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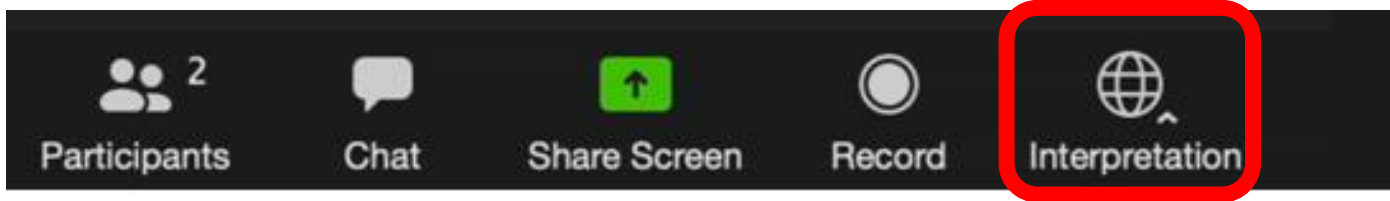
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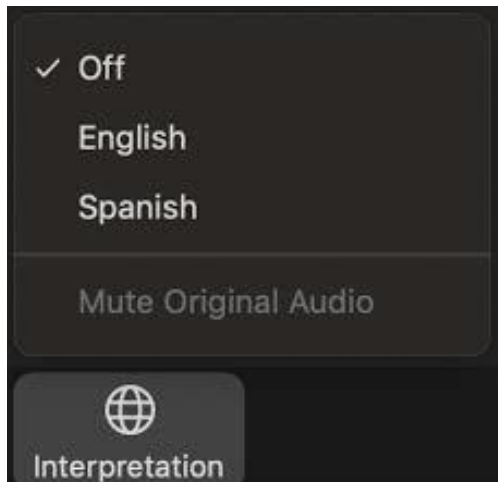
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Agenda

- Welcome & GPAC Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- GPAC Meeting #14 Minutes approval
- Policy Frameworks Background
- Topic Context
- Group Discussion
- Public comment
- Next Steps

Please be advised that this meeting is being recorded

Introductions

- **Carlene Saxton**, Director of Economic & Community Development
- **Megan Taggart**, Planning Manager
- **Benjamin Fiss**, Senior Planner
- **Drew Pletcher**, Deputy City Attorney

- **Simran Malhotra**, Principal (Raimi + Associates)
- **Melissa Stark**, Senior Planner (Raimi + Associates)
- **Meghan Weir**, Principal (Nelson\Nygaard)
- **Zach Zabel**, Senior Associate II (Nelson\Nygaard)

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Roll Call – GPAC Members

- **Tony Avila**
- **Juan Blanco**
- **Lourdes T. Everett**
- **Colby Estes**
- **Laura Gordon**
- **Theresa Hambro**
- **Matthew Harris**

- **Aurora Hernandez**
- **Pat Hunt**
- **Sheri Kaneshiro**
- **Teri Lamping**
- **Deborah Rutkowski-Hines**
- **Jason Zink**

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Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible,

with liberty and justice for all.

GPAC Meeting #14Minutes

- Motion to approve or deny?

What You Need to Know: Questions and Comments

Questions and Comments

- We will be pausing during the presentation to answer questions
- There will be additional opportunity after the presentation to provide comments
- Public comment will take place at the end of the meeting
- Send additional questions or comments to **generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org**

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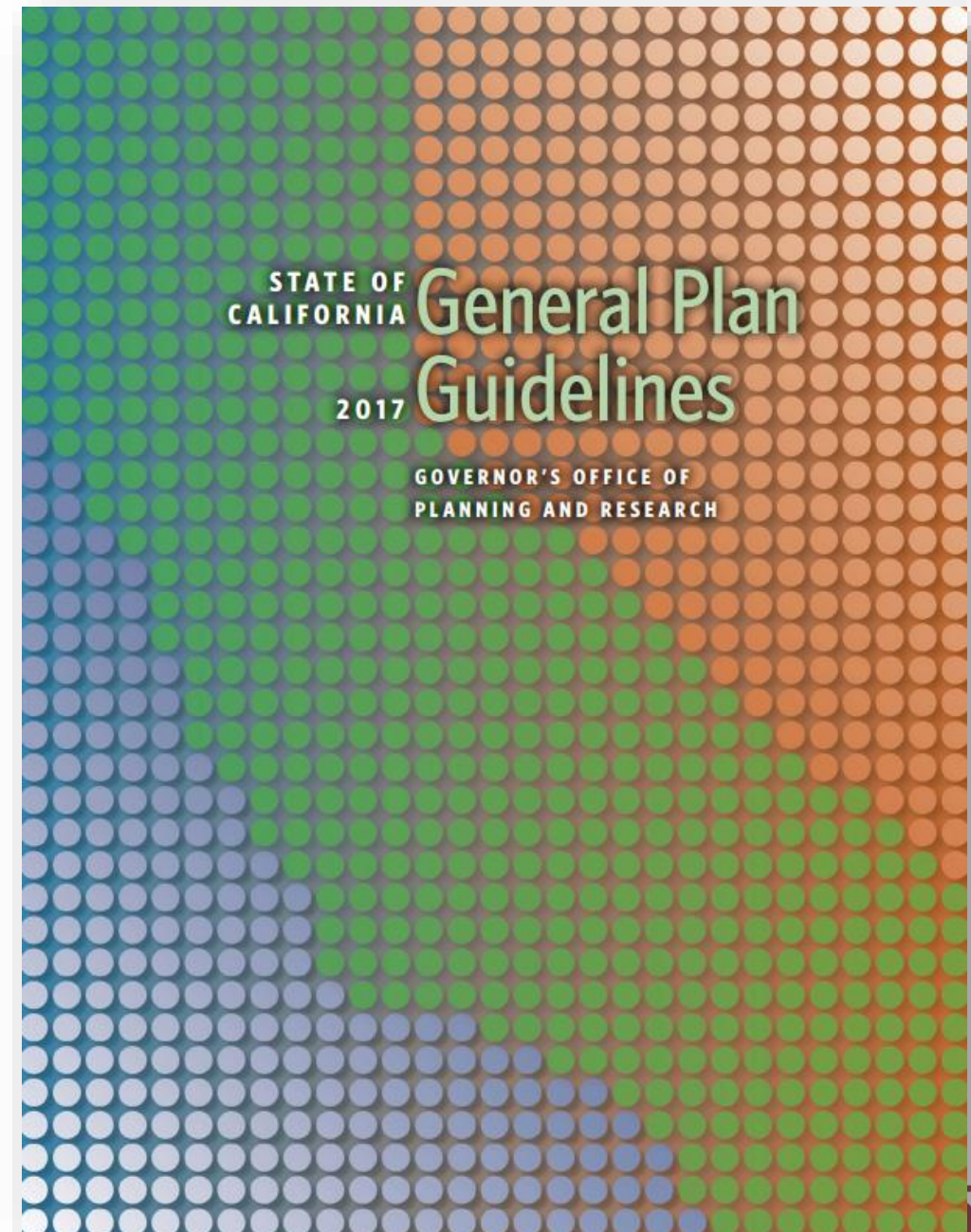
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General Plan Overview

