



General Plan Advisory Committee

Meeting 1 | Orientation

July 15, 2021

Agenda



Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

City Staff and Consultant Introductions

GPAC Introductions

GPAC Business

- Introduction to the General Plan
- Public Participation Activities and Process
- GPAC Roles, Rules, and Responsibilities

GPAC Activity: Community Strengths & Weaknesses

Directors Report

Adjourn to August 19, 2021

Work Program Objectives



GENERAL PLAN

- Compliance with Recent Statutory Requirements
- Reflect Existing Conditions, Needs, and Future Projects
- Reflect Community Visions
- Roadmap of Actions for Implementation
- Adaptable and Flexible for Change

HOUSING ELEMENT

- Compliance with Statutory Requirements
- Accommodate Housing for all Demographics and Income Levels
- Identify Sites to Accommodate Regional Housing Needs Target

DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN

- Evolution of Downtown as the Center of Community Identity, Heritage, and Activity
- Foster Economic Activity and Improvements in the Short Term

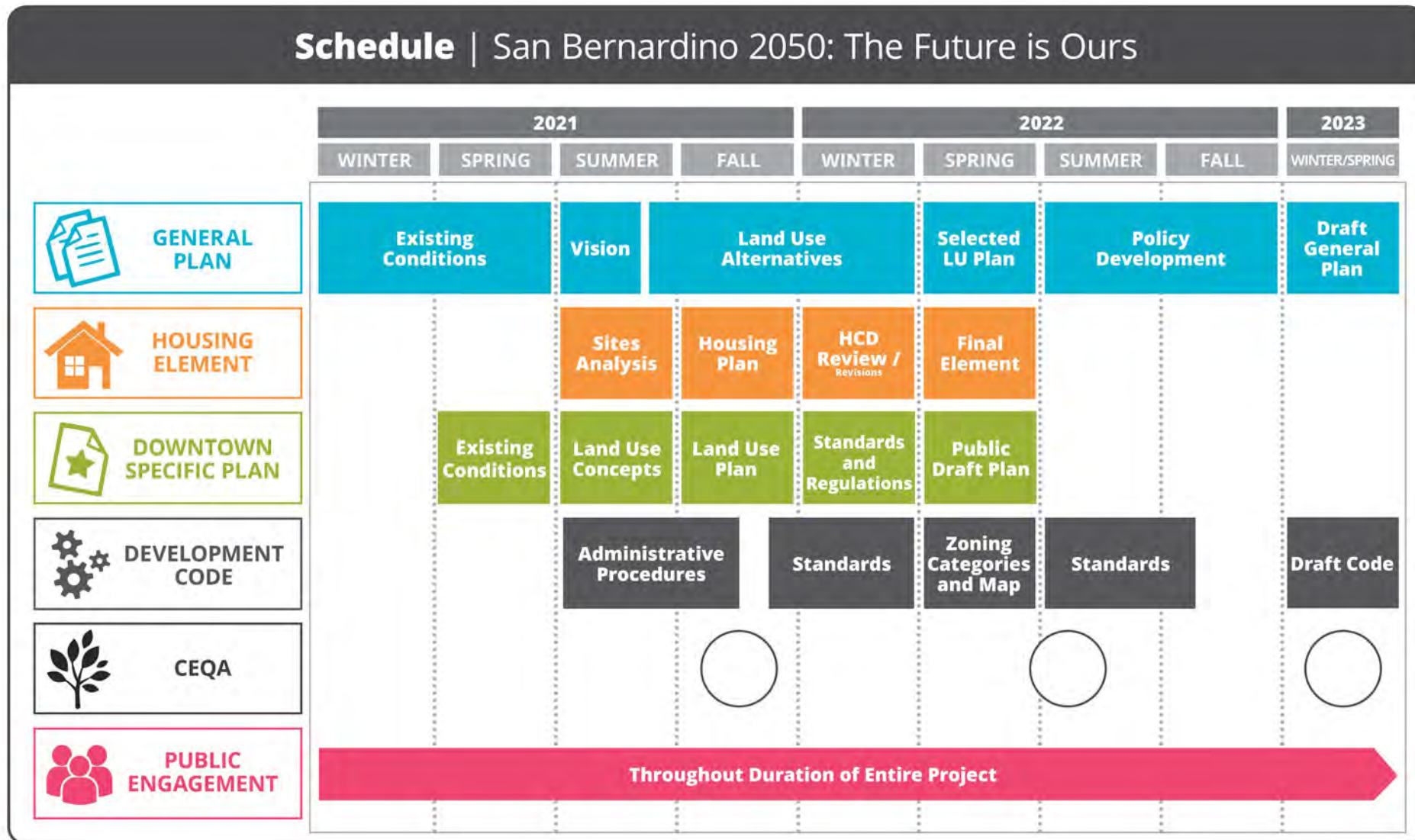
DEVELOPMENT CODE

- Update to Implement General Plan and Downtown Specific Plan
- Efficient Administrative Procedures

CEQA REVIEW

ROBUST PROGRAM OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Work Program Schedule



Introduction to the General Plan



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Government Code Section 65300 et. seq.:

“Every planning agency shall prepare and the legislative body of each county and city shall adopt a **comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development** of the county or city, and of any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency’s judgment bears relation to its planning.”

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What it is Not...

- Zoning
- Development Standards (building heights, property setbacks, parking requirements, driveway locations, landscape requirements...)
 - *Though, it must establish standards for housing and non-residential density and quantify development capacity*
- Design Guidelines
- A Guarantee for Project Approvals

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Who Uses the General Plan...

- **City Council and Planning Commission:** Basis for long-term and short-term decisions, municipal budgeting, capital improvements, and priorities.
- **City Staff:** Reference in reviewing development applications, planning and budgeting capital improvements, and service programming.
- **Residents, Business Owners, and Developers:** Guidance regarding what will be preserved, enhances, and changed.
- **Other Local and Regional Agencies:** Reference when projecting future needs and services.

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What is New...

- Housing Production Targets
- Address Climate Change, Risk Vulnerability, Resilience, and Adaptation
- Complete Streets
- Environmental Justice
- Healthy Communities

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General Plan Primacy: Consistency Requirements

