Fund

150. Traffic Improvements

Traffic concerns in the City affects the quality of residential neighborhoods. Through-traffic in Whittier significantly contributes to traffic congestion along City streets. This traffic has also affected residential streets. The City will explore ways for discouraging through-traffic in residential areas of the City. Traffic control devices (stop signs, speed bumps, signals, etc.) regulate traffic flow and promote vehicular safety. While major intersections in the City have traffic control devices, other heavily used intersections do not. The City will investigate the need for traffic control devices.

Timing: 1994 - 1996
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

151. Traffic Safety Programs

The City will develop and implement street safety programs (roadway maintenance, sidewalk and access ramp repair, etc.), assign traffic officers along heavily used residential streets and post speed limit signs. It will investigate the feasibility of using bicycle sensitive traffic signals. Traffic safety may be improved through cooperation and coordination with adjacent cities. Similar goals and programs can ensure that police services in different cities are efficient and complement each other. The City will coordinate traffic safety programs with adjacent cities and communities. It will maintain mutual aid agreements with the Sheriffs' Department and adjacent police departments. It will coordinate with Caltrans on the design and maintenance of freeways near the City, to minimize accidents and congestion.

Timing: Ongoing

Agency: Department of Human Resources, Community Services Department,
Department of Public Works

Funding: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

152. Transportation Center

The City will evaluate the benefits of a transportation center in the City and examine the feasibility of utilizing the Southern Pacific Depot as the transportation center.

Timing: 1994

Agency: Planning Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

153. Transportation Demand Management

The City will promote transportation demand management practices for large employers. These will include carpools, vanpools, telecommuting, and other trip reduction measures.

Timing: 1993

Agency: Transit Department, Planning Department

Funding: Enterprise Fund, Special Revenue Fund

154. Transportation Management Associations

The City will coordinate meetings between City transportation coordinators and Regulation XV coordinators in other employment sites within the City to facilitate programs, exchange ideas, and facilitate the formation of Transportation Management Associations.

Timing: 1994-1995
Agency: Community Services
Funding: General Fund, SCAQMD grants

155. Tree Preservation Program

There are many mature trees in Whittier which lend aesthetic and ecological values to the community. The City will develop a program which will preserve trees, promote tree planting, and regulate the removal of mature trees. It will include guidelines for replacement, replanting, tree trimming, irrigation, and other methods to preserve and cultivate existing trees. The City encourages tree planting for a variety of reasons. Trees improve an area's appearance, help in soil conservation and flood control reduction, neighborhood identification, and aid in improving air quality. The City will continue the tree planting program as part of the parkway and street maintenance, park landscaping or through regular volunteer programs.

Timing: 1994 - 1996
Agency: Parks Department, Department of Public Works, Environmental Task Force
Funding: Myen Tree Fund, General Fund, Special Revenue Fund

156. Underground Utility Lines

Telephone, power, and cable services in the City have led to the installation of overhead and underground lines. Overhead utility lines add to the visual clutter on streets. They also present safety concerns to neighborhoods. The City will continue to require new utility lines to be underground in new development. It will develop a program for the undergrounding of existing overhead utility lines, in accordance with Rule 20 of the Public Utilities Commission.

Timing: Ongoing
Agency: Department of Public Works
Funding: Special Revenue Fund

157. Underutilized Lots

There are a number of lots in the City which are developed with commercial and industrial uses which are not fully utilized or abandoned. This indicates an excess in these uses to serve the City. Underutilized lots may have better use if they are redeveloped for other uses. The City will identify underutilized commercial and industrial lots and work with the property owners or local developers in the redevelopment of these areas for mixed-use developments.

Timing: 1993-1994
Agency: Redevelopment Agency, Planning Department
Funding: Redevelopment Funds, General Fund

158. Uniform Building Code

The Uniform Building Code and other structural codes regulate construction design and practices. These codes are updated every few years to include new technology and improve the standards. Cities may adopt more stringent regulations or may tailor the requirements to the unique features of the area. The City will adopt the latest version of the Uniform Building Code and other codes that increase the safety factor for new structures.

Timing: Ongoing-within 18 months following issuance

Agency: Building and Safety Department

Funding: General Fund

159. Uptown Parking

The City will maintain Uptown parking districts.

Timing: Ongoing

Agency: Department of Public Works, Redevelopment Agency

Funding: Special Revenue Fund

160. Urban Design District Program

The City of Whittier has established an urban design district along Painter Street and Whittier Boulevard. The district serves as an overlay zone in the Zoning Ordinance. This program expands the district so that it also includes Greenleaf Avenue between Uptown and Whittier Boulevard, and along portions of Hadley Street, Philadelphia Street, and Whittier Boulevard. As such, the standards applicable to the underlying zone must be complied with. In addition, the design guidelines for urban design districts must be followed. The guidelines deal with site development, landscaping, building design, and signage for regulating the architectural design of new buildings or renovations within the district. The Urban Design District and its guidelines were established to enhance the quality of development to prevent the deterioration of property. The City will continue to implement design standards for Urban Design Districts and develop any additional standards that are appropriate for those areas that have been added to the Urban Design District.

