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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: APRIL 22, 2010

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: APPLICANT: CITY OF LAS VEGAS

**** STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S) ****

<i>CASE NUMBER</i>	<i>RECOMMENDATION</i>	<i>REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL</i>
GPA-37216	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	

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**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This request is to adopt an updated Public Safety Element and to incorporate it into the city of Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan.

This element was originally approved September 5, 2001 and has not been updated since. The name of the element has been changed to reflect that it also includes the Seismic Safety Element and thus the name of the new element is the Safety and Seismic Safety Element.

The Safety and Seismic Safety Element satisfies the Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 278.160 requirements for both a safety and a seismic safety plan. It complies with NRS 278.150, which requires entities with a population of 400,000 or greater to adopt a master plan that addresses both of these elements.

Staff from Fire & Rescue and Public Works reviewed the document as well. Comments have been received and incorporated into the draft document.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc and Property Sales</i>	
04/01/92	The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3636, thereby adopting the Las Vegas General Plan as required by NRS 278.
09/06/00	The City Council adopted Ordinance 5250, which adopted the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan.
09/05/01	The City Council the Public Safety Element as an amendment to the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan.
03/25/10	The Planning Commission voted to hold this item in abeyance to the April 22, 2010 Planning Commission meeting.

<i>Neighborhood Meeting</i>	
03/02/10	A neighborhood meeting was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 5:30pm at the Charleston Heights Arts Center, located at 800 Brush Street, Las Vegas, 89107. Two members of the Planning and Development staff and no members of the public attended.

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ANALYSIS

The update to the Safety and Seismic Safety Element is not intended to introduce changes in policy. Rather, it is aimed at complying with state mandated requirements concerning the Master Plan, providing the latest available information, clarifying maps and tables, and presenting a format consistent with other Master Plan elements.

The major changes to the document since it was adopted in 2001 are listed below:

1. Name of Element changed to Safety & Seismic Safety Element to reflect that this element covers two of the required plans called for in NRS 278.160.
2. Police Services Chapter removed as it is not called for in NRS 278.160(l) or (n).
3. Transportation Chapter removed as it is not called for in NRS 278.160(l) or (n).
4. Landslide Hazard Section was added, although it does not apply to the CLV.
5. Two new maps were added: Airport Noise Exposure & Heliport location.
6. All of the Evolution & Implementation Matrix's were deleted from each chapter.
7. A new Implementation Chapter was added with specific recommendations.
8. The Fire Hazard Safety Chapter was updated by F&R.
9. The Drainage & Flood Control Chapter was updated by PW.
10. Noise Chapter was updated with latest research and City of San Diego Noise Element of their General Plan.
11. Various word choices, spelling and grammar corrections were made throughout the document.

Relationship to Nevada Revised Statutes

The Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) are the current codified laws of the State of Nevada. The Statutes of Nevada are a compilation of all legislation passed by the Nevada Legislature during a particular legislative session. With respect to these laws, the Safety and Seismic Safety Element conforms to the following:

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NSR 278.150 through 170 inclusive requires that the governing body (in this case the city of Las Vegas) prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city. This document, known as the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan, must include a safety plan and seismic safety plan.

The safety plan must identify potential types of natural and man-made hazards, including, without limitation, hazards from floods, landslides or fires, or resulting from the manufacture, storage, transfer or use of bulk quantities of hazardous materials. The plan may set forth policies for avoiding or minimizing the risks from those hazards.

The seismic safety plan must consist of an identification and appraisal of seismic hazards such as susceptibility to surface ruptures from faulting, to ground shaking or to ground failures.

The Safety and Seismic Safety Element addresses the NRS requirements of these two plans which combining them into one interrelated document.

Relationship to Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan

The city of Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan policy document was adopted in September 2000. It provides a broad policy structure intended to direct the actions of the city regarding land use and development for the period from 2000 to 2020. The individual elements are intended to provide more specific direction, through detailed analysis and recommended actions, as to how the City should react to certain issues. The Safety and Seismic Safety Element contains the goals, objectives and policies from the Master Plan policy document that best relate to safety and seismic safety.

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