

# City Council Meeting: Davis General Plan Update

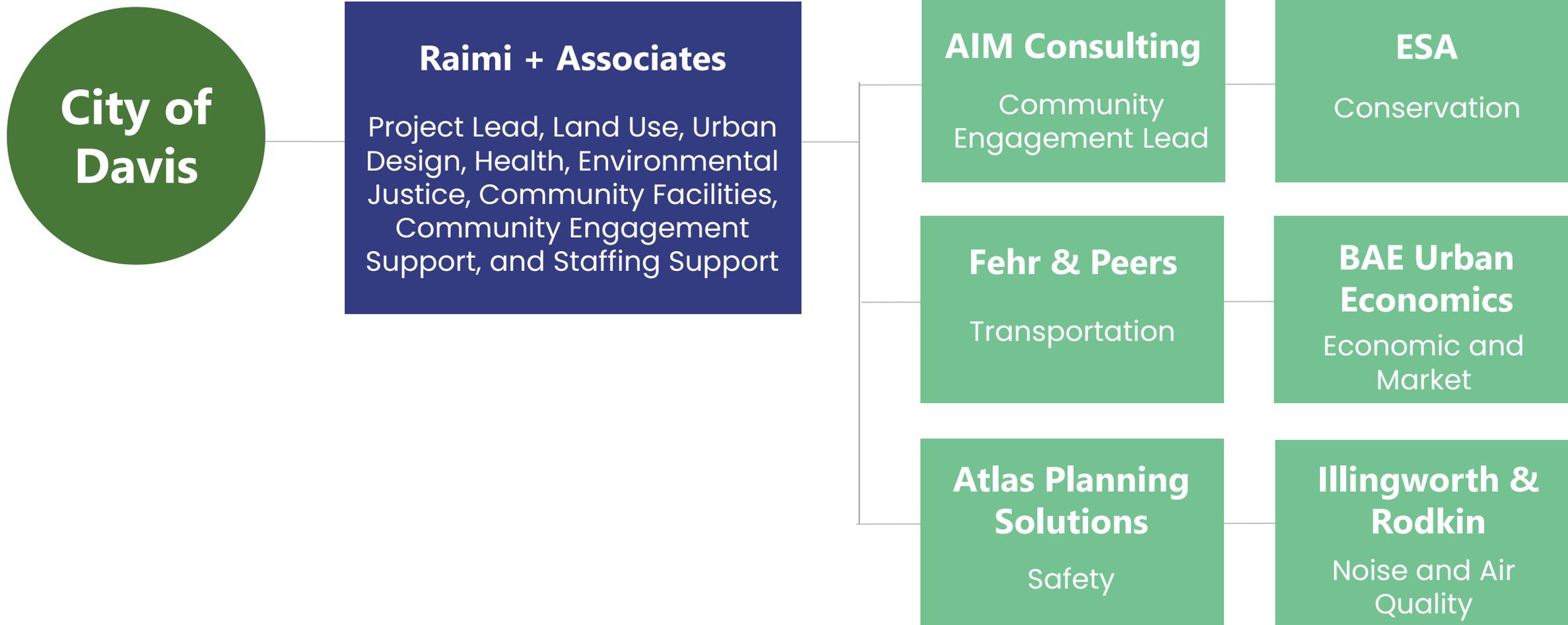
Kickoff Meeting | May 13, 2025



# Meeting Purpose

- Set the stage for the General Plan Update and how you will be involved in the process
- City Council understand:
  - The GPU, including the purpose, scope of work, engagement activities, and project timeline
- City Council provide input on:
  - Project outcomes for the process and plan
  - Critical issues Davis needs to address in the GPU

# Our General Plan Update (GPU) Team



# What is the General Plan?

# What is a General Plan?

**A General Plan is a document that helps the City meet its housing, business, and amenity needs over time**

- Long-term policy document to **guide future actions and development**
- Enables the community to come together to develop a **shared vision for the future**
- Keeps **what we like about the community**
- Addresses key **issues and problems**