General Plan Requirements
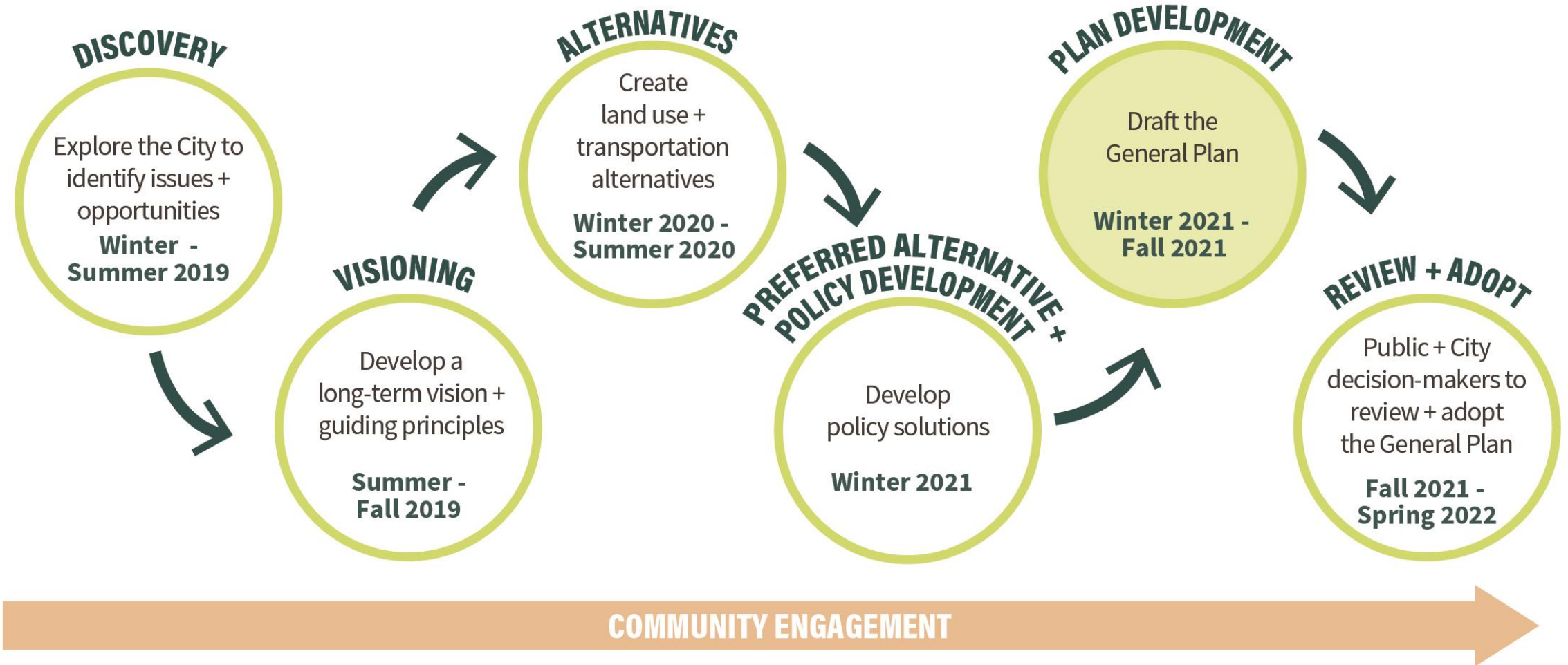
Required Elements

- **Land Use**
- **Circulation**
- Housing
- Conservation
- Open Space
- Noise
- Safety
- Air Quality
- Environmental Justice

Additional Considerations

- Community Design
- Equitable and Resilient Communities
- Healthy Communities
- Economic Development
- Climate Change
- Military Readiness

STATE OF CALIFORNIA General Plan

2017 Guidelines

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Palmdale 2045 Project Schedule

DISCOVERY
Explore the City to identify issues + opportunities
Winter - Summer 2019

VISIONING
Develop a long-term vision + guiding principles
Summer - Fall 2019

ALTERNATIVES
Create land use + transportation alternatives
Winter 2020 - Summer 2020

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE + POLICY DEVELOPMENT
Develop policy solutions
Winter 2021

PLAN DEVELOPMENT
Draft the General Plan
Winter 2021 - Fall 2021

REVIEW + ADOPT
Public + City decision-makers to review + adopt the General Plan
Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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What are policy frameworks? And what do they include?

- Major topics that make up Elements of the General Plan
- An interim step in developing General Plan Elements
- An **opportunity for community input** on development of goals and policies

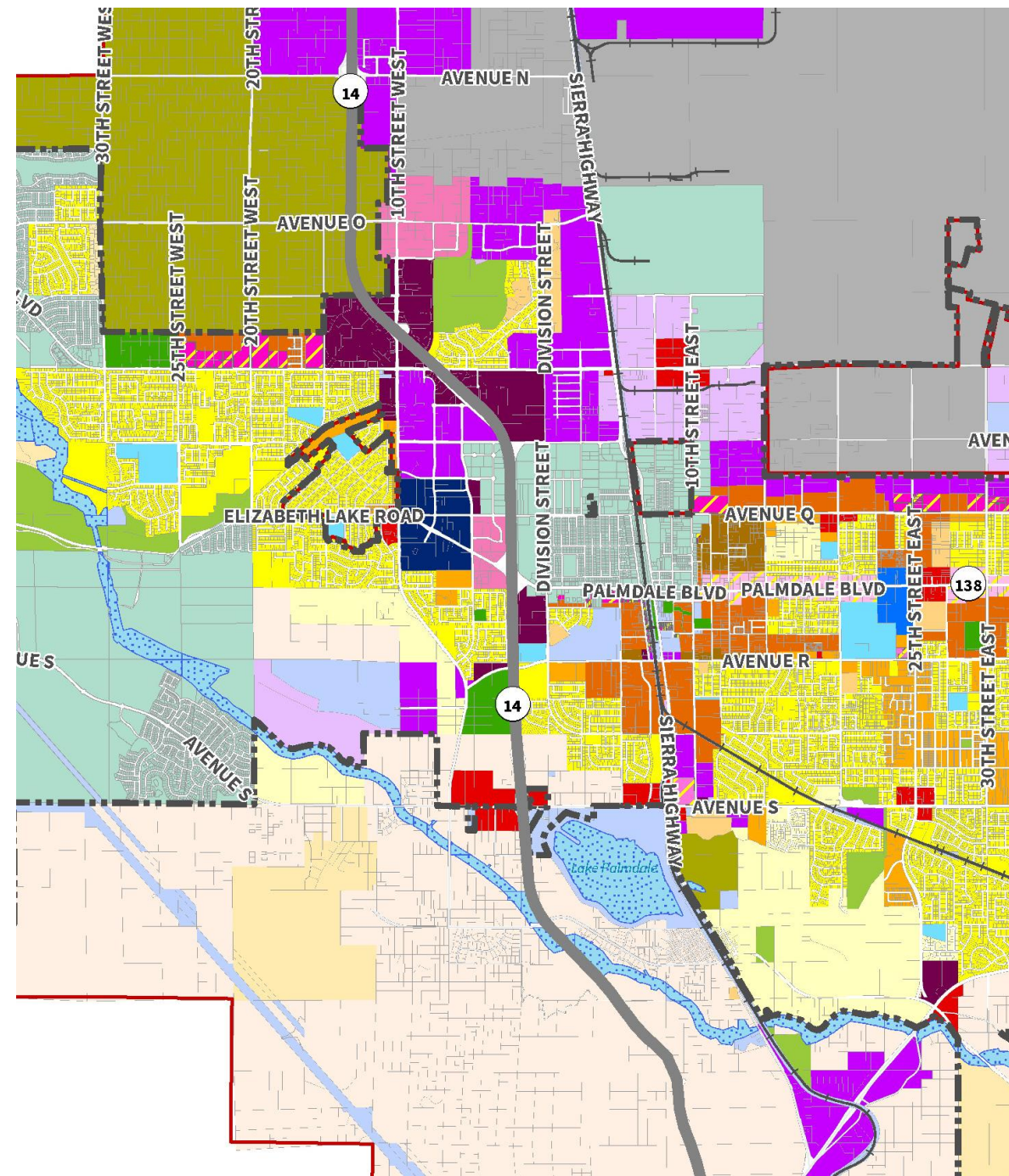|				
Safety, Infrastructure, & Hazards	**Resilience, Sustainability, & Climate Change**	**Land Use, Mobility, and Housing**	**Economic Development & Military Readiness**	**Health, Environmental Justice, Equity, Parks, & Public Facilities**
June 17th	*June 30th*	*Part 2 Tonight*	*August 5th*	*August 11th*

