

ALBANY 2035 GENERAL PLAN

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

GENERAL PLAN STATUS UPDATE

January 7 2015

General Plan Basics



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- Required since 1937
- Expresses local policy on land use
- Comprehensive
- Long-Range (15-25 years)
- Internally consistent
- Includes narrative and diagrams
- Subject to CEQA

Plan Elements



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Current Structure

- Introduction
- Summary
- **Land Use**
- **Circulation**
- **Housing**
- **Open Space, Recreation, and Conservation**
- Community Health and **Safety**
- Implementation

Proposed Structure

- Introduction
- **Framework**
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Recreation and Open Space
- Conservation/ Sustainability
- Environmental Hazards
- **Community Services and Facilities**
- **Waterfront**
- Implementation

Goals, Policies, Actions



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- Goal
 - “A range of transportation choices for Albany residents.”
- Policy
 - “Maintain a connected system of bike routes and lanes that make it possible to travel around Albany without a private automobile.”
- Action
 - “Provide additional bike racks at City Hall by 2016.”

Existing Plans Being Incorporated



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- Active Transportation Plan
- Public Arts Master Plan (2010)
- Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan
- Parks Master Plan (2004)
- Climate Action Plan (2009)
- Residential Design Guidelines
- San Pablo Av Vision Plan (1997) and Design Guidelines
- Eastshore State Park Plan (2002)/ Proposal for Albany's portion (1995)
- Complete Streets Plan (s)
- UC Village Master Plan
- Voices to Vision (goals only)
- AUSD Facilities Master Plan
- Albany CIP and Albany Sewer Master Plan

General Plan EIR



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- Evaluates impact of General Plan 20-year “buildout” on roads, environment, services, aesthetics, etc.
- Focuses on land use map changes
- Includes setting, impacts, mitigation measures
- Considers alternatives to the proposed Plan, including “no project”
- General Plan is designed to be “self-mitigating”

EIR Topics

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biologic Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology
- Land Use
- Noise
- Population/ Housing
- Public Services/Rec
- Transportation
- Utilities

Land Use Element Status



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- Land use policy audit completed
- Planning and Zoning Study Sessions in April 2013, July 2013, Dec 2013, March 2014, April 2014
- Land Use categories revised and vetted
- Land Use Map completed
- “Buildout” forecasts completed
- Goals, policies, and actions completed
- Text now being drafted

Transportation Element Status



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- Transportation policy audit completed
- Traffic counts/baseline analysis completed
- New transportation policies drafted
- Two meetings with Traffic and Safety Commission: April 2013 and May 2014
- Meeting with P&Z Commission in May 2014
- Modeling future conditions shortly
- Element to be drafted in Spring

Housing Element Status



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- 2007-2014 Element adopted in March 2014
 - ▣ Five P&Z study sessions plus adoption hearing
- 2015-2023 Element scheduled for Feb 2, 2015
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- Element stands on its own as free-standing document, separate from rest of General Plan

Conservation and Sustainability Element Status



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- Conservation/Sustainability policy audit completed
- EIR baseline sections (hydrology, biologic, GHG) completed
- Policies drafted and vetted with Sustainability Committee: April 2013 and July 2014
- Planning and Zoning Study Session in July 2014
- Element Text now being drafted

Environmental Hazards Element Status



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- Environmental Hazards policy audit completed
- EIR baseline sections (geology, hazmats, noise, air) completed
- New policies vetted with Planning and Zoning Commission in November 2014
- Map preparation underway

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element Status



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- Parks/Rec/Open Space policy audit completed
- New policies drafted and vetted with Parks/Rec Commission in July 2013 and June 2014
- Policies vetted with Planning and Zoning Commission in June 2014
- Element now being drafted

Community Services and Facilities Element Status



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- Policies vetted with Planning and Zoning Commission in December 2014
- Meetings conducted with service providers (schools, police, fire, etc.)
- Element text now being drafted

Waterfront Element Status



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- Policy “Audit” of waterfront planning documents completed
- Meetings with CESP and Waterfront Committee (May 2013, April 2014)
- Policies being drafted now
- P&Z Study Session planned for February

EIR Status



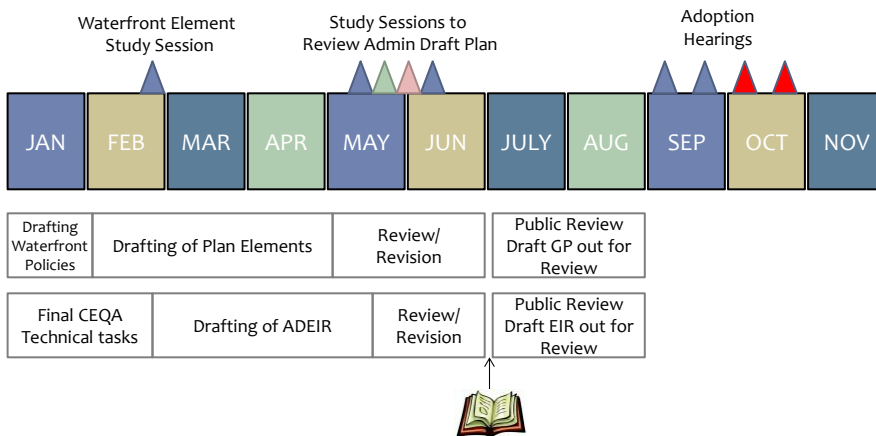
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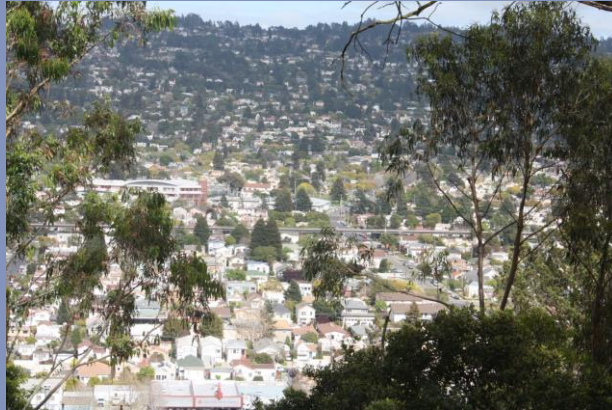
- Scoping Session in March 2014
- Most baseline conditions sections now completed
- Initiating “impact analysis”
- Mitigation measures to be identified in next 3-4 months

Next Steps



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