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What is a General Plan?

- Guidebook for development and growth
- Required by state law
- Determines the where and when

**GOAL LU 1.1**

**Growth and Change.** Support sustainable growth and change through orderly and well-planned development that provides for the needs of existing and future residents and businesses, ensures the effective and equitable provision of public services, and makes efficient use of land and infrastructure.

**Policies**

**LU 1.1.1 Regional Leadership.** The City shall be the regional leader in sustainable development and encourage compact, higher-density development that conserves land resources, protects habitat, supports transit, reduces vehicle trips, improves air quality, conserves energy and water, and diversifies Sacramento’s housing stock. (RDR)
What is a General Plan?

- Answers the questions: how and how much?
- Policy document; adopted by City Council

### Table LU 1  Land Use & Urban Form Designations

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Elements of the Plan

Required:
- Land Use
- Mobility (Circulation)
- Housing*
- Noise
- Open Space
- Conservation
- Safety

Optional:
- Economic Development
- Community Design
- Historic Preservation
Baseline Report = Snapshot of where the City is today
Issues & Opportunities = Identifies range of concerns and choices
Vision Statement = Paints a picture of the City 25 years in the future
Alternatives Report = Provides different paths/ways to achieve the vision
Policy Document = Plan to achieve the vision
Environ. Impact Report = Identifies problems and suggests ways to minimize or eliminate impacts
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Adopted in March 2009

Extensive Community Outreach
2030 GP Key Issues

Where Do You Put:
- 200,000 more people
- 140,000 more jobs
- 100,000 housing units

How Do You Grow?
- Expand Out
- Build Inward

What Should that Growth Look Like?
- Community Design
- Neighborhood Character
2030 General Plan Scenarios

- Growth choices and significant trade-offs
- Areas of change
  - Neighborhoods, centers, districts, & corridors
- Land Uses
  - Mix Use, Jobs, Housing, and Shopping
- Urban Form
  - Focus on Design and Community Character
1988 General Plan
Multi-Centered Scenario

City Expansion/Multi-center Concept Diagram
Compact/Infill-Oriented Scenario

City Compact/Infill Concept Diagram

City of SACRAMENTO Community Development

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Common Values & Themes

- Making Great Places
- Growing Smarter
- Maintaining and Growing a Vibrant Economy
- Creating a Healthy City
- Living Lightly – Reducing our Carbon Footprint
- Developing a Sustainable Future
Making Great Places
Growing Smarter

City of SACRAMENTO
Community Development
Maintaining and Growing a Vibrant Economy
Creating a Healthy City
Living Lightly & Developing a Sustainable Future
Public Involvement

- 30 Town Hall Forums
- Vision (Phase 1)
- Alternative Scenarios (Phase 2)
- Goals and Policies (Phase 3)
Public Involvement

- City Leadership Workshop
- High school/College Meetings
- Open Houses
- Community Meetings
- Public Hearings
Plan Implementation

- Initiated update of the Zoning Code
- Adopted the Climate Action Plan
- Rezoned key Opportunity areas
- Adopted Shovel Ready Program priority areas
- Updated the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
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Major Steps in the Update Process

• 2035 GPU Project Initiated – Late 2012
• Public Outreach – Ongoing
• Background Report – 2013
• Prepare Draft General Plan – 2013/2014
• Release Draft General Plan/MEIR-August 2014
• Adopted New General Plan – March 3, 2015
## Public Outreach

### 2035 General Plan Outreach

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Flood Control Compliance

- 200 Year flood protection standards
Housing Element Update

- Eight-year housing plan (2013-2021)
- Plan aligned with MTP schedule
- Overall City housing “strategy”
- Includes programs to address housing needs of all income levels (e.g. Mixed Income Ordinance, Housing Trust Fund)
Traffic Level of Service (LOS)

- Maintain citywide traffic expectations at LOS D
- Identify areas or streets where LOS E and F are appropriate
Urban Agriculture

- New Policy
- Implementation Measures
Trees

• General Plan goals and policies Urban Forest

• Comments on the Draft 2035 GP

• New policy language for monitoring and maintenance of the City’s tree canopy.
Park Service Level Goal