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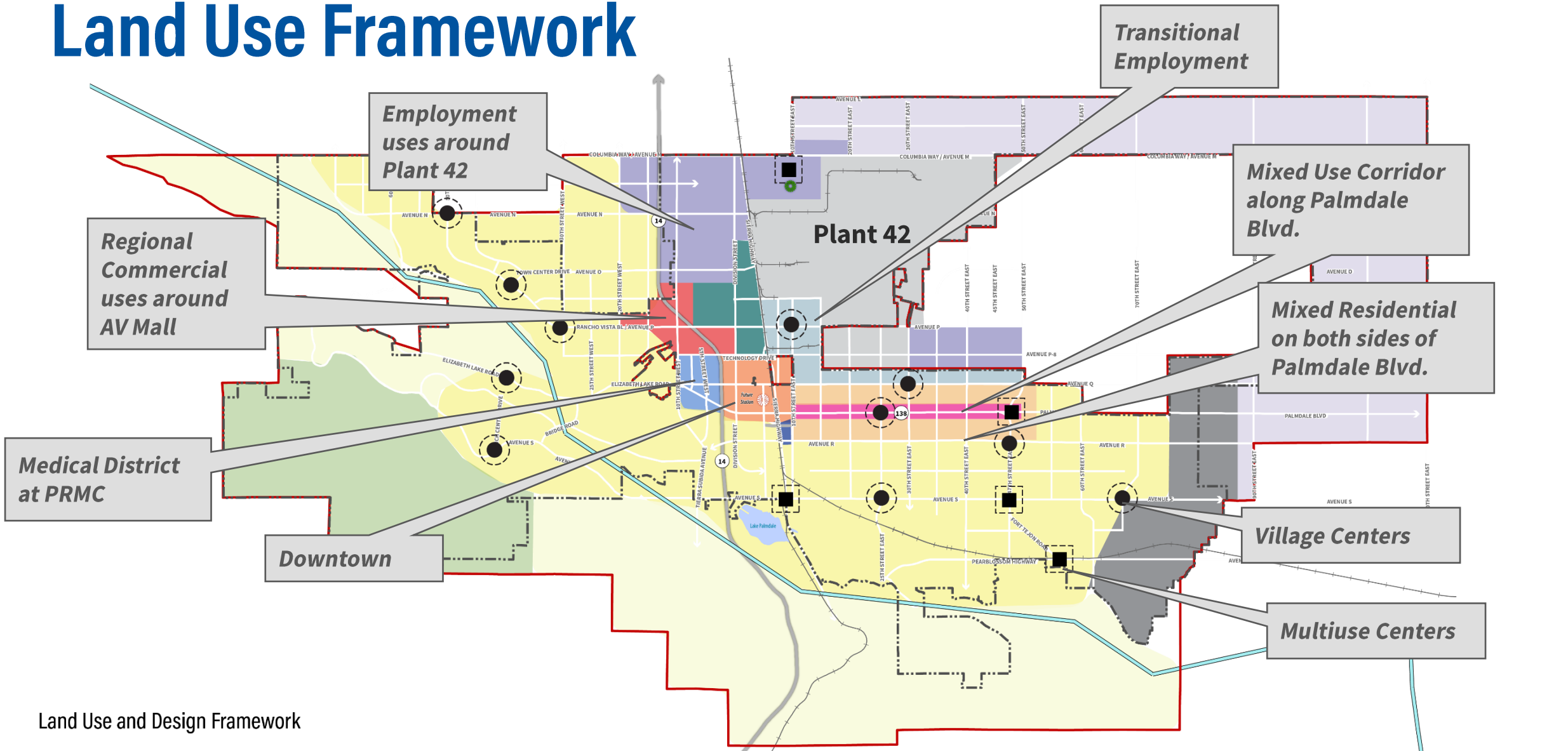
Existing Setting

Land Use Background

What is the Land Use Element?

- Required component of a General Plan in California

- Roadmap for future change and development in Palmdale

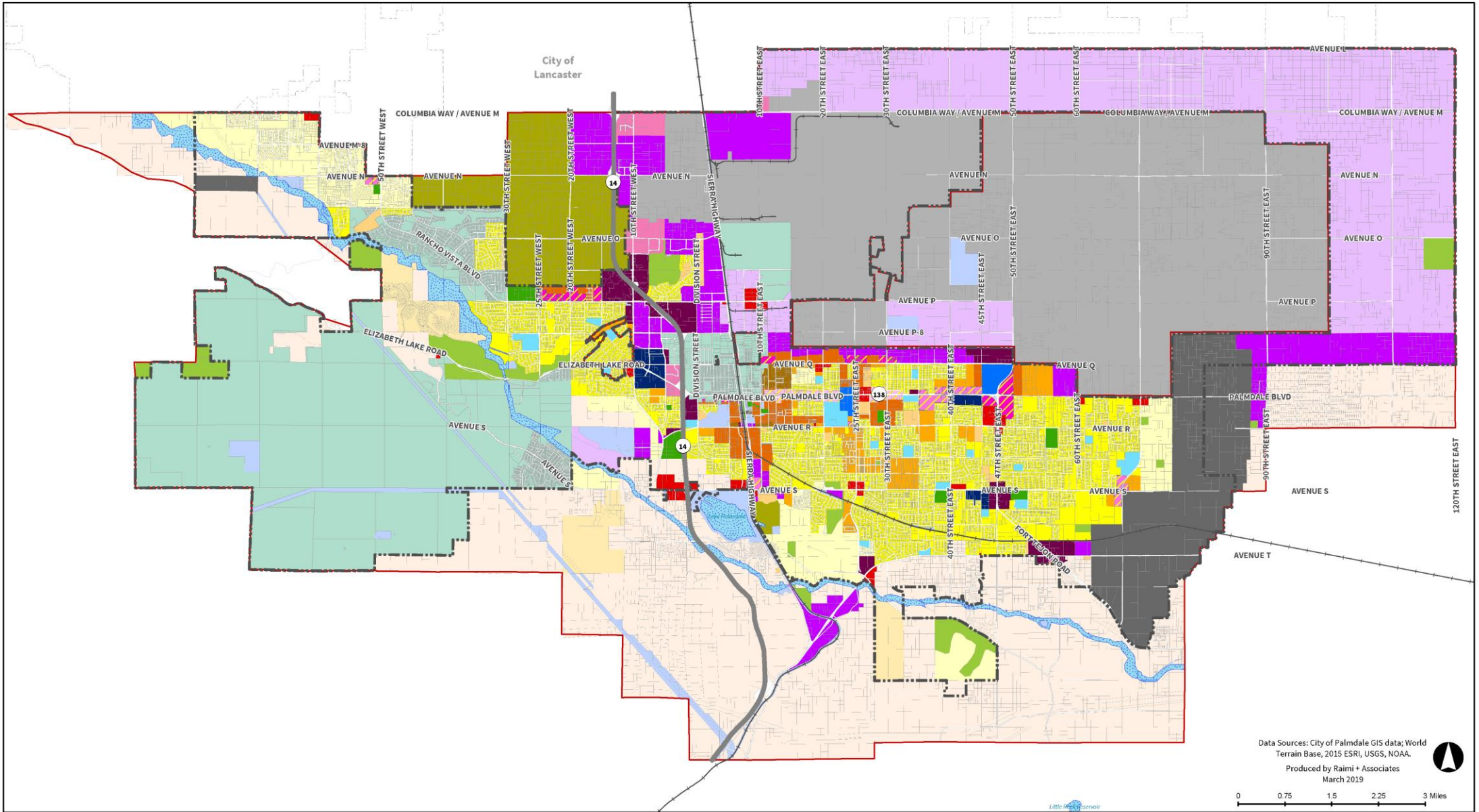- Accommodates growth while preserving and enhancing key City attributes

