

City Council Progress Report July 15, 2013

# Overview of General Plan Update

- Albany General Plan adopted in 1992
- Focuses on physical development of city
- Plan Update is necessary to:
  - ensure legal compliance
  - incorporate recent plans
  - use current data and reflect current issues
  - look ahead to 2035
  - improve document quality and accessibility

### Major Tasks

- Community outreach
- Policy audit
- Data collection and analysis
- Policy development
- Draft Plan
- Environmental Impact Report
- Adoption

## Study Sessions to Date

- P&Z Commission (three 90-min sessions)
  - Overview of project, process, key issues
  - Land Use categories and density issues
  - Housing and demographic trends and issues
- Traffic and Safety Commission
- Sustainability Committee
- Waterfront Committee
- Parks and Recreation Commission

### Outreach to Date

- Project website with document links
- Project video
- Albany Speaks
- Brochure
- Community briefings (CESP, Rotary)

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### **Policy Audit**

- · Voices to Vision
- Housing Element
- Active Transportation Plan (2012)
- Traffic Management Plan (2000)
- Public Arts Master Plan (2010)
- Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan (2012)
- Parks Master Plan (2004)

- Climate Action Plan (2010)
- Watershed Master Plan (1998)
- Residential Design Guidelines
- San Pablo Av Vision Plan (1997)
- Eastshore State Park Plan
  - Proposal for Albany Portion
- Complete Streets documents
- · UC Village Master Plan

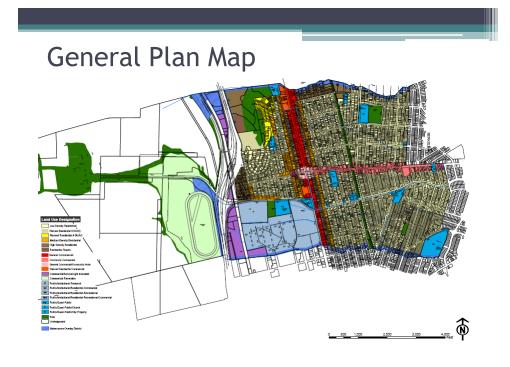
## Data Collection and Analysis

#### **Underway**

- · Demographics and Housing
- Land Use
- Parks and Recreation

#### **Pending**

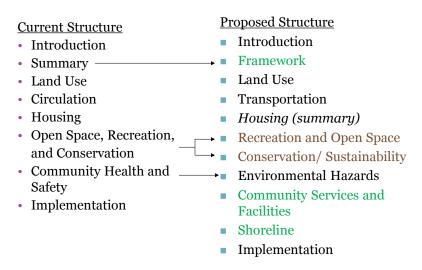
- Natural Environment (air, water, biotic, GHG)
- Hazards (geologic, flooding, noise, hazmats)
- Transportation
- · Community Services and Facilities



### **EIR Consultant Retention**

- Scope of work prepared
- RFPs sent to four firms
- Two proposals received
- Interviews July 12, 2013
- Contract negotiation pending

### Issue: Plan Organization



### Other Issues

- Housing Element certification
- Possible ballot requirements
- General Plan Map changes
- Treatment of UC Village

### **Next Steps**

- July 24: P&Z Commission
- Development of Housing Element policies and actions
- Continued data collection and analysis
- Continued outreach and input
- Initiation of EIR
- Future briefings to City Council and Commissions/ Committees



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**DISCUSSION**