GENERAL PLAN

Specific Plans

Zoning

Design Standards

Development
Agreements

Subdivision
Maps

Development
Permits

Conditional
Use
Permits

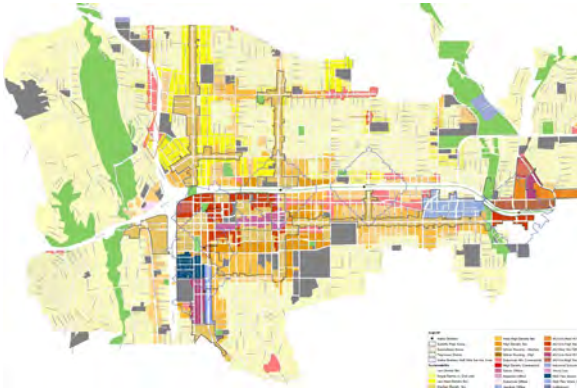
Capital
Improvements

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Required Elements

LAND USE



HOUSING



CIRCULATION



CONSERVATION



OPEN SPACE



NOISE



SAFETY



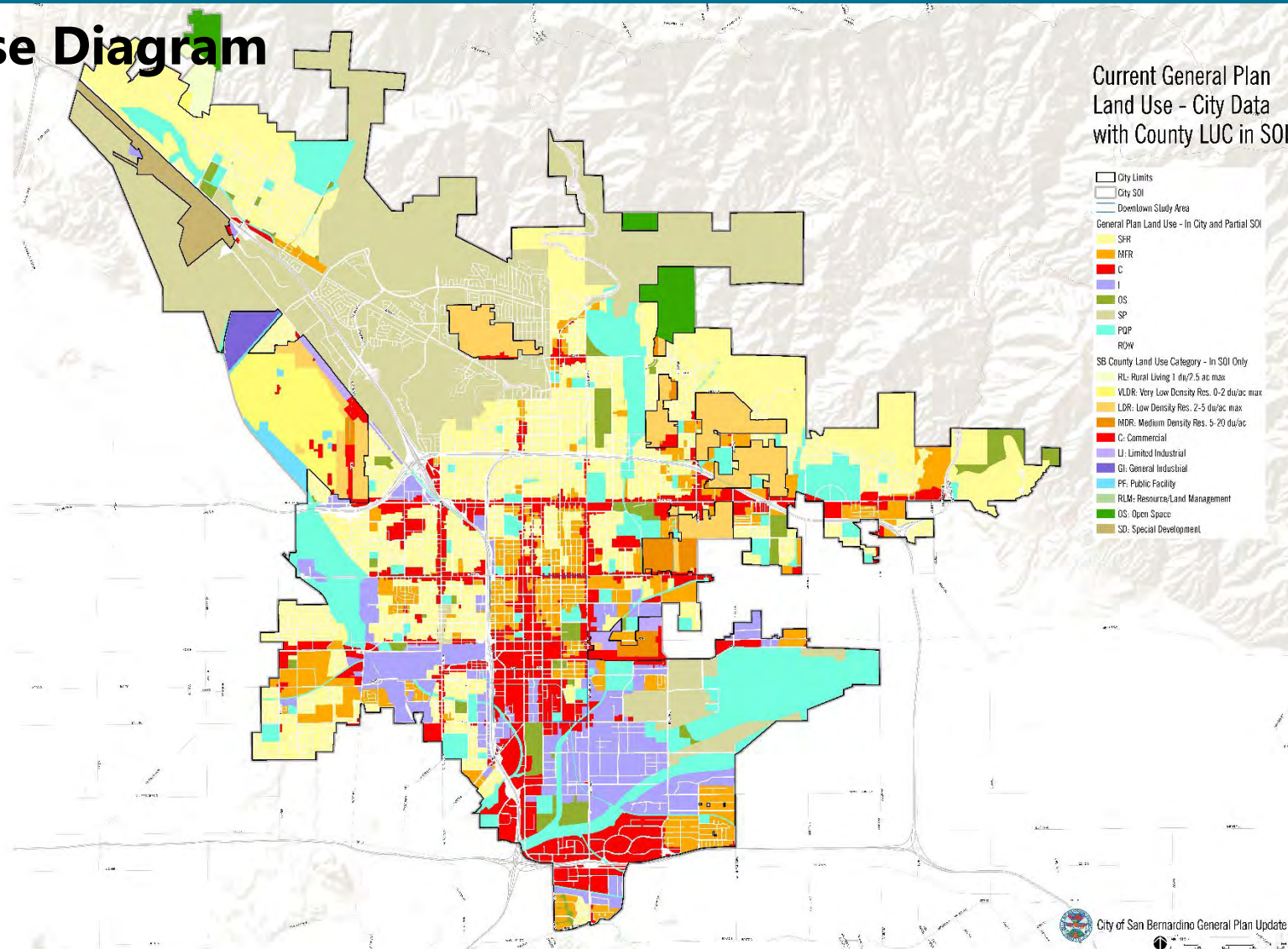
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



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Land Use Diagram



Designates the proposed general distribution, location, and extent of the uses of the land for housing, business, industry, open space, location, public buildings, and other categories of public and private uses of lands.

