



Legislation Text

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 1, 2015

SUBJECT: General Plan Update Progress Report

Recommendation for Action: Staff recommends that the City Council receive a progress report regarding the General Plan Update Project

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Fiscal Impact

The General Plan Update Project (CIP #07-06) has a total approved budget authorization of \$1,580,000 in support of the Project.

Background

On November 3, 2015 the City Council took the following actions:

- Accepted the Draft Proposed Land Use Exhibit; and
- Accepted the Draft Proposed Land Use Designations; and
- Accepted the Identified General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Alternatives; and
- Authorized the City Manager to execute a contract amendment in an amount not to exceed \$120,000; and
- Directed the General Plan Team to commence writing the Draft General Plan.

In addition to the actions above, the City Council requested that the General Plan team provide monthly progress updates concerning the status of General Plan Update Project. This report is the first monthly progress report.

Discussion

The purpose of a monthly update will be to keep the City Council informed as to the progress of the General Plan Update Project, to alert the Council to any concerns or issue that may arise and to keep the Council apprised ahead with regard to potential upcoming workshops or meetings.

Accomplishments/Activities for the Reporting Period

The General Plan document will contain ten chapters or elements as follows:

- Chapter 1: Land Use and Development Strategy
- Chapter 2: Housing Element (last update October 2013)
- Chapter 3: Transportation and Circulation
- Chapter 4: Community Design and Historic Preservation
- Chapter 5: Economic Development Element
- Chapter 6: Conservation and Sustainability Element
- Chapter 7: Health and Safety Element
- Chapter 8: Public Facilities and Services
- Chapter 9: Recreational, Educational, and Community Services Element
- Chapter 10: Administration and Implementation Element

Over the past several weeks, the General Plan Team has scheduled a series of meetings to discuss concepts and provide input to guide the initial drafting of the General Plan Goals and policies. Chapters with similar subjects have been grouped for discussion purposes.

The General Plan Chapter meetings include the following groupings:

- Meeting 1: Transportation and Circulation
- Meeting 2: Land Use, Community Design and Economic Development
- Meeting 3: Conservation and Sustainability, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- Meeting 4: Health and Safety, Public Facilities
- Meeting 5: Administration and Implementation

From these discussions key policy issues are being identified that warrant Council guidance for drafting the updated General Plan goals and policies. The first of these policy discussions involves Transportation and Circulation. A workshop is planned as part of the City Council's December 15th meeting to provide information on current best practices in transportation policies and recent changes in the State's guidelines for how traffic is analyzed under CEQA.

SP1-A Application

In coordination with efforts on the General Plan Update, staff is working with the applicant group for the SP1-A Annexation and Specific Plan submittal. A design charrette has been planned with the applicant's design team to develop a preliminary land use plan that will help inform drafting of General Plan policy language and environmental analysis for this area.

General Plan Update Schedule

Short Term:

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| November 6-December 4, 2015 | Intensive General Plan Chapter Discussions |
| December 3, 2015 | Infrastructure Subcommittee - Transportation and Circulation |
| December 15, 2015 | Transportation and Circulation Presentation to City Council |

Long Term:

The goal will be for the Consultant team to provide the first staff review drafts of the various General Plan Chapters from December through February. Additional workshops will be scheduled for the City Council to discuss and provide guidance on key policy areas help prepare initial drafts of these chapters. Likely future workshop topic areas include:

- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Overall Level of Service Standards

A second draft review is anticipated in March with final edits in April. A draft General Plan Document for public review is anticipated to be released in early May.

Recommendation

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Long Term Conceptual Schedule