

Davis General Plan Update Planning Commission

Kickoff Meeting | February 26, 2025

Meeting Purpose

- Initiate the General Plan Update (GPU) process
- Introduce the Raimi + Associates and our project team
- Discuss project phases and key deliverables
- Provide an overview of the community engagement program

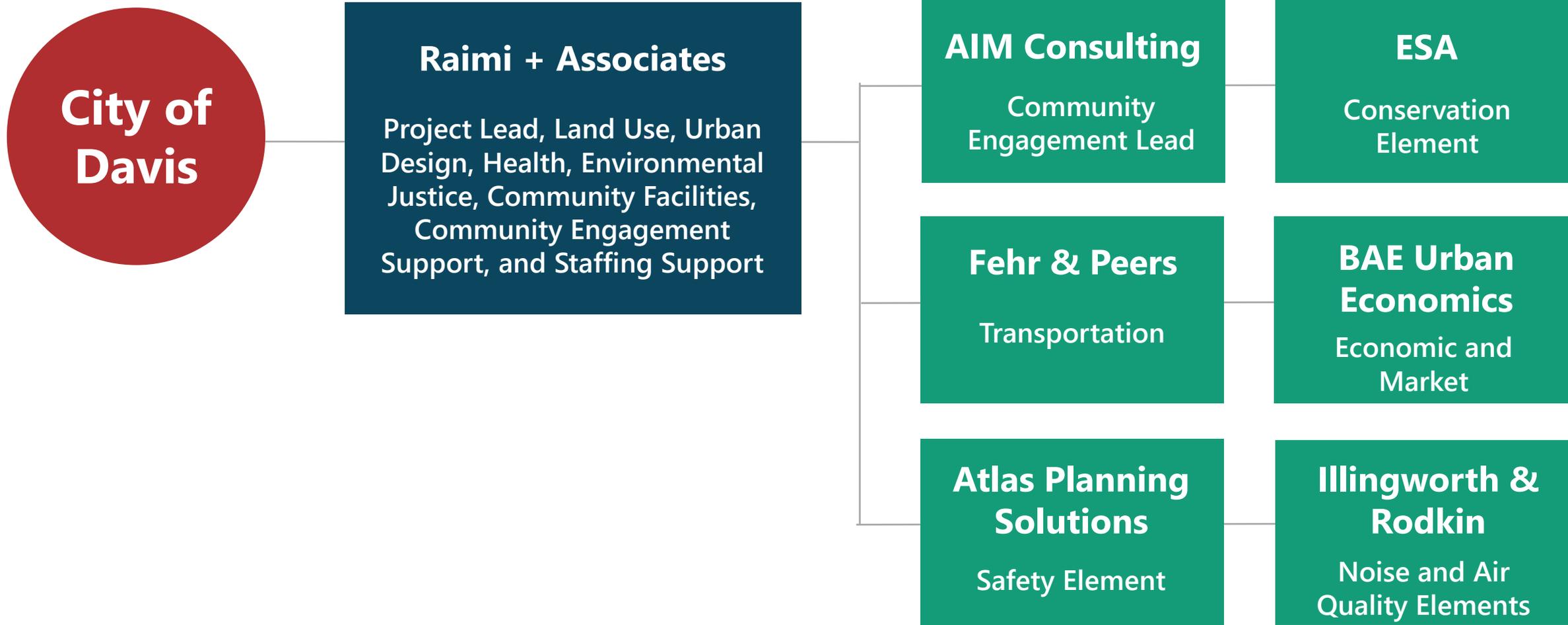
Who We Are

Mission

Working collaboratively with our clients and community stakeholders, R+A channels our passion and expertise to foster healthy, equitable, and resilient communities through planning, applied research, policy development, design, and authentic community engagement.



Our General Plan Update (GPU) Team



What is the General Plan?