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Land Use Framework

Employment uses around Plant 42

Transitional Employment

Mixed Use Corridor along Palmdale Blvd.

Regional Commercial uses around AV Mall

Mixed Residential on both sides of Palmdale Blvd.

Plant 42

Medical District at PRMC

Village Centers

Downtown

Multiuse Centers

Land Use and Design Framework

- ⬚ City Boundary
- ▭ Sphere of Influence
- ～ California Aqueduct
- — Major Highway/Arterial
- ╫ Railroad
- ⊛ Transit Station
- ◉ Airport Terminal

Mid Town District	Downtown	Plant 42
Existing Neighborhoods	Medical District	Transitional District
Future Neighborhoods	Mall District	Mixed Business District

Employment District	Civic District	■ Multi-Use Node
Future Employment	Open Space	◉ Village Center
Resource Extraction Area	Mixed-Use Corridor	

Preferred Land Use Plan

Data Sources: City of Palmdale GIS data; World Terrain Base, 2015 ESRI, USGS, NOAA.

Produced by Raimi + Associates
March 2019

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Residential Designations

- Equestrian Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Single Family Residential 1
- Single Family Residential 2
- Single Family Residential 3
- Residential Neighborhood 1
- Residential Neighborhood 2
- Residential Neighborhood 3
- Residential Neighborhood 4

Mixed Use

- Mixed Use 1
- Mixed Use 2
- Mixed Use 3
- Mixed Use 4
- Health and Wellness
- Educational Flex

Commercial/Office/Other

- Neighborhood Commercial
- Regional Commercial
- Visitor Commercial
- Specific Plan

Industrial

- Employment Flex
- Industrial
- Aerospace Industrial
- Mineral Resource Extraction

Public

- Public Facility-School
- Public Facility-Civic
- Public Facility-Park
- Open Space

- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence
- Major Highway/Arterial
- Railroad
- Water Body/Aqueduct

Topics To Be Addressed in the Land Use Element

Housing	Employment	Health and Equity	Economic Development
Community Design	Transportation and Active Transportation	Education and Medical Uses	Specific Plans

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Mobility Background

What is a Mobility Element?

*State Code requires any Mobility Element update plan for a "**balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users** of streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to context of the general plan"*

- Long-term policy document to **guide the future actions** in Palmdale

- Establishes the **City's existing and proposed transportation network** for the next 25 years

- Directly correlates with **Land Use Element**

- Supports **community design, health, equity, economic development, parks and recreation, noise, air quality, and sustainability**

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Other Topics To Be Addressed in the Mobility Element

Circulation Network

Parking Management

Streetscape Design

Sustainability

Health & Equity

Background

- Transportation network relies heavily on **arterial roadways** to move travelers throughout the community

- Arterial network **separating neighborhood streets limits connectivity** for intracity multimodal travel

- The **pedestrian environment is uninviting** and makes walking difficult.

- **Bicycle network is disconnected and limited** outside of a few neighborhoods within central Palmdale

- The existing transit network is concentrated in a few areas, and **difficult to access**

- Most residents **drive to work,** and many have **long commutes**.

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Existing Plans

- **Complete Streets Plan (2018)**
- **Bicycle Transportation Plan (2018)**
- **Safe Routes to School Master Plan (2019)**
- **Street Maintenance Policies and Procedures (2011)**
- **General Plan, Circulation Element (1993)**
  - Establish, maintain and enhance a system of streets and highways to provide safe and efficient movement of goods and people
  - Reduce the # of trips and VMT by individuals to meet regional transportation and air quality goals
  - Encourage use of non-vehicular transportation
  - Promote opportunities for rail service to move goods, passengers, and commuters
  - Protect and promote a variety of air transportation services within the City of Palmdale

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Feedback from Community Engagement

Key Concerns

- High speeds present safety concerns for all modes of travel on Palmdale roads
- Existing infrastructure needs improvements and/or upgrades
- Palmdale Boulevard (Hwy 138) is a State Route and changes would require Caltrans coordination
- State Route 14 divides the community
- Traffic and congestion
- Limited entry/exit points in/out of city
- Heavy truck volumes on some arterials
- Negative perceptions around public transit
- Railroad tracks inhibit emergency access
- Limited mobility for senior citizens (ACCESS does not serve all parts of the City)
- Imbalance in citywide transportation investments
- Many residents have long commutes

Feedback from Community Engagement

Key Opportunities

- Improve pedestrian safety and access across Palmdale roads
- Improve connectivity to retail and parks
- Improve access to existing hiking trails
- Improve access to social services in Palmdale and surrounding communities
- Improve access and connectivity to economic opportunities
- Expand local public transit service
- Expand bicycle network where appropriate
- Encourage walking and biking where appropriate
- Improve the comfort of bike paths and overall walkability
- Flexible on-demand paratransit service
- Improve passenger experience for existing AVTA transit riders
- Support transit-oriented vertical mixed-used and multi-family residential development
- Increase Metrolink Antelope Valley Line frequencies and service hours
- Future High-Speed Rail and passenger service to Palmdale Regional Airport

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Policy Framework

Policy Frameworks = An Interim Step

- These are initial, general ideas for policy direction
- This is not an exhaustive list of policies or measures but rather, ideas we want you to review and react to
- Additional policies + measures will be included in the General Plan

Framework Structure

Outcomes

Statement describing where we want to be in 2045

Goals

A general expression of community values and direction, expressed as ends

Policies + Measures

Policies: A specific statement that guides decision–making

Measures: An action, partnership, or program that carries out a policy

Performance Metrics

Data used to measure progress

Targets

Level of performance to measure implementation

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Desired Land Use + Housing Outcomes

Balanced Jobs and Housing Growth

Promote mixed income and affordable housing

Walkable, complete, "20-Minute" Neighborhoods

Transit-Oriented Community around the Station

More Housing Options, Especially Downtown

Expansion of Aerospace, Light Industrial, Film, & Office Uses

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Land Use Goals

Pedestrian-oriented, human-scale, well-landscaped streets

Activated Palmdale Boulevard

Improved Connectivity in Existing Neighborhoods

Improved Economy with more jobs through Industrial/Office Uses

Reconceive Antelope Valley Mall

Range of Housing Opportunities/Types

Maintain Rural Character

Plant 42 Buffer

Transit-oriented community near High-Speed Rail

Health and Wellness Districts

Complete Neighborhoods

Educational Districts

Urban Core Infill

Village Centers

Pedestrian-oriented, human-scale, well-landscaped streets

- Require new homes developed with a **primary entryway and windows facing the street**
- Strongly encourage new subdivisions and master planned projects **include diversity of housing types and architectural styles**
- In new small-scale housing design site plans provide **amenities and integrate walking and bicycling**

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Improve connectivity in existing neighborhoods

- **Pedestrian/bicycle connections to trails** and open space where appropriate
- Key boulevards and neighborhoods connectors to be redesigned, constructed, and operated as **multimodal boulevards**
- Introduce **new trails systems** connecting to the regional system
- Work towards 90% of residents living within **¼ mile walking distance of a park, school, or trail**.