# Why Update the Existing General Plan?



Update General Plan topics to reflect community values



Address new State laws and requirements



Incorporate recent planning efforts and emerging themes in planning



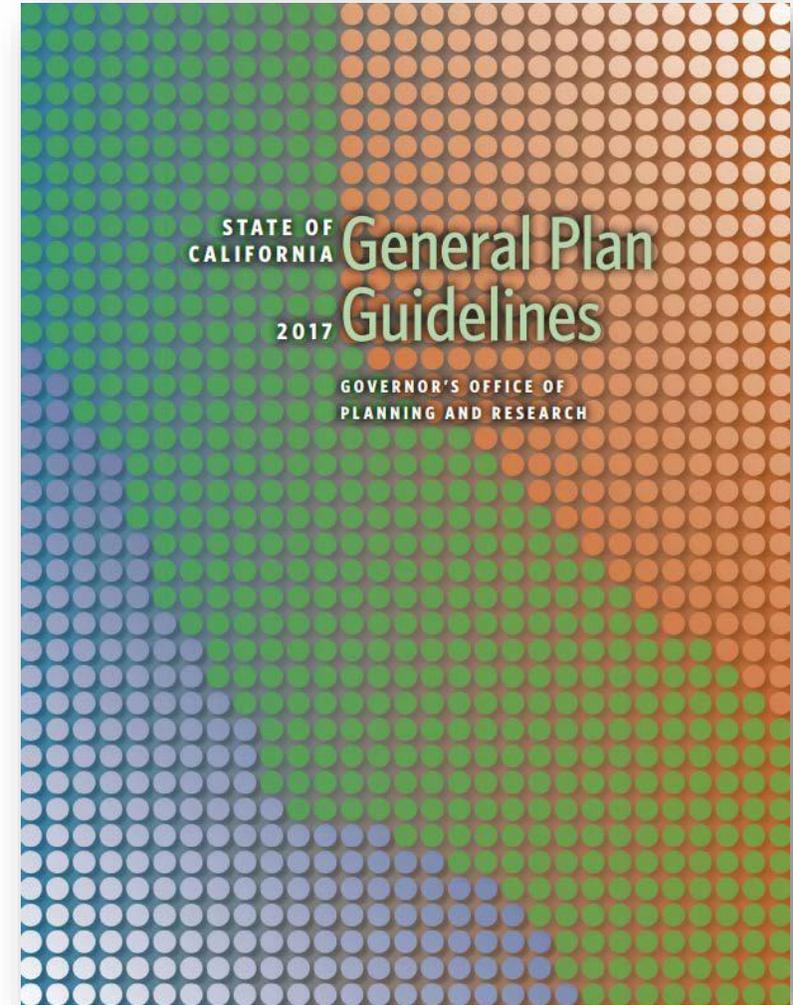
Update the land use and mobility maps every 10-15 years to allow community evolution



Make the document more usable

# General Plan Required Elements (or Chapters)

1. Land Use
2. Circulation
3. Housing
4. Noise
5. Conservation
6. Safety
7. Open Space
8. Environmental Justice



## Downtown **Specific Plan**



## Bicycle **Action Plan**



## Open Space **Program**



## Housing Element **2021-2029**



DAVIS 2020-2040  
**Climate  
Action &  
Adaptation  
Plan**

## Park **Needs Assessment**



# Existing General Plan

- **Section III: Visions**

- **Section IV: Community Form**

Land Use and Growth Management; Transportation; Urban Design and Neighborhood Preservation; Housing; Economic and Business Development

- **Section V: Community Facilities and Services**

Water; Materials, Solid Waste and Recycling; Computers and Technology; Parks and Open Space; Youth and Education; Human Services; Arts and Culture; Diversity