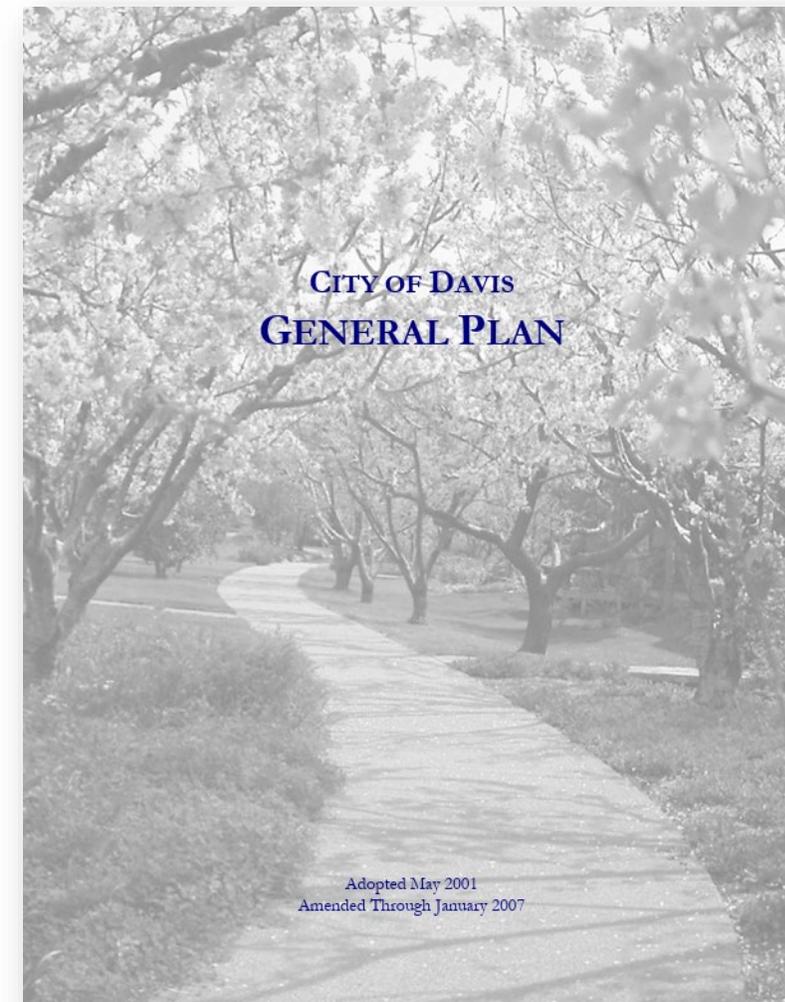
What is a General Plan?

- Long-term policy document to **guide future actions**
- Establishes the **City's direction** for the next 20 years
- Enables the community to come together to develop a **shared vision for the future**
- Updated every 15-20 years
- Preserves and enhances **community strengths**
- Addresses key **topics of concern**



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**



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



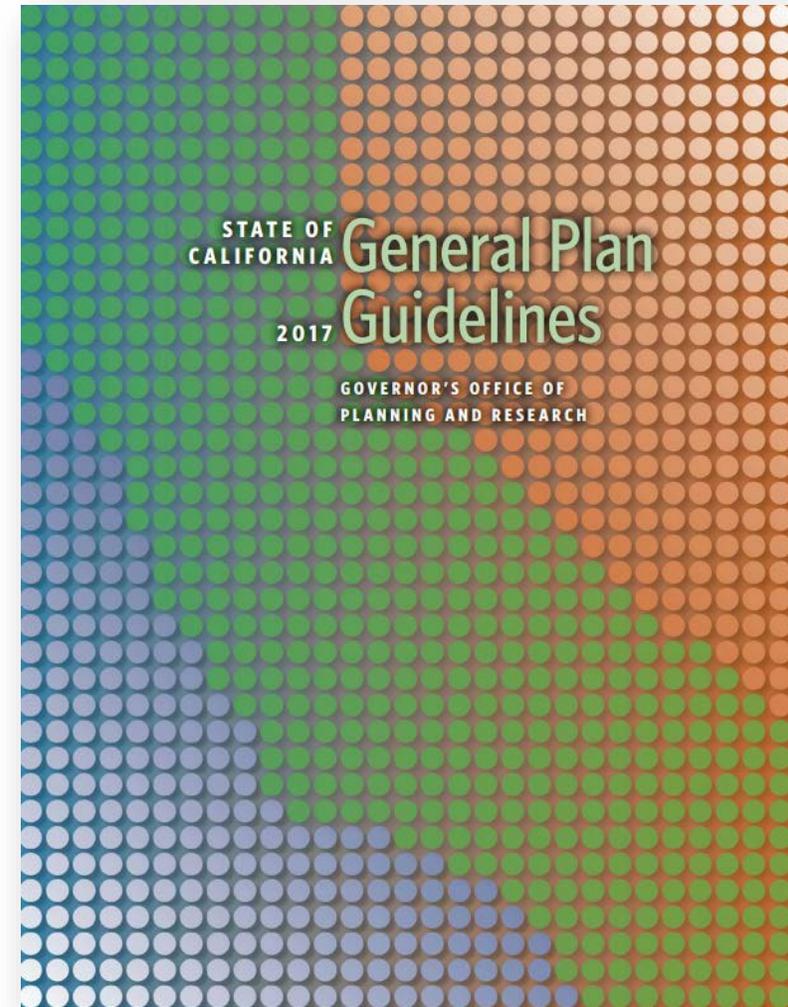
Update the land use and mobility maps every 10-15 years to allow community evolution



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



A logo for the Davis 2020-2040 Climate Action & Adaptation Plan. It features four circular icons: a thermometer with a sun (temperature), a wind turbine (climate), a house with a water wave (adaptation), and a plant growing from a globe (environment). To the right of the icons, the text reads "DAVIS 2020-2040 Climate Action & Adaptation Plan".