Activated and attractive Palmdale Boulevard

- Revitalize key nodes and **frontages** to enhance economic viability
- Consider pursuing a long-term take-over of the **street's right-of-way**
- Support **new nodes of neighborhood-serving mixed-use** activity at 40th and 47th streets east
- **Revitalize and activate** existing commercial shopping centers along the corridors
- Allow construction of narrow, **pedestrian-oriented frontage roads** to create a buffer from Palmdale Blvd
- Require new development or major additions to **provide street trees** facing Palmdale Blvd
- Create new places for **recreation and gathering** along Palmdale Blvd

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Land Use Goals Overview

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Mobility Outcomes

Reduce severe injuries and fatal collisions

More equitable and reliable access

Increase walking, biking, transit, and shared rides

Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)

Increase quality of life and economic competitiveness

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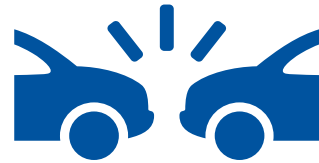PALMDALE 2045

Performance Metrics

Access

Walk time to parks, recreation centers, and trails

Transit time to grocery stores and social services
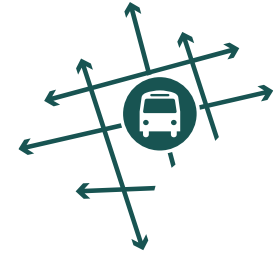
Collisions

Downward trend in severe injuries and fatalities

High injury intersections redesigned for safety

Vehicle Miles Traveled

Non-drive-alone mode share (walk, bike, transit, shared trips)

Decreased distance for home-based drive-alone trips

Quality of Life

Reduced average commute time

Reduced Green House Gas (GHG) emissions

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Mobility Goals

Safe and comfortable travel for all modes, ages, and abilities

Provide affordable, equitable, and efficient access to opportunities

Foster a more active and vibrant downtown

Accommodate future travel growth and existing demand

Protect and reduce impacts to the environment

Implement innovations and regional projects in line with City's vision

Enhance quality of life and public health

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Safe, comfortable transportation system for all travelers

- Design and maintain the public right-of-way through a **complete streets** approach that facilitates safe, comfortable, and efficient travel for all roadway users.
- Use a systemic safety approach to proactively identify opportunities to **improve safety** where conflicts between users exist.
- Complete and regularly update a Local Road Safety Plan that identifies a High Injury Network and **location-specific improvements**.
- Prioritize **safe routes for vulnerable roadway users**
- Revise, adopt, and implement the Draft **Complete Streets Plan**, and Draft **Palmdale Bicycle Transportation Plan**
- Develop and adopt a **Vision Zero** policy and action plan

Legislation to be addressed:

- AB 1358 – The Complete Streets Act (2008)

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Accommodate future growth and maintain level of service

- Classify streets based on their **modal purpose and land use context**.
- Prioritize **safety, operations, and comfort for active and transit modes** on streets that have been identified as part of the multimodal network.
- Prioritize **safety and mobility for non-motorized modes** in all intersection designs.
- Emphasize multimodal solutions for traffic operations to **address vehicle delays.**
- Establish development review guidelines that **define transportation analysis and site design requirements** to address multimodal access needs and connections to the surrounding street and mobility network.
- Establish transportation analysis guidelines for large developments to construct or **fund multimodal improvements and congestion management** strategies in correlation with traffic impact analysis.

Legislation to be addressed:

- SB 375 - Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (2008)

- SB 743 – LOS to VMT (2013)

- Update of circulation map

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Comparing Classifications
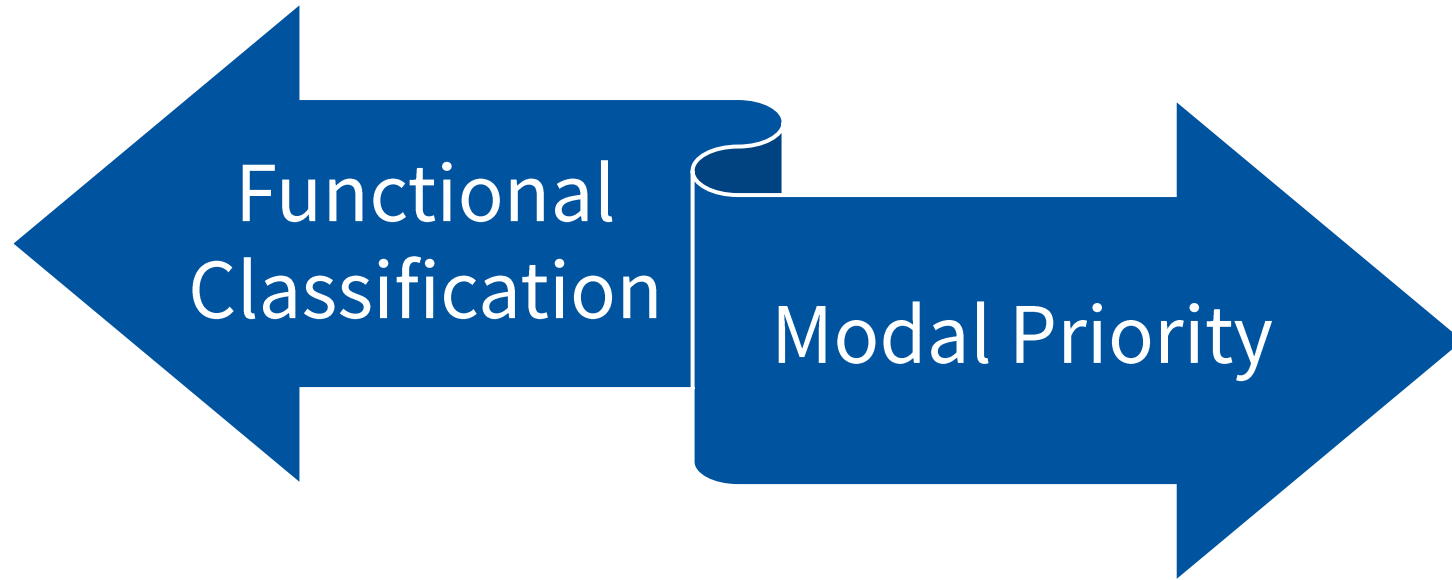
Typical Functional Classification

Local: Provides access to adjacent land uses exclusively.
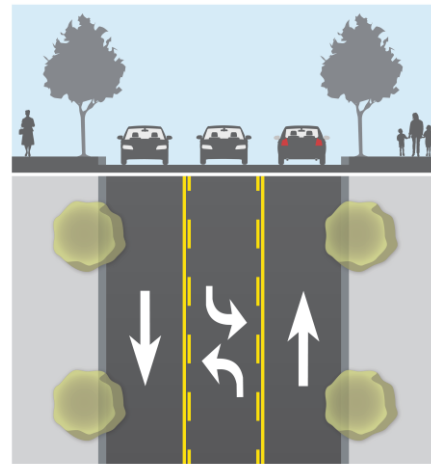
Collector: Connects local streets with arterials and provides access to adjacent land uses; balancing mobility with access.