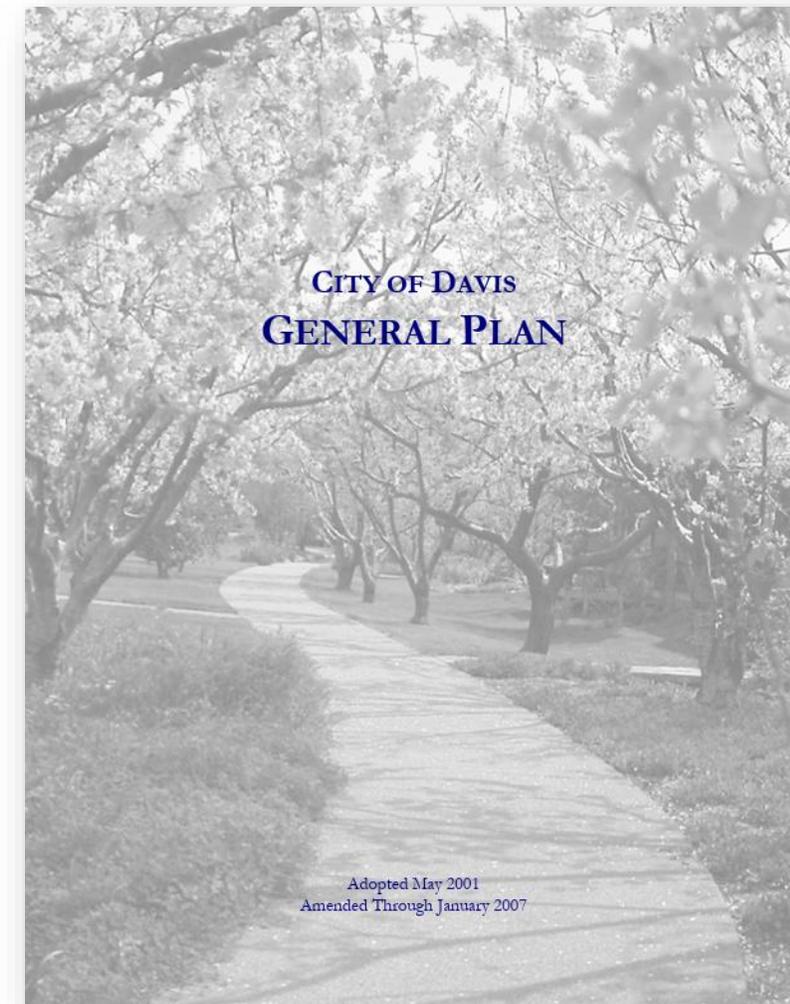
- **Section VI: Community Resource Conservation**

Habitat, Wildlife, and Natural Areas; Agriculture, Soils, and Minerals; Historic and Archeological Resources; Energy

- **Section VII: Community Safety**

Police and Fire; Hazards; Air Quality; Noise

- **Section VIII: Implementation**



# Key GPU Phases

2025

2026

2027

Phases

## Listening and Discovery

Establish project outcomes, a shared community vision and guiding principles, and identify key issues and opportunities to address with community and commissions. Complete technical reports.

## Land Use and Mobility Plan Development

Explore land use and mobility concepts with Commissions. Define alternatives for community discussion. Confirm revised General Plan Land Use and Mobility Element maps. Define key policy direction.

## Policy Development and Plan Preparation

Prepare updates to each element of the General Plan, beginning with an outline, structure, and policy frameworks. Share policy with community and Commissions.

## Public Plan Review

Present updated Public Draft General Plan to the community and Commissions for review and feedback.

## Final Plan Review and Adoption

Present Draft General Plan and public input to decision makers for adoption. Prepare digital General Plan website.

Environmental Impact Report Preparation

# Engagement Plan

General Plan Update 2040



# GPU Deliverables: Engagement Plan, Vision, and Outcomes

## Project Outcomes



### Revised Draft Project Outcomes

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**Trust and Community Building: Foster trust and a strong sense of community by:**

- Working with a diversity of community members and partner agencies to build knowledge, trust, and ownership in the planning process.

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**Equity – Center those most impacted by:**

- Ensuring priority communities, including low-income households, seniors, BIPOC community members, and those with disabilities, have equitable access to quality housing near education, recreation, jobs, services, and other opportunities.
- Preserving and improving existing housing for local households.
- Minimizing displacement of current residents.

## Vision and Values Statements

### Livability

We cherish our high quality of life. Residents of all ages, income levels, and abilities are able to comfortably live in a variety of housing options and can easily access quality parks, recreational facilities, libraries, and community services. We can travel via safe and reliable transportation options, including walking, biking, and public transit.



### Diversity + Inclusion

We celebrate our diversity. We proactively promote diversity and inclusion for all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, abilities, ages, religions, and cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. We strive to ensure equitable access to services and resources for all, build collaborative partnerships, and promote civic engagement.



