



Planning Commission Hearing

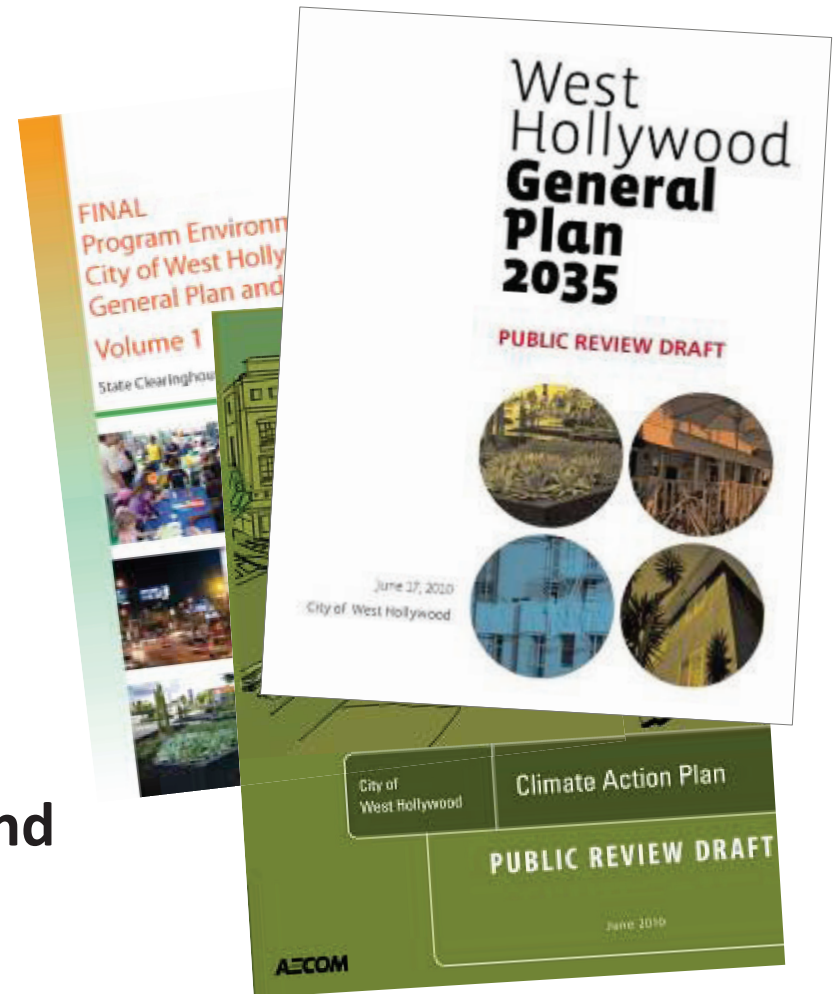
Item 9.A

- General Plan
- Climate Action Plan
- EIR

September 16, 2010

Agenda

- Overview of General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and EIR
- Public Comment
- Planning Commission Discussion
 - Decision on Commission discussion topics for GP, EIR, and CAP
- Continue discussion to meeting of September 23



Context

- 25th Anniversary of Cityhood
- First General Plan created in 1988
 - First comprehensive update of the City's General Plan
 - General Plan at end of its useful life



Regional Context

- The region is growing
 - LA County is projected to increase by over 2,000,000 people by 2035
- Current and future regional transportation and traffic patterns
 - Potential for increased transit service in City
- Climate change and state requirements
- State housing law requirements



Public Outreach and Participation

- **Community Outreach**
 - Stakeholder Interviews
 - Focus Groups
 - Visioneering
 - Telephone Survey
 - Community Fairs
 - Neighborhood Workshops
- **General Plan Advisory Committee**
- **City Council/Planning Commission Joint Study Sessions**



Guiding Principles

- Quality of life
- Diversity
- Housing
- Neighborhood character
- Economic development
- Environment
- Traffic and parking
- Greening
- Arts and Culture
- Safety