Arterial: Mobility with access to collectors, some local streets and major traffic.
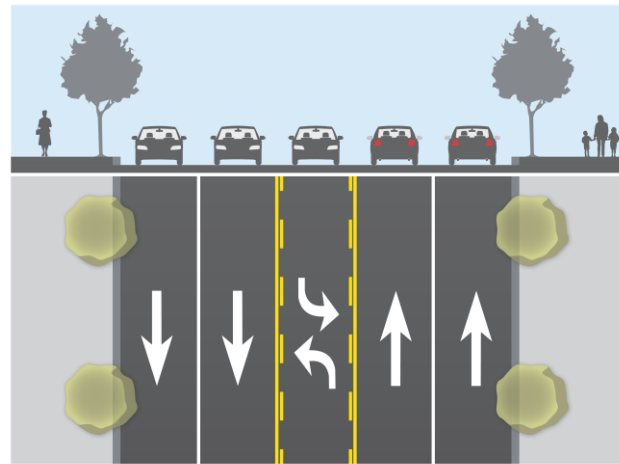
Expressway: Mobility with more frequent access to arterial streets than a freeway, but no direct land access.
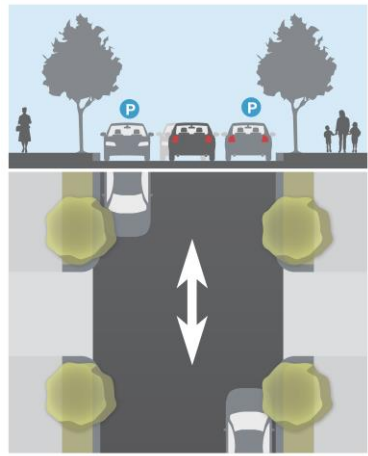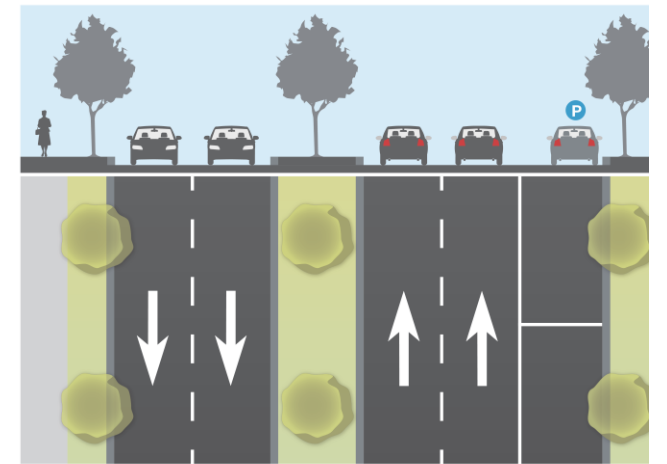

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Modal Priority

Neighborhood: Local streets designed for safe mobility where we live

Connector: Arterials or collector streets that connect links in the regional or multimodal network.

Multimodal: Arterials or Collectors that can shift focus to support safe mobility by many modes.

Regional: Arterials identified to carry traffic to, from, or through Palmdale.
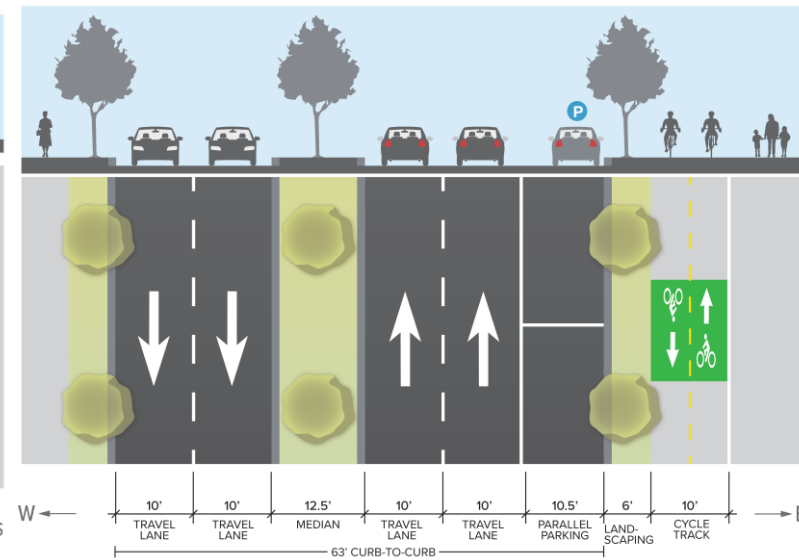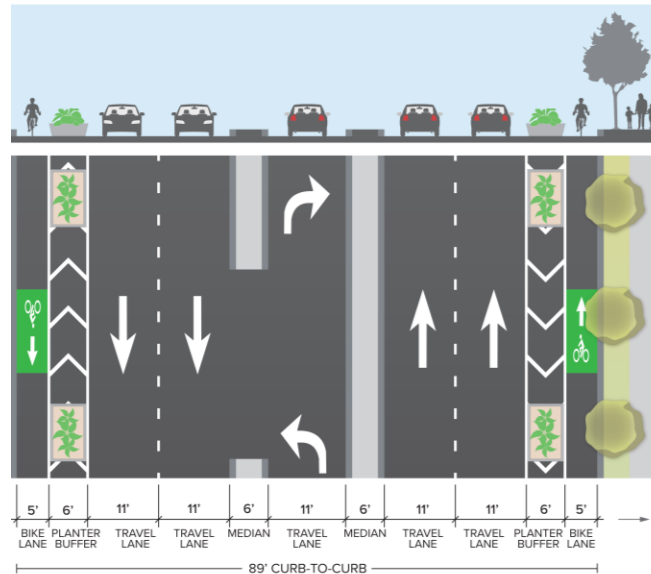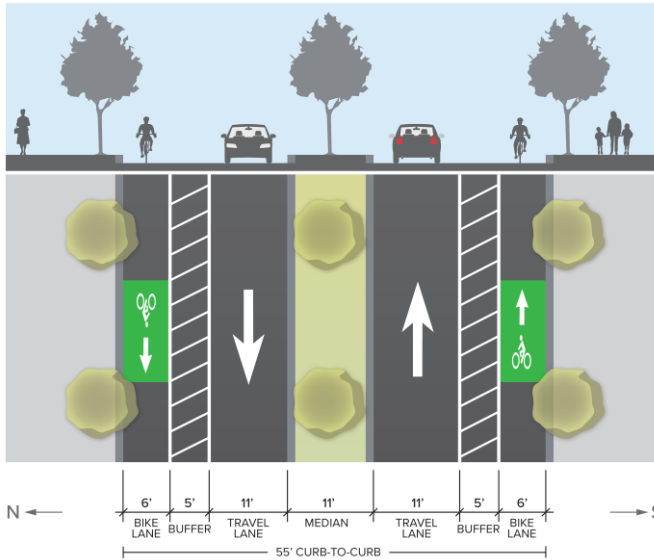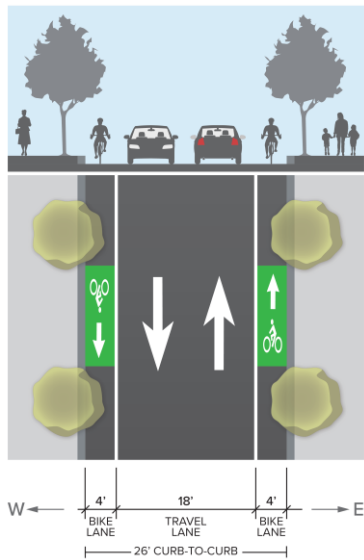
Mobility on Palmdale Boulevard