### Sustainability

We strive to build and maintain a healthy and safe city. Our actions reduce climate pollution, adapt to climate disruptions, preserve natural resources, foster a prosperous and just economy, and meet the needs of current and future generations to ensure all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

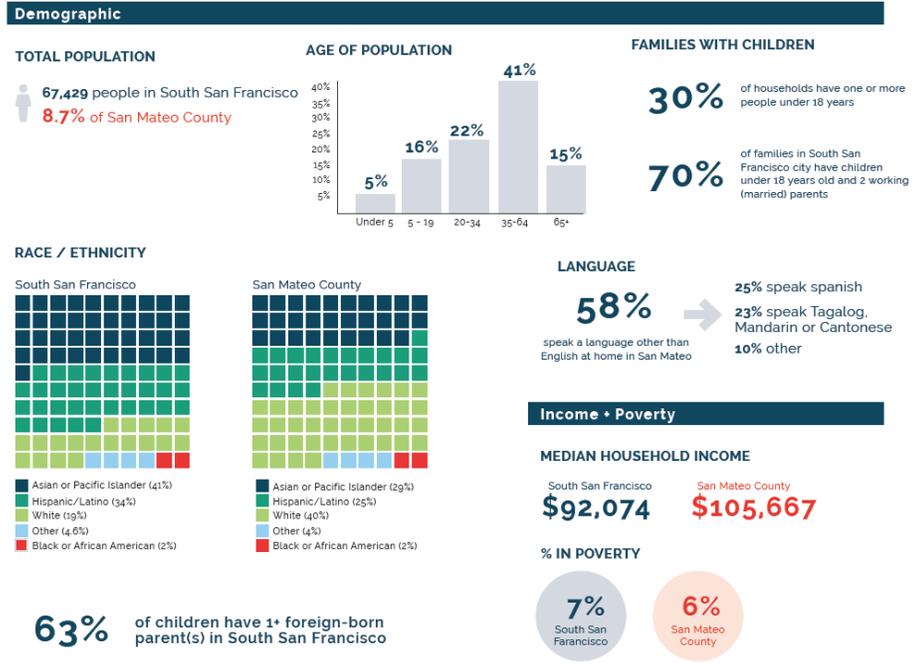
### Innovation

We encourage innovation, creative thinking, and state-of-the-art solutions. We pilot new tools and technologies and forge public-private partnerships that improve the well-being of residents and the efficiency of City operations and businesses.



# GPU Deliverables: Land Use

## Existing Conditions Reports



## Land Use Concepts



## Land Use and Mobility Plan



# GPU Deliverables: Policy and Action Development

## Policy Framework General Plan

**THOUSAND OAKS GENERAL PLAN 2045**  
- rooted in community -

**Chapter 10 Safety**

Public Draft  
June 2, 2023

## Policy and Priority General Plan

Map showing Davis area with highlighted priority zones in blue. Key locations include University of California - Davis, Davis Cemetery, and various streets like W Covell Blvd and 5th St.

### Demographic Snapshot

The following provides some basic facts and figures about the demographics of Thousand Oaks.

#### Housing and Jobs

Total Housing Units: 47,508  
Total Jobs: 64,327  
Jobs to Housing Units: 1.31 : 1  
Homeownership: 70%

#### Age Breakdown<sup>1</sup>

24% 19 and Under  
28% 20-44  
28% 45-64  
20% 65+

#### Total Population<sup>2</sup>

2010: 126,683  
2022: 124,265  
Change 2010-2022: -2,418

#### Race and Ethnicity<sup>2</sup>

64.9% White alone (not Hispanic or Latino)  
19.4% Black or African American  
9.8% Asian  
4.2% Other  
1.7% Hispanic or Latino

#### Income<sup>3</sup>

Median Income: \$113,942  
Poverty Rate: 6.6%

### What is a General Plan?

A General Plan is a city policy document required by California state law (Government Code §65300-65303.4) that provides a "long term, comprehensive, integrated, internally consistent and compatible statement" of goals and policies that reflect local conditions and the community vision. Within this broad requirement, some aspects of the General Plan are tightly prescribed, while others are left to the discretion of individuals.