Park Needs Assessment



Key GPU Phases



Engagement Plan

Engagement Plan

General Plan Update 2040



GPU Deliverables: Engagement Plan, Vision, and Outcomes

Project Outcomes



Revised Draft Project Outcomes

- 3 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.
- 4 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.



Orange Memorial Park

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.



Photo courtesy of City Hall

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.



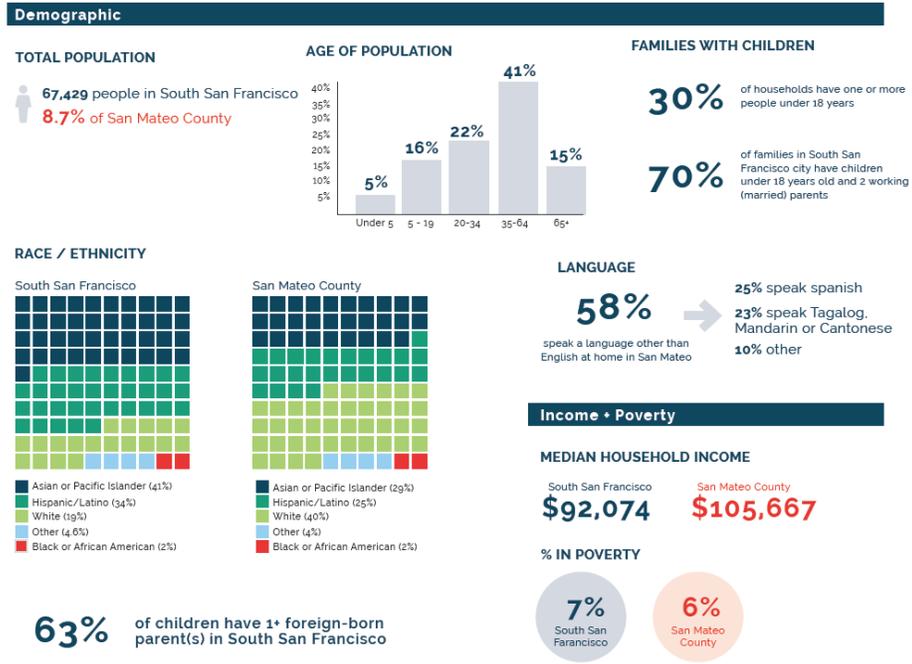
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Innovation

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



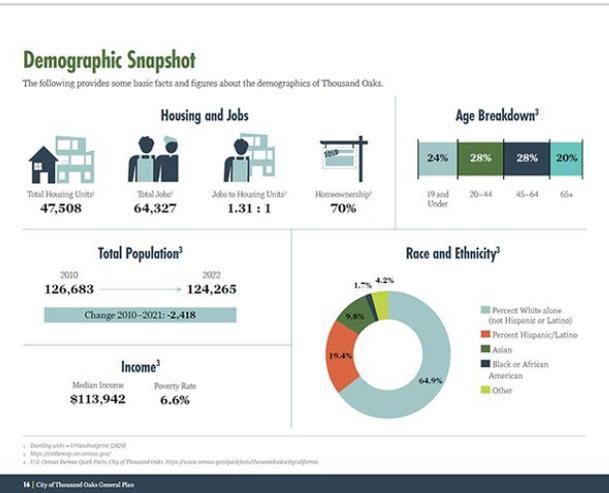
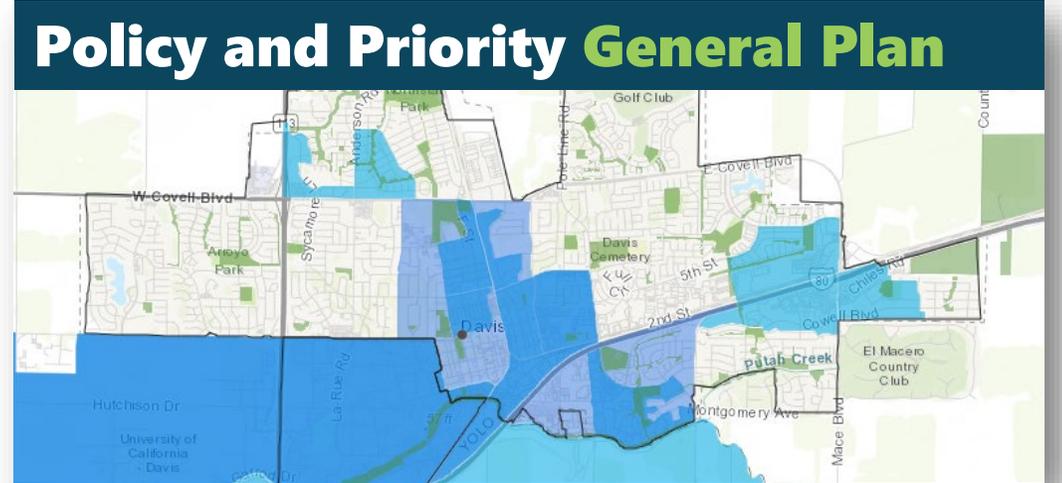
GPU Deliverables: Policy and Action Development