August 2014 Draft GP Proposal
• Lower the Parks service level goal

December 2014 Draft GP Proposal
• Retain the current Parks service level goal
Additional Key Plan Changes

- Climate Action Plan Incorporated
- Floor Area Ratios Lowered
- Traditional Neighborhood Medium Density
  (Adjust the maximum density from 21 to 36 DU/NA)
Key 2035 General Plan Implementation Measures

- Adopt Urban Ag zoning
- Update Community Plans
- Update Commercial Corridor Design Criteria
- Prepare Citywide Urban Design Guidelines
- Prepare a Strategic Investment Plan
- Promote Water Efficiency
- Prepare Plan to Achieve a 200 Year Level of Flood Control
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Questions and Answers
Draft Scope of Work (5 Key Components)

- Master Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Environmental Justice
- Climate Action Plan
- Mobility Element and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- AARP Age Friendly Community
- Basic environmental clearance for projects
- Reduces need for expensive environmental impact reports
- Faster project processing
SB 1000 – Environmental Justice

- Identifying disadvantaged communities
- Reducing Pollution exposure, including improving air quality
- Promoting public facilities
- Promoting safe and sanitary homes
- Promoting physical activity
Update the Climate Action Plan

PROJECTED GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS
(MTCO\text{2e}/YEAR)
Mobility Element and VMT

- Major Revisit of the Mobility Element
- Incorporating a transportation technology strategy
- Compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 743 (Steinberg, 2013)
- Removing Level of Service (LOS) as a significant traffic impact, and Replacing it with Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
Analysis of infill development using LOS
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...but numerous LOS impacts
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Typically three to four times the vehicle travel loaded onto the network relative to infill development.
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Traffic generated by the project is disperse enough by the time it reaches congested areas that it doesn’t trigger LOS thresholds, even though it contributes broadly to regional congestion.
## Consequences of LOS

- LOS mitigation usually requires expansion of the roadway/network
- LOS based analysis generates impacts to other modes and the environment
- LOS mitigation increases public long-term O&M costs
- LOS has the effect of punishing infill development

## Benefits of VMT

- Streamline TOD
- Streamline infill
- Streamline transit projects
- Streamline active transportation projects
- Streamline locally-serving retail
- Streamline modeling for remaining projects
- Attack regional congestion more effectively
- Reduce future pavement maintenance deficits
- Massive public health improvements
- Reduction in GHG and other emissions
AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

The 8 Domains of Livability

Domain 1: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
People need places to gather — indoors and out. Parks, sidewalks, safe streets, outdoor seating and accessible buildings (think elevators, stairs with railing, etc.) can be used and enjoyed by people of all ages.

Domain 2: Transportation
Driving shouldn’t be the only way around. Public transit options can be as expansive as a train system or as a taxi service that provides non-rides to and from a doctor’s office.

Domain 3: Housing
Most older adults want to age in place. Doing so is possible if homes are appropriately designed or modified — and if a community includes affordable housing options for varying life stages.

Domain 4: Social Participation
Regardless of one’s age, loneliness negatively affects a person’s health and sense of wellbeing. Isolation can be combatted by the availability of accessible, affordable and fun social activities.
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Domain 5
Respect and Social Inclusion
Intergenerational activities are a great way for young and old to learn from one another, honor what each has to offer and, at the same time, feel good about themselves.

Domain 6
Civic Participation and Employment
An age-friendly community provides older people who choose to work, volunteer their skills and be actively engaged in community life.

Domain 7
Communication and Information
Age-friendly communities recognize that not everyone has a smartphone or Internet access and that information needs to be disseminated through a variety of means.

Domain 8
Community and Health Services
At some point, everyone gets hurt, becomes ill or simply needs a bit of help. While it’s important that care be available nearby, it’s essential that residents are able to access and afford the services required.
Next Steps & Schedule

- Preliminary Outreach & Finalize Scope of Work
- Release RFP
- 2040 GP Kickoff With Consultants
- Complete the 2040 GP

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