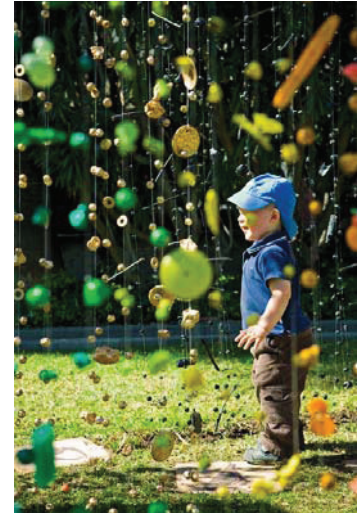
General Plan Structure

- 11 Chapters:
 - Introduction and Overview
 - Governance
 - Land Use and Urban Form
 - Historic Preservation
 - Economic Development
 - Mobility
 - Human Services
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Infrastructure, Resources, and Conservation
 - Safety and Noise
 - Housing Element



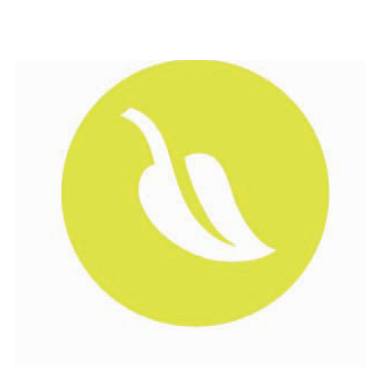
Continued Policies

- Maintaining unique neighborhoods
- Affordable, diverse, and safe housing
- High-quality design and architecture
- Historic preservation
- Strong social and human services
- Expanding parks and open spaces
- Economic diversity
- Arts and culture
- Entertainment and design hub
- Public safety



Primary Updates to General Plan

- **Structure**
 - **Reduced level of detail - Much detail is now in zoning code, specific plans and implementation plans**
 - **Reorganized content**
- **Focused new development around transit (existing and future)**
- **Created a multi-modal approach to transportation**
- **Integrated environmental sustainability**
- **Created strong Climate Action Plan**
- **Developed comprehensive approach to parking**
- **Strengthened policies on streets and public spaces**
- **Codified policies on governance**



Program EIR

- **Purpose**
 - “First-tier” evaluation of program-level policies and plans
 - **CEQA Guidelines Section 15168**
 - **Advantages**
 - **Use with later activities**
- **Advantages**
 - **Consideration of:**
 - **Cumulative effects of policy decisions**
 - **Broad policy alternatives and program-level mitigation**

Program EIR: Growth Projections

- **Purpose**
 - **Conservative estimate of future development capacity**
 - **Based on historic patterns, existing conditions, and future projections**
 - **Maximum capacity scenario also analyzed for worst case analysis**

Program EIR

- **No Impact**
- **Less Than Significant Impacts**
- **Mitigated to Less Than Significant Impacts**
- **Significant Unavoidable Impacts**

Program EIR

- **Less than Significant Impacts:**
 - Aesthetics
 - Air quality: odors, toxic contaminants
 - Biological resources
 - Cultural resources
 - Geology, soils, mineral resources
 - Hazards and hazardous materials
 - Hydrology and water quality
 - Land use and planning
 - Noise: traffic & aircraft noise, traffic & commercial/industrial vibration
 - Storm drains, schools, library, electricity and gas, water infrastructure, wastewater, solid waste
 - Recreation: construction/expansion
 - Traffic: hazards, access, alternative modes, parking

Program EIR

- **Mitigated Impacts:**
 - **Noise: construction noise and vibration, stationary and other noises sources, land uses**
 - **Paleontological resources: resources and sites**
 - **Police and fire protection**
 - **Recreation: deterioration of facilities**

Program EIR

- **Significant Unavoidable Impacts:**
 - **Air quality: SCAQMD plans, construction and operation emissions**
 - **Traffic: intersections and CMP level of service**
 - **Global climate change: construction and operation emissions, plans and policies**
 - **Water supply**

Program EIR

- **Alternatives**
 - **No project/existing General Plan**
 - **Growth constrained to two transit overlays only**
 - **Extensive transportation demand management program**
- **Findings**
- **Statement of Overriding Considerations**
- **MMRP**

Tonight's Meeting Agenda

- Clarification questions from Commissioners
- Public comment
- Discussion
 - Identify policy issues for consideration at the meetings of September 23rd and 30th



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