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Housing Element

“Adequately plan to meet existing & projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community, including share of the regional housing need”

- Housing needs assessment
- Sites identification by price / Demonstrate likely production in time period
- Constraints
- Programs
- Quantified objectives by income group

Review and determination of conformity by the State (HCD)



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Circulation (Mobility) Element

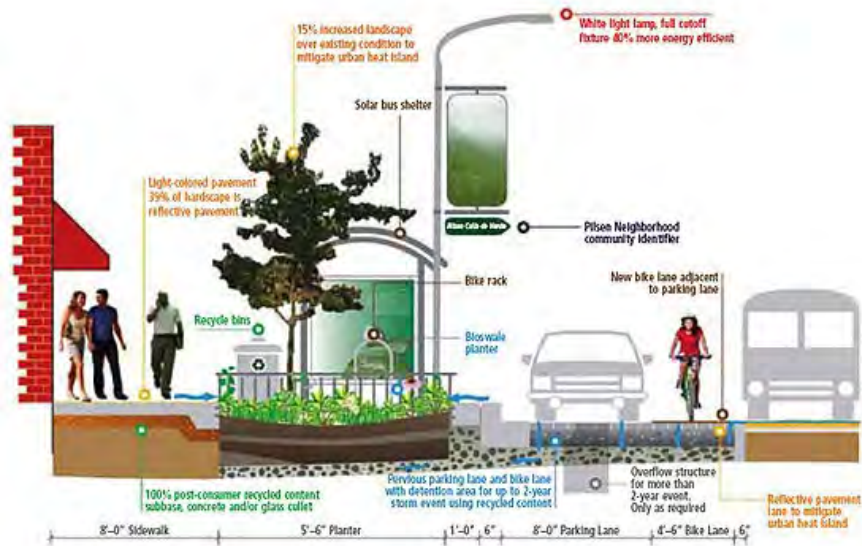
- Location of existing & proposed transportation routes, terminals, & other facilities, all correlated with the land use element
- Systems
 - ▶ Streets/highways
 - ▶ Transit
 - ▶ Bicycle
 - ▶ Aviation and railroad
 - ▶ Navigable waterways
 - ▶ Parking
 - ▶ Transportation system management



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Circulation (Mobility) Element



*California
Complete Streets
Legislation (AB
1358)*



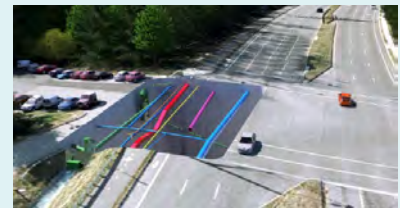
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Circulation (Mobility) Element

Water, Sewer, Storm Drainage, Solid Waste, Energy, Communications

- Identify service providers
- Evaluate existing deficiencies and adequacy to support growth
- Define policies to correlate improvements & growth—including funding responsibilities
- Define strategies to **conserve scarce resources**



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Conservation Element



Conservation, development, & utilization of natural resources (water, forests, soils, harbors, fisheries, wildlife, minerals)

