

## ATTACHMENT 5

### General Plan Issues Committee Quality of Life Standard Recommendations

<b>General Plan Quality of Life Standard</b>	<b>General Plan Issues Committee Recommendation</b>
<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 1: Traffic And Transportation</b></p> <p>Circulation Element streets and intersections shall be planned and developed to achieve a minimum level of service “C” as defined by the Highway Capacity Manual as amended or updated or such other national standard deemed appropriate by the City. Level of service “C” represents stable traffic flow that is at the beginning range of conditions where individual users become significantly affected by the interaction of others in the traffic stream. Due to physical design characteristics, environmental resource considerations, existing development, freeway interchange impacts and incomplete system improvements, level of service “C” may not be feasible in all areas at all times. However, level of service “C” should be pursued in the ultimate implementation of the circulation system.</p> <p>Where existing street or intersection capacities are below level of service “C,” street, operational or Transportation System Management improvements shall be required or planned to improve the service level to “C” when ever feasible based upon impacts of future development. Such requirements or plans may be incremental to accommodate future development or the recycling of existing development. Feasibility of level of service “C” shall be based on impacts upon existing development or environmental constraints along street segments or intersections.</p> <p>Capital improvement programs and/or facility plans for all growth management tiers shall include Transportation System Management measures designed to maintain or improve levels of service at existing or developed intersections where these locations may be impacted by further development or traffic volume growth. The City shall support public transportation facilities through such measures as requiring right-of-way for commuter rail or park-and-ride facilities, transit stops or facilities, or for other transportation needs. The City shall establish Transportation System Management measures and shall cooperate with agencies and coordinate with regional transportation plans and transportation agencies involving the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Vision 2020 population model to determine Quality of Life compliance.</p>	<p>Modify current QOL language to include instances where Level of Service lower than “C” will be accepted particularly in high density, infill areas based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compact and vertical nature of Smart Growth that generates additional congestion</li> <li>b. Lower levels of service is considered appropriate in many communities with urban components</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 2: Schools</b>  The community shall have sufficient classroom space to meet state-mandated space requirements and teacher/student ratios with student attendance calculated on prescribed state and/or local school board standards. Implementation of this standard shall be the responsibility of the school districts, and other appropriate agencies.</p>	<p>Maintain current Quality of Life Standard</p>
<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 3: Fire Service</b>  In urbanized areas of the City, an initial response time of seven and one-half (7½) minutes for all structure fire and emergency Advanced Life Support (ALS) calls and a maximum response time of ten (10) minutes for supporting companies shall be maintained. A minimum of seven (7) total fire stations each staffed with an ALS engine company shall be in place prior to General Plan buildout. For outlying areas beyond a five (5) minute travel time or further than three (3) miles from the nearest fire station, all new structures shall be protected by fire sprinkler systems or an equivalent system as approved by the Fire Chief. Travel time is the elapsed time from a verbal or computerized acknowledgment of the dispatch by the responding unit at the moment of departure from the station to its arrival at the scene. Response time is the elapsed time from receiving a call for service to the responding unit's arrival at the scene. The Fire Department intends to meet these times for no less than 90 percent of all emergency responses by engine companies.</p>	<p>Maintain current language that acknowledges averaging of response times to achieve compliance in 90% of calls for service</p>
<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 4: Police</b>  The City shall maintain personnel staffing levels based on community-generated workloads and officer availability. Resources will be adjusted to maintain an initial response time for priority 1 calls (crimes in progress or life threatening) of no more than five (5) minutes and an initial response time for priority 2 calls (serious calls requiring rapid response but not life threatening incidents) of no more than six and half (6 1/2) minutes. Resources will be allocated to organize patrol areas and involve community members where appropriate to achieve Community Oriented Problem Solving efforts. To the maximum economic extent feasible, the Police Department will take aggressive enforcement action against crime trends, including maintenance procedures and incorporating community involvement and education as a means to deter potential incidents.</p>	<p>Maintain current Quality of Life Standard</p>

