



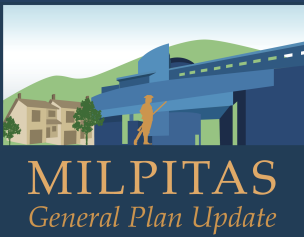
MILPITAS

General Plan Update

GPAC Meeting #2
May 23, 2017

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Meeting Overview

- General Plan Update Purpose
- GPAC discussion of Noise Issues
- GPAC discussion of Safety Issues
- Next Steps



Purpose of the General Plan

- Define a long-term vision for future growth and resource management within the City over the next 20 years
- Reflect the goals and values of the City
- Build on recent City planning efforts
- Include extensive public outreach and community participation
- Balance growth, conservation, and quality of life



General Plan Update

- Each General Plan Element will:
 - Address requirements of state law
 - Seek to avoid or mitigate environmental impacts
 - Be grounded in sound community planning techniques
 - Reflect the goals and priorities of the community
 - Ensure internal consistency with other elements



Noise Element

- The purpose of the Noise Element is to limit community exposure to excessive noise levels.
 - Roadways
 - Major Stationary Sources (loading docks, HVAC systems, industrial operations, etc.)
 - Airports
 - Railroads
- Must identify maximum allowable noise exposure levels to noise-sensitive uses.



Noise Element

- There were relatively few comments related to noise received during the initial public outreach process, compared to other topics. Participants cited the importance of:
 - Maintaining the city's small-town charm and character
 - Maintaining an environment free of noise nuisances is a key aspect of maintaining Milpitas' family-friendly atmosphere and livability.
 - Participants also noted problems throughout the community related to traffic congestion.
 - Traffic noise is one of the primary noise-generation sources in Milpitas.



Existing Sources of Noise



- Traffic noise is one of the primary noise sources in the community.
 - I-880, I-680, SR 237, Montague Expressway, Great Mall Parkway, and W. Calaveras Blvd. are the roadways with some of the higher vehicle noise levels.
- The VTA Light Rail lines were found to generate noise levels that are within generally-acceptable standards for community noise exposure.
- The UPRR rail lines were found to generate excessive noise levels, particularly the West Line, where warning horns are used at crossings.
- Fixed noise sources also generate noise within Milpitas.
 - Parking lots, loading docks, mechanical equipment, etc.



Noise Discussion

- Key questions to consider:
 - After reading the Existing Conditions Report Noise Chapter, are there specific concerns related to community noise exposure that need to be addressed in the General Plan update?
 - After reviewing the existing General Plan Noise Element:
 - Are there policies that you disagree with?
 - Are there specific policies or approaches to noise mitigation that should be added?
 - What types of measures should the City implement to reduce noise exposure to sensitive receptors?



Safety Element

- The purpose of the Safety Element is to protect lives and property from natural and human-caused safety issues, including:
 - Fire Hazards
 - Seismic Hazards
 - Flood Hazards
 - Geologic/Soils Hazards (landslides, subsidence, liquefaction, etc.)
 - Climate Change
 - Hazardous Materials
- Emergency services and emergency management coordination are also addressed.
- Fire protection and police services will be addressed in the Community Services Element



Safety Element

- There were relatively few comments related to safety received during the initial public outreach process, compared to other topics. Participants cited the importance of:
 - Keeping Milpitas a safe and family-friendly community



Safety Element

- There are a variety of natural and/or human-caused hazards in Milpitas.
 - Large areas of land east of I-880 are within the 100-year floodplain
 - All areas between 880 and 680 are in the 500-year or 100-year floodplain
 - Areas in northwest Milpitas are projected to experience increased flooding and potential inundation from sea level rise impacts
 - Climate change is projected to result in increased average annual temperatures and more instances of extreme temperatures
 - Lands within the City Limits are outside of Fire Hazard Severity Zones, but much of the SOI is in a High Fire Hazard Area
 - Not within mapped Airport overflight or safety zones, although flight paths do cross over Milpitas
 - There are numerous permitted hazardous sites in various stages of cleanup or remediation, but nothing out of the ordinary for a City of Milpitas' size



Safety Element

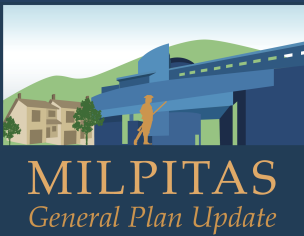
- Key questions to consider:
 - After reading the Existing Conditions Report Hazards Chapter, are there specific concerns related to hazards and safety that need to be addressed in the General Plan update?
 - After reviewing the existing General Plan Safety Element:
 - » Are there policies that you disagree with?
 - » Are there specific policies or approaches to safety and hazards that should be added?



Schedule and Next Steps

- June 21st – Conservation and Open Space
- July 19th – Air Quality and Energy
- After 2-3 meetings to discuss new topics, the consultant team will come back with draft goals and policies for the GPAC to review and comment on.





Stay Informed

The General Plan Update Website will be a great resource for reports, maps, newsletters, meeting agendas, meeting summaries, and upcoming meeting dates:

milpitas.generalplan.org