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Conservation Element

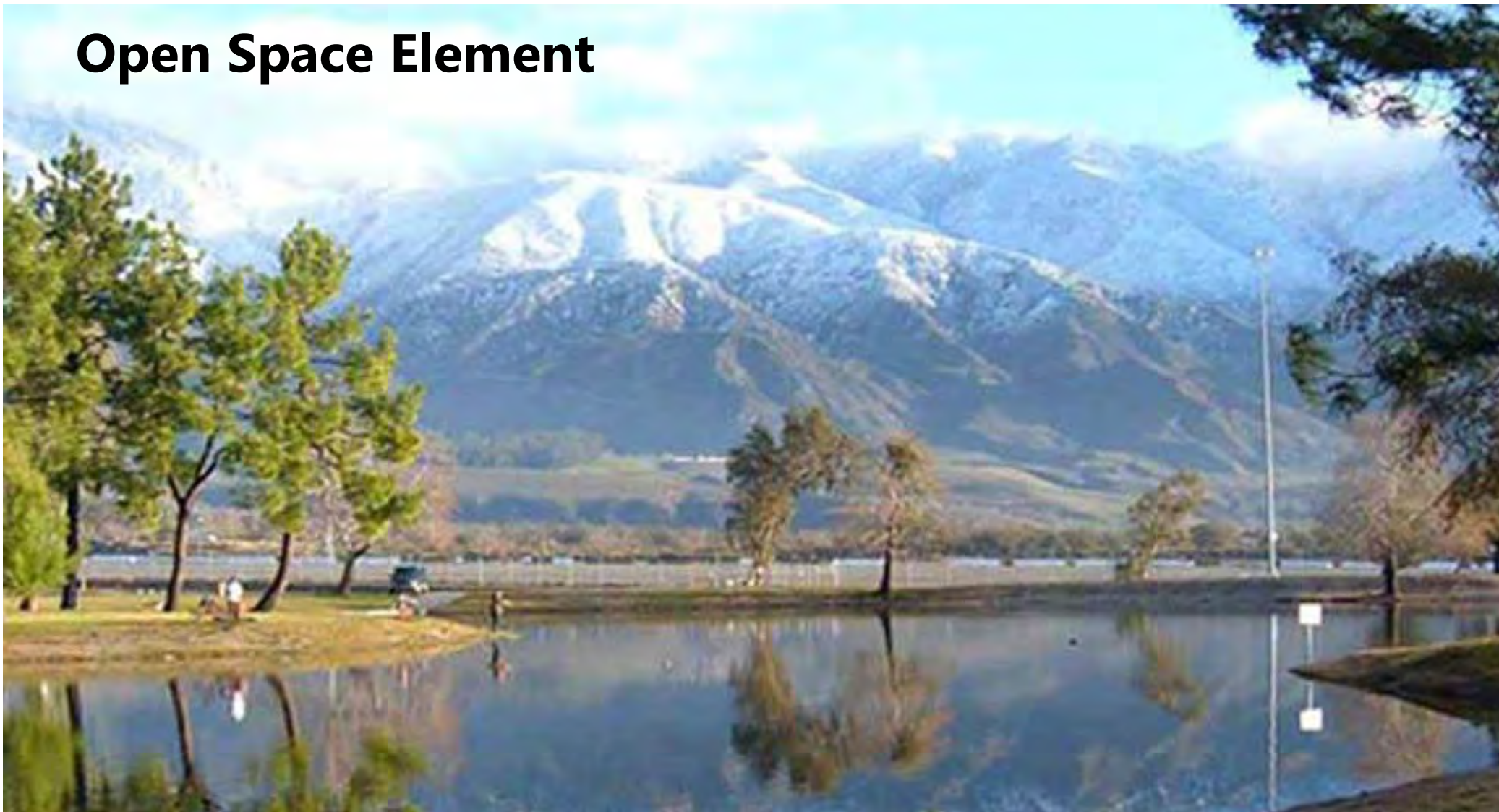
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Open Space Element



- *Preservation of natural resources*
- *Managed production of resources*
- *Outdoor recreation*
- *Public health & safety*

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Noise Element

Noise abatement and land use compatibility with stationary and mobile sources:

- Highways and freeways
- Primary arterials and major local streets
- Railroad operations
- Aviation
- Local industrial plants
- Other ground stationary sources



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Safety Element

Protection of the community from risks and resilience due to the effects of:

- Climate change (SB 379*)
- Seismic hazards
- Flood hazards
- Wildland and urban fires
- Landslides
- Tsunami and sea level rise
- Hazardous materials

*SB 379 Requires a vulnerability assessment that identifies the risk that climate change poses, addressing the preceding and other issues