Timing: Ongoing

Agency: Planning Department

Funding: General Fund

161. Vehicle Trip Reductions

During development review, the City will require developers to incorporate measures to reduce trip generation during construction for new projects and monitor compliance through regular inspections.

Timing: 1993

Agency: Planning Department, Public Works Department

Funding: General Fund

162. Volunteer Groups

Volunteers will expand the City's resources during emergency and reconstruction efforts. The City will utilize volunteers and support agencies that provide basic training for disaster situations. The City will utilize volunteers in disaster recovery programs and other emergency situations.

Timing: 1994 - 1995

Agency: Disaster Council

Funding: General Fund

163. Water Conservation Program

Water resources are limited and may be depleted by excessive use, drought or contamination. Water conservation and management programs will ensure future availability. Water conservation also benefits air quality by indirectly reducing the energy needed to pump water and its associated emissions. Public awareness is the first step in encouraging lower water consumption and reducing wasteful use. Many water conservation measures may be implemented by slight changes in water use practices. Information campaigns help individuals identify ways for better water conservation. The City will promote public awareness on water conservation by utilizing brochures and other public awareness materials offered by water agencies. The use of drought-tolerant vegetation decreases the need for watering yards and open fields. Reclaimed water use will also reduce the demand for groundwater resources. These water conservation measures may be adopted throughout the City. The City will promote the use of recycled water and drought-tolerant landscaping to complement existing landscaping requirements.

Water conservation can be increased by the use of water efficient appliances to plumbing fixtures. The City of Whittier can reduce its water consumption by retrofitting City facilities and by using drought-tolerant landscaping. Energy conservation can also be expanded by the use of energy efficient appliances. In its water and energy conservation programs, the City can include a retrofit component. The City will develop water conservation programs for City facilities (Civic Center, City parks, maintenance yards, etc.). The City will explore the feasibility of retrofitting City-owned facilities for water-efficient plumbing fixtures and energy-efficient appliances, where possible. It will use drought-tolerant landscaping in City parks, without necessarily replanting

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existing vegetation. It will also utilize drip irrigation methods or other technology to conserve water and save City trees.

Timing: 1994 - 1995

Agency: Department of Building and Safety, Parks Department, Department of Public Works

Funding: Enterprise Fund

164. Water System Improvements

The availability of an adequate water system is important to providing a decent living environment. The City's water system is constantly requiring changes to accommodate increased demand and system upgrades. Water lines, pumps and wells need to be replaced as they deteriorate over time. Future growth in the City also leads to increased demand for water services. The City will continue the rehabilitation and upgrade of deteriorated water lines throughout the City. Also, water system improvements will be undertaken according to need.

Timing: Ongoing

Agency: Department of Public Works

Funding: Enterprise Fund

165. Water Quality Monitoring Wells

There are water quality monitoring wells at the Savage Canyon Landfill. These wells are regularly checked to determine if groundwater resources are getting contaminated by the landfill. The wells provide a means for the early identification and correction of water contamination. The City will maintain water quality monitoring wells by the Savage Canyon Landfill and implement corrective measures promptly.

Timing: Ongoing

Agency: Department of Public Works

Funding: Enterprise Fund

166. Whittier Historical Collection

The Whittier Historical Collection at the Central Library contains documents and artifacts which provide insights into the City's past. These materials can develop interest in historic preservation. The City will promote use of historic research materials from the Whittier Historical Collection at the Central Library, the Whittier Museum, the Rio Hondo College, and Whittier College.

Timing: 1994 - 1995

Agency: Department of Community Development

Funding: General Fund

167. Wilderness Park Expansion

The area surrounding Hellman Park is undeveloped and could be preserved as open space. The City could explore expansion opportunities in this area before development takes place. The City will identify areas around Hellman Park which may be suitable for park expansion, examine funding sources, and negotiate with property owners for acquiring these areas. An initial area for the expansion of Hellman Park is the site currently used as a parking lot for the park. This lot is undeveloped and privately-owned by the Hellman Estate. The City will investigate the potential for expanding Hellman Park by adding the area currently used as a parking lot. The City will encourage other governmental entities to develop parks that complement Whittier's wilderness parks.

Timing: 1996 - 1997

Agency: Parks Department

Funding: Special Revenue Fund