- Focus on multimodal connectivity along a commercial corridor

- Primary Mixed-Use corridor within Palmdale

- Connects Downtown and Medical district to the west to the parallel Midtown District east of 10th Street East

- Opportunity to support people traveling by all modes on and through the mixed-use corridor

- Separated bicycle facilities create a comfortable environment for people bicycling, and allows for access to local destinations

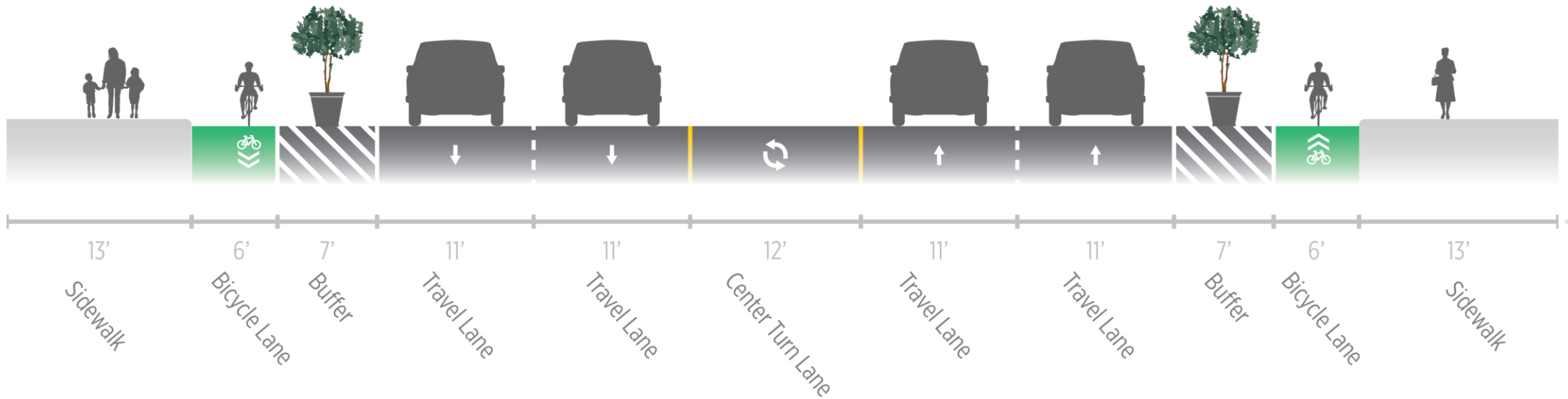## Existing Condition

Mobility on Palmdale Boulevard

Multimodal Street
Proposed Bicycle Configuration for Palmdale Blvd

| 13' | 6' | 7' | 11' | 11' | 12' | 11' | 11' | 7' | 6' | 13' |
| Sidewalk | Bicycle Lane | Buffer | Travel Lane | Travel Lane | Center Turn Lane | Travel Lane | Travel Lane | Buffer | Bicycle Lane | Sidewalk |

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Mobility on 10ᵗʰ Street West

- Focus on multimodal connectivity along an existing bus route
- Primary transit corridor within Palmdale
- Provides access to key shopping and retail destinations
- Adequate shelter at bus stops helps improve visibility of transit services and creates a more comfortable experience for passengers.
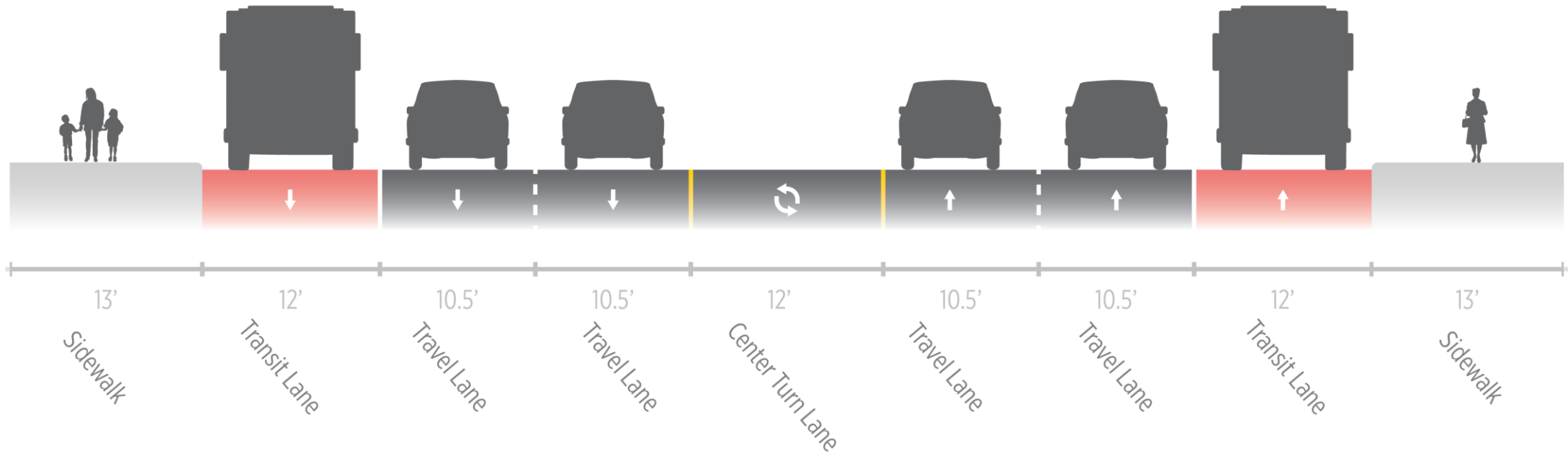
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Mobility on 10th Street West

Multimodal Street
Proposed Transit Configuration for 10th Street West

13'	12'	10.5'	10.5'	12'	10.5'	10.5'	12'	13'
Sidewalk	Transit Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Center Turn Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Transit Lane	Sidewalk

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Access to employment centers and essential services

- **Make public transit a convenient and reliable option** for daily trip making
- Encourage investments and Capital projects that r**educe first/last-mile barriers to transit** stops
- Prioritize investments that **improve access to high quality jobs**
- Work with AVTA to enhance the deployment of transit services including **increased frequency and service spans.**
- Work with Metrolink to increase the frequency of on-peak services and **later service hours**
- Work with transit providers to **improve delivery of transit service and information**
- Work with large employers to implement programs that **expand access to non-drive alone commute options** for all commuters, including hourly staff and contract workers

Legislation to be addressed:

- SB 32 – Global Warming Solution Act (2006)

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Transportation system that fosters a vibrant downtown

