

**ALBANY 2035 GENERAL PLAN**  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION STUDY SESSION

May 22, 2014

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### General Plan Overview



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- Required of every city and county in California
- Guides long-range growth and development
- 20-year horizon (2035)
- Includes Land Use Map and other Plan maps
- Organized into topical chapters (“elements”)
  - Narrative text
  - Goals, policies, and actions

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### Land Use Map



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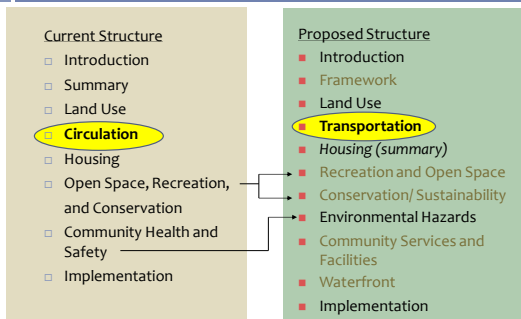
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## Current and Proposed Plan Structure



## Policy Audit



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- 1992 General Plan
- 2000 Traffic Management Plan
- 2012 Active Transportation Plan
- 2010 Climate Action Plan
- 2013 Complete Streets Policy
- San Pablo-Buchanan Complete Streets Plan
- Municipal Code
- County/Regional plans

## Policy Audit



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Item #	Item	Category	Subcategory	Adjustments
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
ALB-001	Review the character of residential areas near and on arterial streets.	High	Arterial	Integrate into a policy about residential arterial
ALB-002	Evaluate the traffic and circulation along Fair and Adams Streets. Take advantage of a east-west street on San Pablo Avenue for transit access. Showcase the use of Fair and Adams for primary access to nonresidential uses.	High	Arterial	The City generated a program, rather than a policy. The second sentence should be reworded to better express the objective. The last sentence is not relevant and is included in item 2.7 in the Joint Use Element's draft text
ALB-003	Address the designation of minor arterial for General Plan.	High	Arterial	Supplemented by more current transportation plans. Check local for policy issue to make sure this is correct.
ALB-004	Support ring and panel collection of all container shipments to reduce traffic disruption on the City streets.	High	Arterial	Current policies and apply new needs to all freeways work, not just the new completed project.
ALB-005	Concentrate east-west through-traffic along Union and Solano Avenues and discourage east-west from Washington and Howard.	High	Arterial	Highly specific. Perhaps broader to discourage through traffic on other east-west streets?
ALB-006	Concentrate north-south through traffic along Suisun, Key Route and Santa Fe (at east of San Pablo Ave)	High	Arterial	Highly specific. What about Francis Cleveland?
ALB-007	Realign the following streets: (1) Jackson between Seave and the parkside terminal; design all from "minor arterial" to "arterial"; (2) Washington between Cleveland and Jackson; downgrade from "minor arterial" to "local"; (3) Solano between San Pablo and east to east upgrade from "arterial" to "major arterial"	High	Arterial	This is a program, not a policy. Replace with more specific language as expressed in Action 10 and Traffic Management Plan. Check current classification system on General Plan map.
ALB-008	Review and update the City's policies, standards, and other methods to limit through traffic and high speeds in residential streets. This should be considered as a citywide issue and potential impacts to adjacent streets due to changing travel patterns should be fully addressed.	High	Arterial	Same for road and potential impacts. Consider more recent transportation policy plans.
ALB-009	Protect residential neighborhoods from excessive parking demands.	High	Arterial	Need to rewrite this goal to present a more balanced perspective and acknowledge potential goals (sustainability, affordability, etc.)

## Existing v Proposed Transportation Goals



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### EXISTING GOALS (1992)

1. Residential Character
2. Neighborhood Parking
3. Solano and San Pablo Parking
4. Transit
5. I-80 Interchange
6. Bike Routes

### PROPOSED GOALS (2014)

1. Complete Streets
2. Sustainable Transportation
3. Transportation Choice
4. Safety
5. Transportation Impacts
6. Vehicle Flow
7. Parking

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## 1 Complete Streets



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Create and maintain a street network that accommodates all modes of travel, meets the mobility needs of all travelers, and enhances Albany's sense of place.

- Balancing all modes
- Sensitivity to context
- Operating procedures
- Design standards
- Connecting the City
- Accessibility for all

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## 2 Sustainability



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Reduce the consumption of non-renewable resources and the emission of greenhouse gases related to transportation.

- Transit Oriented Development
- Mixing of uses and jobs-housing balance
- Low emission vehicles
- Sharing: Rides, Cars, Bikes
- Spreading/reducing the peak hour
- Evaluating GHG emissions

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### 3 Transportation Choice



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Provide the opportunity to safely and conveniently travel through Albany using a variety of travel modes, including walking, bicycling, and public transportation.

- Bikeway improvements
- Bike and sidewalk maintenance
- Bike parking
- Bike programming and education
- Sidewalks and paths
- Access to open space
- Transit service
- Transit stops
- Transit needs
- Paratransit
- Coordination across city lines

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### 4 Transportation Safety



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Improve the safety of all modes of travel, taking particular care to reduce the rate of injury accidents for bicycles and pedestrians.

- Accident data and project prioritization
- Enforcement
- Preventive maintenance
- Crosswalk safety
- Community education on safety
- School safety
- Lighting and security

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### 5 Managing Transportation Impacts



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Minimize the adverse effects of vehicle traffic on Albany's neighborhoods.

- Traffic calming
- Cut-through traffic
  - Regional scale
  - Local scale
- Residential arterials
- Kains-Adams access
- Streetscape improvement
- Trucks

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## 6 Vehicle Flow



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Provide for the safe and efficient flow of vehicle traffic.

- Road hierarchy
- Monitoring performance
- Interstate 80 and 580
- Development-related improvements
- Pavement maintenance
- Signal timing and configuration
- Level of service
- Coordination with other cities

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## 7 Parking



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Balance the need for vehicle parking with the goal of reducing auto dependence and achieving more sustainable development.

- Strategies to balance supply and demand
- Parking standards (residential and commercial)
- Shared parking
- Innovations (lifts, car-share, etc.)
- Design of surface parking
- Unbundling
- Municipal parking

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## Other Components



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- 2014 traffic counts completed
- 2035 traffic forecasts to be prepared based on:
  - Local land uses and forecasts
  - Regional projections
- Analysis of potential hot spots and needed improvements
- Maps of road hierarchy, ped and bike network

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## Discussion Questions



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- Are these the right goals?
- Are there missing transportation topics requiring policies?
- Do the policies provide the right direction?
- Are there additional action programs needed to implement the policies?

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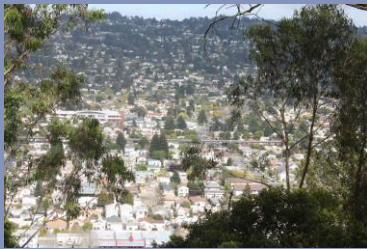
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