

ALBANY 2035 GENERAL PLAN

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
GENERAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING 2

March 9 2016

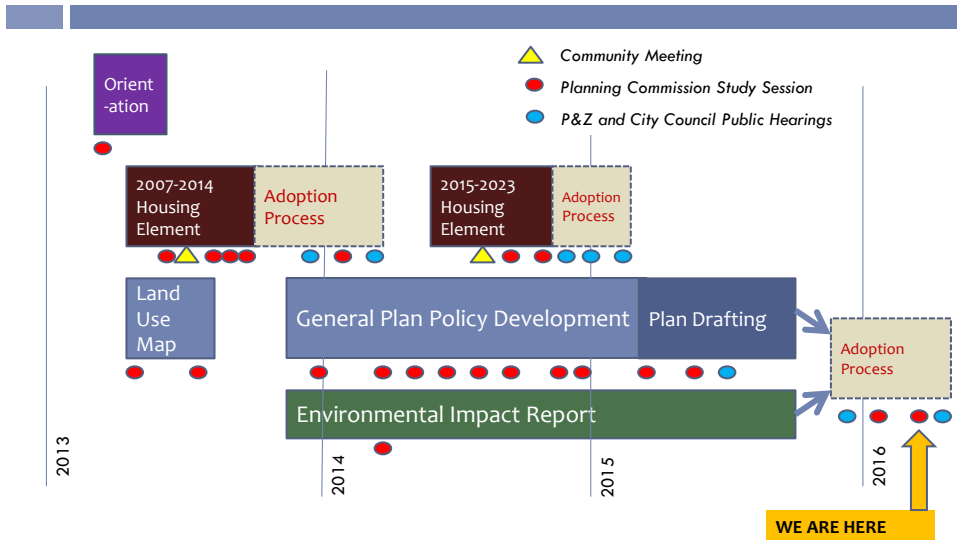
Two Resolutions



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- **2016-01 recommending City Council adoption of Final EIR (Draft EIR plus Response to Comments), MMRP, and Findings**
- **2016-02 recommending City Council adoption of 2035 Albany General Plan, including Addendum**

Timeline



Timeline Since Release of Draft



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- Draft EIR and General Plan published on 11-25-15
- City Council Study Session on 12-15-15
- Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing: 1-13-16
- Comment Period Closed 1-25-16
- Documents Published on 2-26-16
 - ▣ Response to Comments (including edits to DEIR)
 - ▣ MMRP and Findings
 - ▣ General Plan Addendum

- Other Commission and Committee Briefings**
- Sustainability (Dec 16)
 - Traffic and Safety (Dec 17)
 - Parks and Recreation (Jan 14)
 - Social and Economic Justice (Feb 2)
 - Arts (Feb 7)

Comments Addressed in FEIR



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Agencies

- Caltrans
- Alameda CTC
- EBMUD
- EBRPD

Organizations

- Friends of Albany Hill
- DHWG/ St. Alban's

Individuals

- Fields
- Holan

Planning/Zoning Commission

- Menotti
- Donaldson

Comments Addressed in Addendum



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- All comments on DEIR
- Comments from:
 - City Council and public (12/15/15)
 - Sustainability Committee (12/16/15)
 - Traffic and Safety Commission (12/17/15)
 - Planning and Zoning Commission and public (1/13/15)
- Supplemental written comments provided by Commissioners Donaldson, Menotti

Addendum Highlights: Land Use



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- Clarified land use definitions, including “undesigned” areas
- Expanded Policy LU-1.1 to leverage future development to create affordable housing resources
- Replaced Action LU-2.G to address historic preservation in local design guidelines, and edited Action LU-6.D advocating for a future historic preservation program
- Added language acknowledging potential for eventual land use change at Golden Gate Fields

Addendum Highlights: Transportation



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- Bicycle facility language clarified and San Pablo Avenue cycle track added
- Golden Gate Transit service added
- Relationship between “VMT” and sustainability clarified
- New action added supporting electric vehicle charging stations
- Recent changes to sidewalk policy acknowledged
- Street lighting policies clarified
- Potential changes to future bicycle routes acknowledged
- Policy added in response to Caltrans comment on funding for regional transportation improvements

Addendum Highlights: Parks/Open Space



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- Street rights-of-way and creeks acknowledged as open space resources
- Language on Veterans Memorial Building edited to emphasize long-term public access, need for seismic evaluation, and sensitive historic restoration
- Need to plan for future dog play areas acknowledged
- Long-term open space opportunities at Golden Gate Fields acknowledged
- Added Action to use Measure R funds for Albany Hill land acquisition, creek restoration, vegetation management

Addendum Highlights: Conservation



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- Information on special status plants/animals updated
- Tree preservation: “encourage” vs “require”
- Edited Albany Hill policy to acknowledge focus on restoring native ecosystems
- Edited street tree policy to note the need to coordinate tree policies with sidewalk policies
- Added action to encourage AUSD to use sustainable building methods and operations

Addendum Highlights: Hazards



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- Added text on pipelines
- Expanded text on sea level rise
- Edited action on soft story buildings to study feasibility of mandatory upgrade program
- Edited action on emergency preparedness to address persons with special needs

Addendum: Community Services



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- Text added on services for special needs populations
- Text added on telecommunications/ broadband
- Policy added noting Fire Department's role in promoting health and wellness
- Goal on Youth/Seniors expanded to more generally address human services
- Human services policy added emphasizing inclusiveness and responsiveness to the needs of all persons

Addendum: Waterfront



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- Action added supporting update of the Eastshore State Park General Plan and constructive dialogue on park lands within Albany
- Policy added to ensure that any change of use at Golden Gate Fields includes community benefits
- Definition of “shoreline” clarified
- Action added to encourage transparent, ongoing dialogue with racetrack owners in future waterfront planning

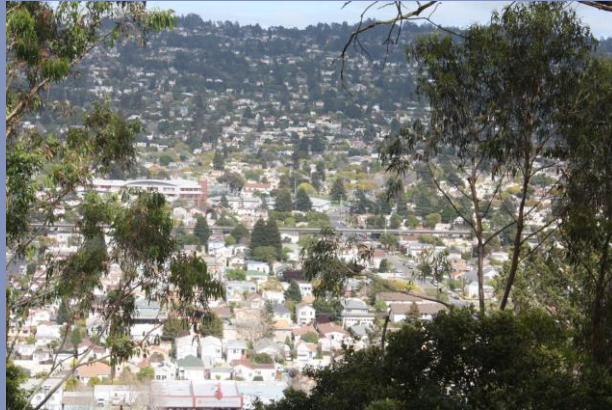
Next Steps



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- Tonight
 - ▣ Consider public comment
 - ▣ Commissioner discussion
 - ▣ Consider any edits or changes to Addendum/ FEIR
 - ▣ Vote on Resolutions
- Council Adoption Hearing on April 18
- Addendum to be flowed into General Plan text following adoption

Plan, EIR, and background information available at: www.albany2035.org



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