- Encourage wider sidewalks and plazas in a manner that **enhances placemaking, improves public safety, and supports local business**
- Promote and support creative and flexible approaches to parking, including **maximizing use of existing public supply** and sharing between uses to create a **"park once environment"**
- Enhance the safety and comfort of existing crossings, and **reduce the distance between crossings**
- Implement streetscape design **that improves the pedestrian environment** and appearance of downtown corridors.
- Create a permanent program that **reallocates excess public right-of-way and off-street parking** for the use of local restaurants and cultural programming
- **Balance** development intensity and roadway capacity

Legislation to be addressed:

- SB 375
- SB 743

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Mobility Goals Overview

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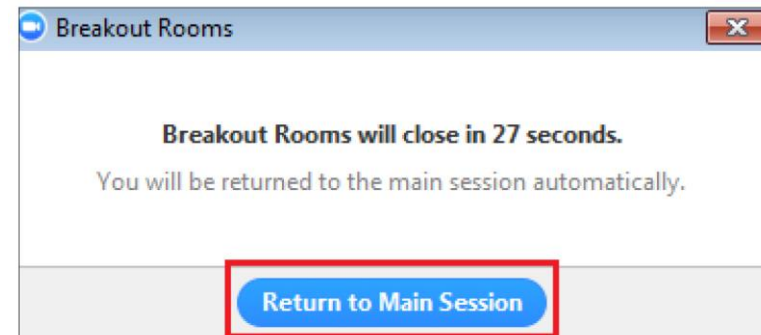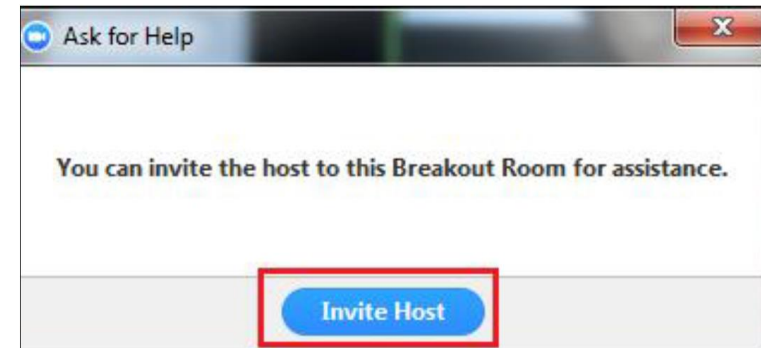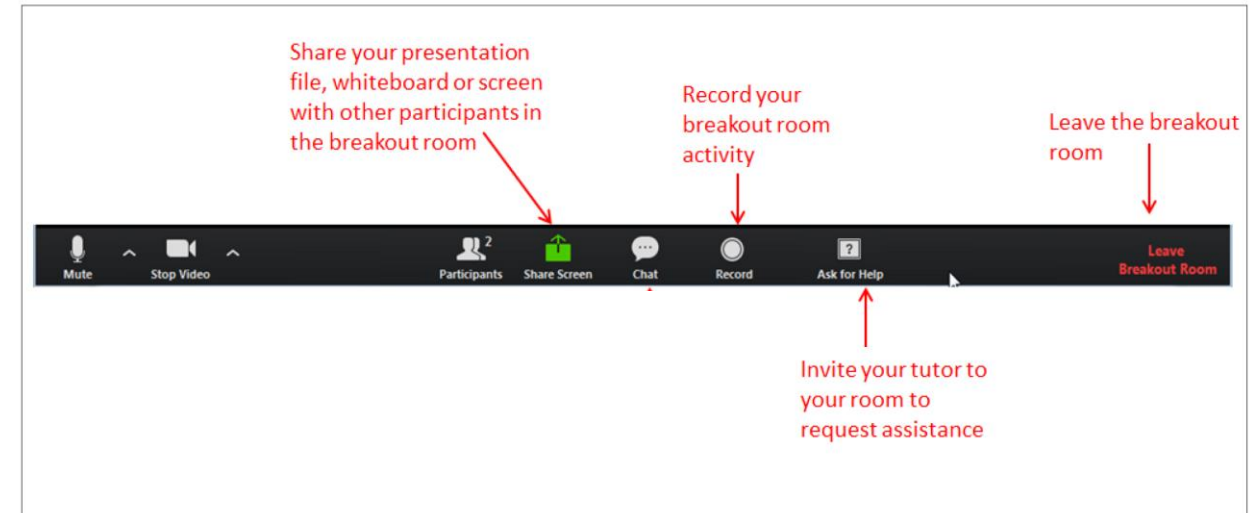Implement innovations and regional projects in line with City's vision

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Questions?

Discussion

Breakout Rooms

- Breakout rooms allow **participation from more people** during a large meeting
- The meeting "host" will invite you and may set a timer, broadcast announcements, or pop-in to help
- "Participant" controls looks very similar to those in main session
- Brief disconnection then reconnected into the new breakout room

Share your presentation file, whiteboard or screen with other participants in the breakout room

Record your breakout room activity

Leave the breakout room

Invite your tutor to your room to request assistance

Small Group Instructions

- Introductions

- Questions for clarification

- Discuss each question (5-15 min each)

  - **Are there any outcomes we should consider?**
  - **Are there any policy ideas that we should consider?**
  - **Of the policy ideas, which resonate the most?**
  - **Is there anything else you'd like to share about these topics?**

- Consensus is NOT required

- Facilitator will record all comments

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Report Back

Public Comment

You can also email generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org

Next Steps

Ongoing Feedback

Policy Frameworks will be available on the website to provide direct feedback

- Zoom In and Out
- Turn pages
- Search words
- Comment

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Policy Framework - Comments

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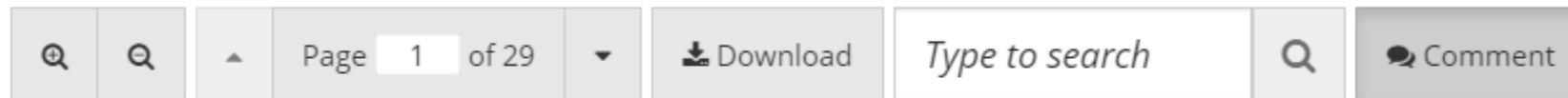
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1. **Click** anywhere to add a comment

2. **Add** name, email, comments type and comment

3. **Interact** with other survey participants by like/dislike and replying to comments

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→ Comments   Close ⊗

Your name

Diana Benitez

E-mail

diana@raimiassociates.com

Add Comment

I agree, but think we should do more.

☑ I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy.

Comment Type

Suggestion

Add Comment

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Comments   Close ⊗

Diana Benitez Mar 12 2021 at 8:24PM Suggestion

I agree, but think we should do more.

reply   👍 1   👎 0

Lina Mar 12 2021 at 8:25PM Suggestion

No, this policy is more than enough for commercial areas.

reply   👍 1   👎 0

Upcoming Policy Framework Meetings

All Meetings will be virtual from 6:30-8:30 pm

- **Thursday, August 5th** *Economic development and military readiness*

- **Wednesday, August 11th** *Health, environmental justice, equity, parks + public facilities*

- **Thursday, August 12th** *Planning Commission Update**

- **Tuesday, August 17th** *City Council Update**

* Hybrid meeting held at City Hall

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Upcoming Events and Next Steps

Mar - Nov 2021	Jun – Aug 2021	Sep – Dec 2021	Jan – May 2022
General Plan+ EIR Preparation	Policy Frameworks Joint GPAC/Public Workshops	Prepare Draft General Plan + EIR	Public Review and Adoption of the General Plan

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Thank you!

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