## Implementation Actions General Plan

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Actions	Goals	Timeframe	Responsible Departments or Agencies
Conduct community GHG inventory and update CAP. Track GHG reductions by inventorying community emissions and update CAP to address challenges.	SCR-1	Short to Mid-term	Economic and Community Development, Public Works
Conduct Outreach. Develop and implement comprehensive community engagement including educational outreach, issue-specific awareness campaigns (i.e., wildfire prevention, water, and energy efficiency, building and vehicle electrification, etc.), and celebrate Palmdale's natural and cultural history.	SCR-1	Mid-term	Economic and Community Development, Public Works

# Example Post-General Plan Activities

- **Plan Updates**
  - Citywide Zoning Code updates
  - Focused specific and area plan development
  - Updated to other plans including bike and ped master plans, park master plans, etc.
- **Establishment and enhancement of partnerships**, e.g., business organizations, community-based organizations, etc.
- **Monitoring and reporting**

# Community Engagement

# Community Engagement Approach

- Engage the community **at key points**
- Use a **range of interactive activities**
- Encourage participation from **under-represented groups**
- Establish a firm understanding of **community needs and desires**
- Keep the **public informed** throughout the process





**Neighborhood and Focus Groups**



**Youth and Student Engagement**



**Community Workshops**



**Pop-Ups**

# Welcome to the Thousand Oaks General Plan 2045 E-Plan

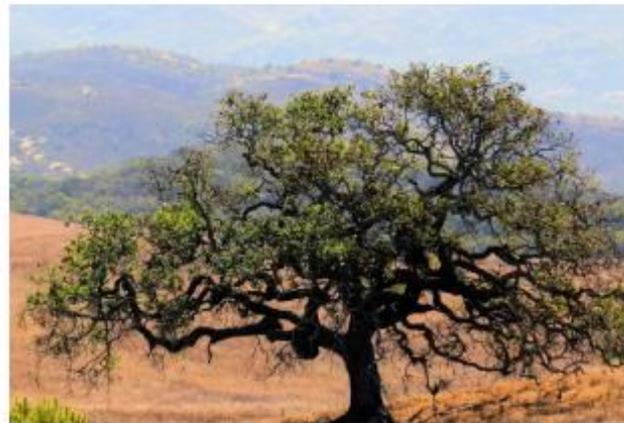


The Thousand Oaks 2045 General Plan is a policy document required by State law that provides long range guidance for various City issues including development, economic growth, open space, and many more!



## Interactive Mapping

View the Land Use Designations map



## By Chapter

Chapters of the General Plan have been



## By Topic

The E-Plan features cross-cutting topics

# Council and Commission Engagement

## Kickoff + Project Outcomes

- Planning Commission 2/26
- All Commission 4/23
- **City Council 5/13**

## Vision, Key Strategies, Existing Conditions

- **City Council**
- General Plan Committee

## Policy Development

- All Commissions Individually
- General Plan Committee

## Public Draft General Plan

- All Commissions Individually
- General Plan Committee



## Existing Conditions Reports

- All Commissions Individually

## Land Use Concepts

- Planning Commission Subcommittee
- All Commissions Individually
- General Plan Committee
- **City Council**

## Land Use + Mobility Plan

- Planning Commission
- General Plan Committee
- **City Council**

## General Plan Adoption

- Planning Commission Hearings
- **City Council Hearings**

# Looking Ahead

## Community Engagement

- Community Engagement Plan
- Community Partnership Initiative
- Collaboration with UC Davis class
- Launch GPU website
- Initial community engagement
  - N'hood meetings
  - Community workshop
  - Pop-up meetings
  - Online questionnaire

## Technical Reports

- Existing Conditions Reports
  - Community Health, Environmental Justice, and Equity Report
  - Land Use, Parks, Public Facilities, and Community Design Report
  - Mobility Report
  - Economic, Demographic, and Fiscal Existing Conditions Report
  - Natural Resources and Conservation Report
  - Safety and Climate Change Report
  - Air Quality and Noise Report

# Commissionapalooza

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- Joint 6 commission meeting held on 4/23
- Introduced to GPU and received feedback on most pressing issues and project outcomes
- Received additional feedback on future commission engagement, UC Davis student engagement, environmental justice, and presenting tradeoffs for meeting future housing and jobs needs

Add image from meeting?