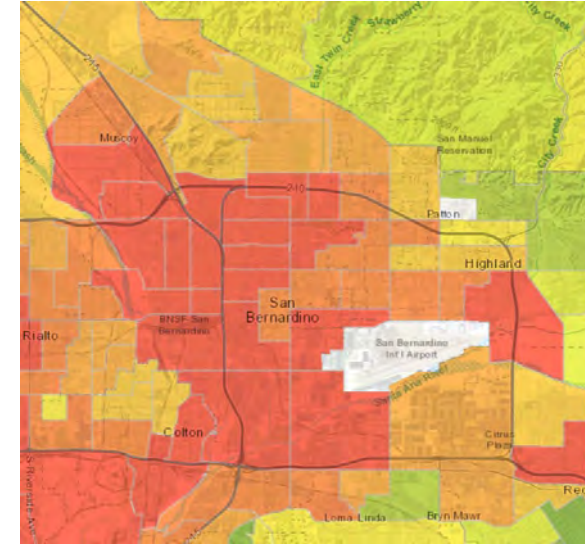


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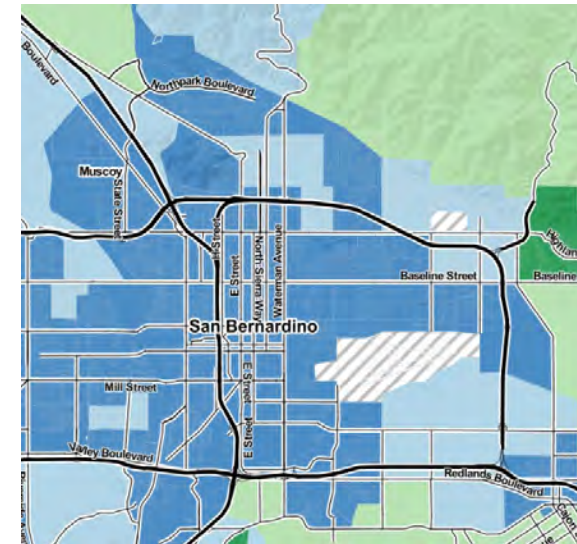


Environmental Justice Element

- Identify disadvantaged communities
- Identify policies for reduction of health risks
 - ▶ Clean and Healthy Environments (Pollution Reduction)
 - ▶ Healthy Food Access
 - ▶ Physical Activity
 - ▶ Safe, Healthy and Affordable Housing
 - ▶ Equitable and Green Jobs
 - ▶ Healthy Public Facilities
 - ▶ Climate Resilience and Justice
 - ▶ Empowered Neighborhoods (Civic Engagement and Prioritizing EJ Communities)



*Cal Enviro Screen,
4.0*



*California Healthy
Places Index*

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Permissive Elements

- **May adopt other elements** or address any other subjects, which relate to the physical development of the community
- Carries the **same weight of law** as the required elements

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The Updated San Bernardino General Plan

- **Land Use**
- Economic Development
- **Housing**
- **Circulation**
- **Utilities/Infrastructure**
- Public Services and Facilities
- Parks, Recreation, and Trails
- Energy and Water Conservation
- Historic and Archaeological Resources
- **Noise**
- **Safety**
- Climate and Adaptation
- **Environmental Justice and Health**

Legend

- **Required Element**
- Permissive Element, or Sub-Set of a Required Element

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- **Vision**

- Articulation of the core values and desires of the community expressed as an image of the future it wishes to create

- **Goals**

- An ideal future end related to the public health, safety, or general welfare.
- A general expression of community values and may be abstract in nature.
- Generally, not quantifiable or time dependent.

- **Policies**

- Specific statement that guides decision-making
- Commitment to a particular course of action

- **Implementation Programs**

- Action, procedure, program, or technique that carries out general plan policy

Public Participation Activities and Process



Public Participation Program



How we will reach out to the public:

Go where the people are:

- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Community Workshops (3 Rounds in Each Ward)
- Pop-Up Events
- Stakeholder Interviews or Roundtables
- Social Media
- Project Branding and Collateral Materials
- Project Website
- Community and Organizational Training Academy



Public Participation Program



Previous Activities

- Project Website
 - ▶ futuresb2050.com
 - ▶ Take the survey
- “Kick-Off” Pop-Up Workshop
 - ▶ June 26, Court Street Square
 - ▶ Stations
 - City and Downtown Likes and Dislikes
 - Ways to Bring Life Into the Downtown
 - Carousel Mall – Meet RDICO
 - Circulation and Active Transportation
 - Imagine the Future
 - Housing