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<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 5: Sewer System</b>  The City sewer system shall have adequate trunkline, pumping facilities, outfall capacities and secondary treatment to meet both normal and emergency demand and to avoid sewage spills affecting stream courses and reservoirs and shall provide sewage capacity able to treat a minimum of 250 gallons per day for each residence on said system in urban areas or as established in the City’s Sewer Master Plan.</p>	<p>Maintain current Quality of Life Standard</p>
<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 6: Parks</b>  The City shall provide a minimum of 5.9 acres of developed active neighborhood and community parks per 1,000 dwelling units in addition to 5.9 acres of passive park land and/or open space for habitat preservation and additional recreational opportunities totaling 11.8 active and passive acres per 1,000 dwelling units. Priority shall be given to acquiring and developing neighborhood parks in urban areas with the greatest need. School playground areas may be included as park acreage, provided, however, that neighborhood park amenities and facilities are provided and open to the public a determined by the City Council. Prior to buildout, the City shall provide a minimum of two (2) community centers and other specialized recreation facilities shall be incorporated into area-wide community facility plans.</p>	<p>Modify QOL language to create an Urban Park Standard that would include the expansion of Grape Day Park and supplemental public recreational facilities that are not developed in a park setting (i.e. exercise courses, walking paths, public plazas, promenades, River Walk, dog parks, etc.)</p>
<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 7: Library Service</b>  The public library system shall maintain a stock and staffing to meet the minimum standards set by the American Library Association of three (3) volumes per capita, which for Quality of Life standards shall be measured as 8 items per dwelling unit. The City shall provide appropriate library facilities with a minimum of 1.6 square feet of library facility floor area per dwelling unit of the City of Escondido prior to buildout of the General Plan.</p>	<p>Modify current QOL language based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Technological changes in information access &amp; delivery</li> <li>b. Trends in patronage, staffing and space needs</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 8: Open Space</b>  A system of open-space corridors, easement and acquisition programs and trails shall be established in the open-space, conservation and community facilities elements. Sensitive lands including permanent bodies of water, floodways, and slopes over 35 percent inclination shall be preserved. Significant wetlands, riparian or woodland and habitat or habitat for rare or endangered species shall be protected in coordination with state and/or federal agencies having jurisdiction over such areas. Density transfers shall be permitted to preserve such lands as established in the land-use designation.</p>	<p>To be discussed on January 21, 2010</p>
<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 9: Air Quality</b>  The City shall implement feasible measures within the jurisdiction of the City to meet standards established by state and federal laws regulating air quality including, but not limited to, the reduction of the number of vehicular miles traveled, supporting public transportation, participating in the development of park-and-ride facilities, coordinating land-use approvals and occupancies with the Air Pollution Control District regulations, increasing landscaping standards and promoting landscaping programs, and encouraging non-polluting alternative energy systems.</p>	<p>Incorporate language that addresses compliance with regional Green House Gas / CO2 equivalents consistent with AB 32 and SB 375 rather than attempting to address State and Federal standards dealing with a large air basin that extends beyond the General Plan boundaries. Such measures would be developed in a future Climate Action Plan coordinated with the General Plan Update and is anticipated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Accommodate facilities for alternative fuel vehicles</li> <li>b. Facilitate transit</li> <li>c. Promote local agriculture</li> <li>b. Maintain and update city’s traffic signal synchronization plan.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Committee desires review of language)</i></p>
<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 10: Water System</b>  The City shall maintain provisions for adequate water supply, pipeline capacity and storage capacity to meet normal and emergency situations and shall have the capacity to provide a minimum of 600 gallons per day per household or as established by the City’s Water Master Plan. Federal and state drinking water quality standards shall be maintained. The City shall continue efforts to implement water reclamation and water conservation programs.</p>	<p>Modify General Plan QOL language reducing current “600 gallons per day” to “540 gallons per day” to better reflect the state’s conservation goals.</p>

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<p><b>Quality of Life Standard 11: Economic Prosperity</b>  The City shall increase Escondido’s median household income and per capita wage compared to the region by actively recruiting new businesses and expanding existing businesses that increase employment densities and retain skilled workers whose wage exceeds that of workers who earn a wage comparable to the San Diego Region’s median household income, and bring new dollars into the local economy.</p>	<p>Supplement Economic QOL Standard with a separate comprehensive Economic Element in the General Plan to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide direction concerning future economic growth of the community</li> <li>b. Direct the community’s future economic growth and performance</li> <li>c. Define an economic strategy necessary to ensure competitiveness within the region.</li> </ol>