# Examples of Pressing Issues

- Balance housing and jobs needs with open space and conservation objectives (Planning, Open Space/Habitat, Transportation)
- Protect high-quality natural areas and creeks; connect with active mobility and wildlife corridors (Open Space/Habitat)
- Set guidance around growth and annexation; expand DT (Planning)
- Address decline school enrollment; UC Davis (Planning, Social Service)
- Consider climate change cross-cutting (Climate and EJ, Open Space and Habitat, Transportation, Park and Rec)
- Focus on disadvantaged population (Climate and EJ, Social Services)
- Use wholistic mobility approach (Transportation)
- Funding and staffing constraints for the City staff (Open Space and Habitat, Park and Rec, Social Services, Transportation)

# Comments on Preliminary Draft Project Outcomes

- Generally liked
- Acknowledge that not everyone feels Davis is safe and fair now (vision)
- Weave climate and EJ throughout (outcomes)
- Ensure sufficient resources for engagement (outcomes)
- More predictable and flexible development plans (outcomes)

# Revised Vision and Project Outcomes

# Revised Draft Vision

Davis advances safe, fair, healthy, and sustainable neighborhoods where everyone has what they need to thrive and succeed.



# Revised Draft Project Outcomes

## Healthy and Resilient Community

- Complete neighborhoods\*
- Active transportation\*
- Connected and biodiverse park and open space system\*
- Housing choice\*
- Jobs-housing match\*
- Spaces for businesses to flourish
- Areas to meet housing, business, and community needs
- Climate ready neighborhoods (new)
- Davis-based approach

## Community Engagement

- Building knowledge and ownership
- Listen to new voices\*

*\*Minor update based on Commissionapalooza feedback 4/23/2025*

# Revised Draft Project Outcomes

## City Leadership

- Regional leadership\*
- High-quality community services
- Fiscal sustainability

## Document Preparation

- Consistency with the State
- Adaptability\*
- Focused process and plan
- Ease of use and monitoring

*\*Minor update based on Commissionapalooza feedback 4/23/2025*

# City Council Discussion

# Discussion



- **Discussion Questions:**

- Clarifying questions for the project team?
- Any additional pressing issues in Davis that the General Plan needs to address not discussed by Commissions?
- Provide feedback on project outcomes related to housing, environment, climate, equity, and more?

# Thank you!

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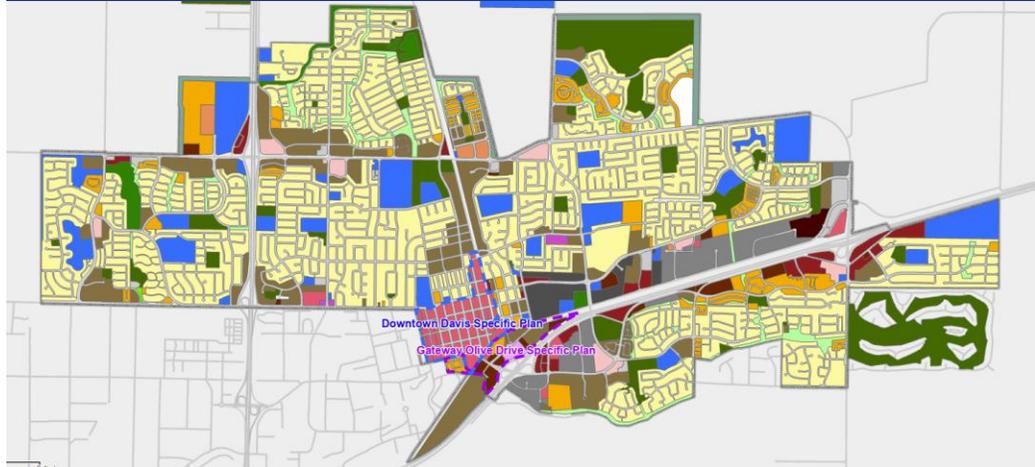
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**EXTRA**

# Land Use Plan Update

“for the physical development of the county or city, and any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency’s judgment bears relation to its planning” (Gov. Code § 65300)

## General Plan Land Use Map



### Travel



### Placemaking



### Sustainability



### Wellbeing



# How can we shape land use so that Davis is a place where everyone feels welcome and can succeed?

- Create neighborhoods that are **safe and healthy**
- Provide **different types of homes** so everyone has a place to live
- Make sure our community includes **diverse people** from all different backgrounds, cultures, and income levels
- Help **small and local businesses** grow and succeed
- **Celebrate art and culture** to keep our community lively and fun



# Clarifying Questions for Staff and the Project Team



# Next Steps

- UC Davis Class coordination
- Website Launch
- Background Existing Conditions Reports
- Phase 1 of Engagement: Beginning June 2025
  - Workshop #1
  - Online Questionnaire #1
  - Series of Pop-Up events
  - Focus Groups