Public Participation Program



Upcoming Activities

- Project Website
 - ▶ futuresb2050.com
 - ▶ Take the survey
 - ▶ Join the contest
- Community Issues and Visioning Workshops in Each Ward—Dates and Locations to be Confirmed (August – September)
 - ▶ Help us attract participants
 - ▶ We will provide flyers and other information
 - ▶ Attend and listen to your community
- Back to School Extravaganza, July 27
- Community and Organizational Training Academy—Date to be Confirmed



GPAC Roles, Rules, and Procedures

General Plan Advisory Committee Handbook



GPAC Roles, Rules, Procedures



GPAC Responsibilities

- Provide recommendations to decision makers
- Provide a forum for other members of the public
- Seek community benefit and convey the community's perspective
- Identify critical issues and relevant information
- Identify and suggest resolutions to potential conflicts
- Expand public awareness and participation
- Consider ideas and review materials
- Refine policy consistent with the Vision



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GPAC Roles, Rules, Procedures



Rules and Procedures (Key Points)

- All meetings will be open to the public.
- Chair and Vice-Chair to be selected in the second meeting.
- Meeting agendas and meeting materials to be developed by City staff and consultant, distributed to GPAC members no less than three days prior to the scheduled meeting. Members expected to review and be prepared to discuss the provided material at the meeting.
- Chair or Vice-Chair shall advance the agenda
- Chair or Vice-Chair shall represent the GPAC at Planning Commission and City Council meetings
- The Secretary will prepare meeting summaries
- Meeting to be convened on confirmation of a quorum of the membership
- Any member of the public may address the GPAC on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the GPAC, which is not listed on the agenda; limitation of 3 minutes and cumulative period of 30 minutes per meeting



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Rules and Procedures (Key Points)

- When consensus cannot be reached, the GPAC shall form its recommendations based on the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the GPAC membership in attendance.
- Conflict of interest: You may be required to disqualify yourself from making, participating in, or attempting to influence any decision which will affect your financial interests.
- Attendance is required at every GPAC meeting. Members shall notify City staff prior to a scheduled meeting if they are unable to attend and request an excused absence. Two unexcused absences may constitute grounds for dismissal from the GPAC.



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Meeting Topics and Dates

Table 2. GPAC Tentative Schedule and Proposed Topics

Meeting	Date	Meeting Topics
GPAC #1	July 15	Introduction to the General Plan; process and schedule for update; relationship to other planning activities "ice-breaker" activity
GPAC #2	August 19	Review background data; Housing-Needs and issues
GPAC #3	September 16	Preliminary Vision and Principles
GPAC #4	October 21	Final Vision and Principles
GPAC #5	November 18	Land use 1—Identify opportunity areas
GPAC #6	December 16 (TBC)	Housing-Input for policies and programs
GPAC #7	January 2022	Land use 2—Framework plan and develop preliminary land use concepts
GPAC #8	June 16, 2022	Land use 3—Review impact analyses and community workshop public comments; develop final recommended land use plan
GPAC #9	August 18, 2022	Policy 1: Land use, urban form, community design, and historic preservation
GPAC #10	September TBD	Policy 2: Economic development and Environmental Justice
GPAC #11	September TBD	Policy 3: Mobility, Infrastructure, water and energy
GPAC #12	October TBD	Policy 5: Public services and facilities; parks and recreation
GPAC #13	October TBD	Policy 6: Safety, noise, and climate change
GPAC #14	February 2023, TBD	Final plan and Program EIR Presentation prior to Planning Commission and City Council hearings

Note: The specific meeting topics and order are subject to change



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GPAC Activity

Community Strengths and Issues



GPAC Activity



“Imagine that you would be transported 20 to 30 years in the future...”

1. What are the assets of San Bernardino that make it a great place to live, work, and play?
2. What are the most significant issues and challenges that have been overcome?
3. What would be different about the community?
4. What has remained constant?





Adjourn to August 19 Meeting

Topics: Existing Conditions and Housing