Policy Framework **General Plan**

THOUSAND OAKS GENERAL PLAN 2045
- rooted in community -

Public Draft
June 2, 2023

Chapter 10 Safety



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.

Historic Timber School

Implementation Actions **General Plan**

Show 10 entries

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

Search:

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



Engagement Tailored to Every Phase

	2025	2026	2027		
					
	 Listening and Discovery	 Land Use and Mobility Plan Development	 Policy Development and Plan Preparation	 Public Plan Review	 Final Plan Review and Adoption
Engagement Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Council kick-off Joint Commission kick-off General Plan Committee kick-off Community Partnership Initiative Neighborhood and stakeholder meetings Student engagement Begin community awareness and notification Community workshop #1, pop-up events, and survey #1 Launch project website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with Planning Commission Meetings with each Commission and the General Plan Committee Neighborhood and stakeholder meetings Student engagement Community workshops #2-3, pop-up events, and survey #2 Topic-specific focus group meetings City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood and stakeholder meetings Student engagement Community workshop #4, pop-up events, and survey #3 Meetings with each Commission Meetings with the General Plan Committee City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood and stakeholder meetings Community workshop #5, pop-up events, and survey #4 Meetings with each Commission City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Commission hearings City Council hearings



Neighborhood, Stakeholder, and Focus Group Meetings







Welcome to the Thousand Oaks General Plan 2045 E-Plan

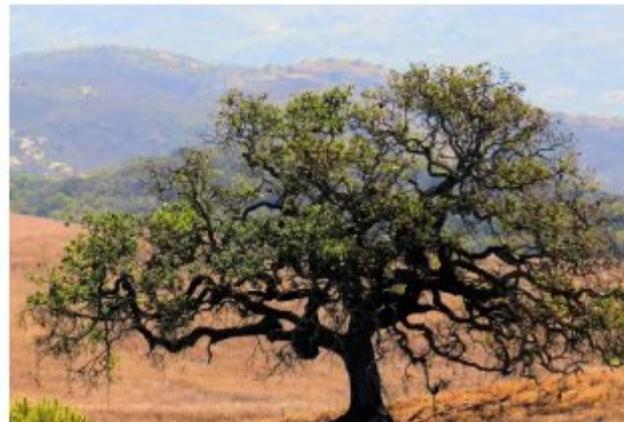


The Thousand Oaks 2045 General Plan is a policy document required by State law that provides long range guidance for various City issues including development, economic growth, open space, and many more!



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



- **Commissions**

- Joint Commission Kick-Off
- Commission Meetings: 23 meetings
- General Plan Committee: 8 meetings
- Hearings

- **City Council**

- Kick-Off Meeting
- Council GPU Subcommittee: 5 meetings
- Study Sessions: 4
- Hearings

Planning Commission Involvement

	Focus and Scope Task
Planning Commission Kick-Off 1 meeting	Overview of Scope and Process
Joint Commission Kick-Off 1 meeting	Engagement Plan, Project Outcomes, Vision (Task 1.6)
Study Sessions 5 meetings	Existing Conditions (Task 3.4) Land Use Concepts Revised GPU Land Use Map (Task 6.5) Policy Development (Task 7.3) Public Draft General Plan (Task 7.6)
Land Use Concepts Subcommittee 2 meetings	Land Use Concepts (Task 5.1)
General Plan Committee 8 meetings 2 Planning Commissioners	Vision and Existing Conditions (Task 4.3) Land Use Concepts (Task 5.3) Policy Development (Task 7.3) Public Draft General Plan (Task 7.6)
Hearings 1 meeting	General Plan Adoption (Task 7.7)

Looking Ahead

Community Engagement

- Community Engagement Plan
- Community Partnership Initiative
- Project branding
- Joint Commission kick-off meeting
- City Council kick-off meeting
- Launch GPU website
- Initial stakeholder meetings

Technical Reports

- Project outcome preparation
- 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

Questions for you



- How will you define success for the GPU?
- What are project outcomes you think should serve as parameters for the project, process, and community engagement?
- What is special and unique about Davis that should be preserved during the GPU process?
- If you could change one thing about Davis, what would it be?

Questions for us?



Thank you!

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