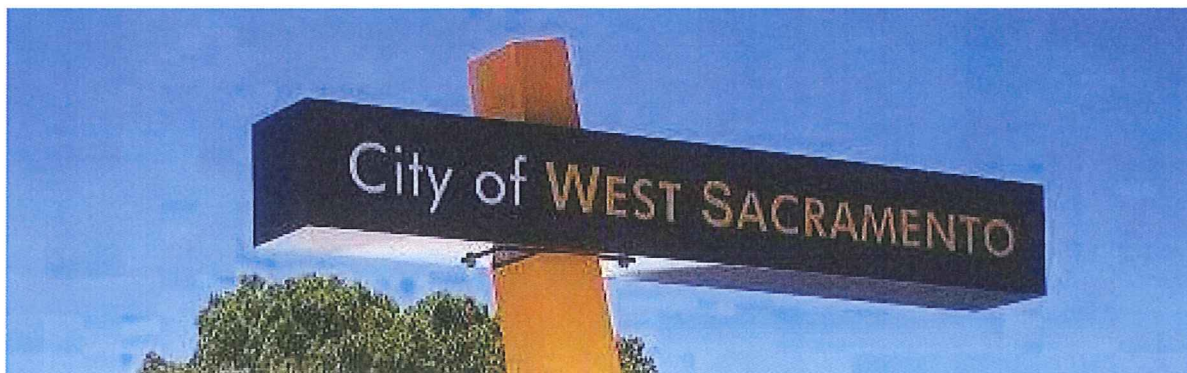


# West Sacramento

## Part 2 General Plan Goals and Policies



## POLICY DOCUMENT PART 2

# INTRODUCTION

Citywide Goals and Policies are the heart of General Plan 2035. The goals and policies flow directly from the Vision and address a broad range of topics required by state law and those that address unique local concerns. The goals and policies following this introduction, but before the specific elements, address administration of General Plan 2035, general coordination with other agencies, and community involvement in City operations and decision-making processes. The ten elements of General Plan 2035 are as follows:

- Land Use
- Urban Structure & Design
- Housing (under a separate cover)
- Economic Development
- Mobility
- Public Facilities & Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Natural & Cultural Resources
- Safety
- Healthy Community

It should be noted that the abbreviations following each policy refer to the type of tools or actions the City can use to carry out the policies. These eight types of tools and actions are listed below and explained in detail in Part 3, Administration and Implementation.

- Regulation and Development Review (RDR)
- City Master Plans, Strategies, and Programs (MPSP)
- Financing and Budgeting (FB)
- Planning Studies and Reports (PSR)
- City Services and Operations (SO)
- Inter-governmental Coordination (IGC)
- Joint Partnerships with the Private Sector (JP)
- Public Information (PI)

## General Plan Administration

### GOAL GP-1

To ensure the General Plan remains current and up-to-date and addresses the needs of current and future residents and businesses.

#### GP-1.1 General Plan Maintenance

The City shall maintain the General Plan to ensure that it reflects needs and desires of those who live and work in West Sacramento. (MPSP)

#### GP-1.2 General Plan Monitoring

The Community Development Department shall regularly monitor and report on implementation of the General Plan policies and implementation programs. (MPSP)

#### GP-1.3 Major General Plan Review

The City shall periodically conduct a major review of the General Plan, including the General Plan Policy Document and Background Report, to ensure the plan is adequately addressing the needs of the city. (MPSP)

#### GP-1.4 General Plan Amendments

The City shall not amend the General Plan more than four times per year, except as allowed by State law. Each amendment, however, may include multiple changes. (RDR/MPSP)

#### GP-1.5 Planning Consistency

The City shall ensure that other City plans, strategies, and ordinances are consistent with the General Plan. (RDR/MPSP)

## Coordination & Cooperation

### GOAL GP-2

To work with agencies, districts, utilities, and Native American Tribes to promote consistency with the General Plan.

#### GP-2.1 Surrounding Agency Plans

The City shall work with surrounding jurisdictions; Federal, State, and regional agencies; local districts; and utility providers to ensure to the greatest extent possible that their plans are consistent with the General Plan. (IGC)

#### GP-2.2 Regional Planning Coordination

The City shall coordinate with Yolo County, Sacramento County, the City of Sacramento, SACOG, and applicable state agencies to ensure coordination on infrastructure efforts and funding in the region. (IGC)

#### GP-2.3 Native American Consultation

The City shall work with appropriate Native American Tribes to ensure that they are aware of the contents of the General Plan and involved in the review of development proposals. (IGC)

## Community Outreach & Involvement

### GOAL GP-3

**To work together as a community to achieve the objectives, goals, and policies of the General Plan and provide a robust community participation process in the City's decision-making processes.**

#### GP-3.1 Community Outreach

The City shall strive to engage all segments of the community in planning decisions, including non-English-language speakers, the elderly, youth, working parents, low-income residents, and other similar special needs groups. *(PI)*

#### GP-3.2 Increase Community Participation


The City shall work with community members to enhance public participation in the planning and decision-making processes. *(PI)*

#### GP-3.3 Participation Education

The City shall maintain a proactive outreach program targeted at informing and educating the public on the planning process and their ability to be involved in the decision-making process. *(PI)*

#### GP3.4 Available Information

The City shall strive to ensure the public is informed on the status of all planning processes in the city and that information is readily available in a variety of ways and can be easily understood. *(PI)*

 <b>Table 3-1 General Plan Administration Implementation Programs</b>		2016-2018	2019-2023	2024-2035	Annual	Ongoing
<p>1. The City shall conduct a major review of the General Plan, including the General Plan Policy Document and Background Report, every seven years and revise it as deemed necessary. <i>(PSR)</i></p>						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP-1.1;1.2			✕		
Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	All					
<p>2. The City shall prepare an annual report to the Planning Commission and City Council on the status of the General Plan, focusing principally on actions undertaken in the previous year to implement the policies and implementation programs of the Plan, including progress in meeting the city's fair share of regional housing needs and reducing GHG emissions. <i>(PSR)</i></p>						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP-1.3				✕	
Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	All					
<p>3. The City shall work with department managers and directors in evaluating the effectiveness of the General Plan in its role in guiding city operations, development review, master planning, and budgeting. A summary of this discussion and evaluation shall be reported to the City Council on an annual basis. <i>(PSR/SO)</i></p>						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP-1.3				✕	
Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	All					
<p>4. The City shall prepare and implement a public outreach program to educate business and community groups on the General Plan and its role in guiding city operations, development review, master planning, and budgeting. <i>(PI)</i></p>						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP-1.3; GP-3.3		✕			✕

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Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	N/A					
5. The City shall develop and implement an educational program to train City staff and inform the development community and other community groups about the new General Plan. The City shall provide ongoing training to staff and their respective commissions to implement the General Plan. (MPSP/SO/PI)						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP 3.1	x				x
Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	N/A					
6. As part of its annual review and adoption of the Budget and Capital Improvement Program, the City shall review the policies and implementation programs of the General Plan to ensure consistency in the Budget and Capital Improvement Program. (FB)						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP-1.3	x				
Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	Public Works					
7. The City shall prepare and implement internal guidelines for preparation and adoption of geographic and operational master plans and strategies that includes the types of master plans and strategies that will be prepared, updated, and adopted by city departments in the future. (SO)						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP-1.5		x			
Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	All					

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8. The City shall create and maintain an enhanced database of civic, neighborhood, non-profit groups, and interested individuals and provide timely updates and information on planning projects and applications of interest to the community.						
Implements Which Policy(ies)	GP-1.5		X			
Responsible Department(s)	Community Development					
Supporting Department(s)	All					