



EIR Scoping Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022



Purpose of Scoping Meeting

Receive comments from members of the public, organizations, and interested public agencies on issues related to the physical environment that should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).



Public Scoping Meeting Agenda

» Project Overview

» EIR Scoping Session

- CEQA Overview
- Program-Level EIR
- EIR Process
- Environmental Topics Addressed in the EIR
- Addressing Environmental Impacts

» Receive Comments



Welcome and Introductions

» City of San Mateo

- Zachary Dahl, Deputy Director of Community Development

» PlaceWorks – City's Environmental Consultant

- Terri McCracken, Associate Principal
- Allison Dagg, Associate II

GENERAL PLAN



Elements

Land Use Circulation
Housing Urban Design
Conservation / Open Space / Parks & Rec
Safety Noise

Values



Diversity

Balance



Inclusivity

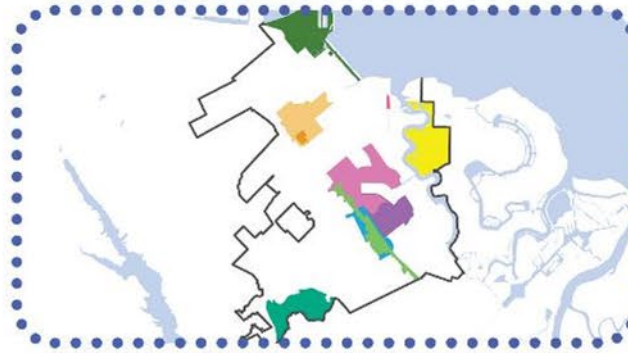
Prosperity

Resiliency

The General Plan guides future growth and development. It includes eight elements as well as a Vision Statement and values that express the community's vision for the future.

SPECIFIC PLANS

Geographic Area



Intensity



Design Guidelines



A Specific Plan is a customized plan that describes policies and regulations for specific geographic areas of the city.

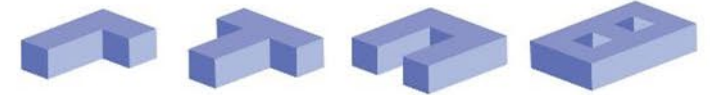
To learn more about the General Plan Update, visit www.StriveSanMateo.org.

ZONING CODE

Building Type



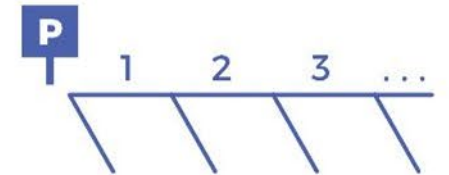
Building Form



Use Type



Parking Requirements



The Zoning Code is the primary tool for implementing the General Plan and the Specific Plans. It regulates development citywide and establishes specific rules.



General Plan: Vision Statement

San Mateo is a vibrant, livable, diverse, and healthy community that respects the quality of its neighborhoods, fosters a flourishing economy, is committed to equity, and is a leader in environmental sustainability.

Our Values:

Diversity

Balance

Inclusivity

Prosperity

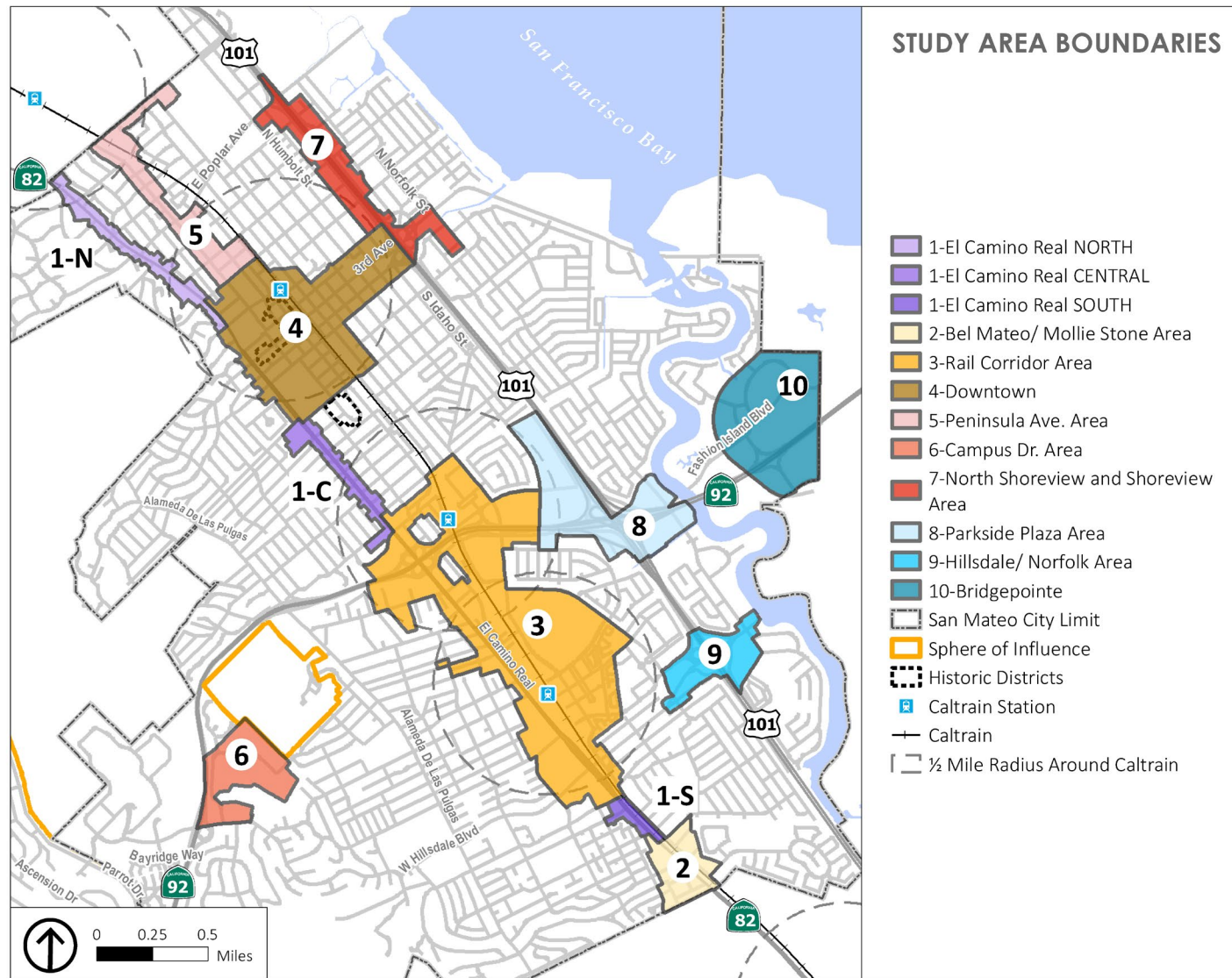
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General Plan Project Area

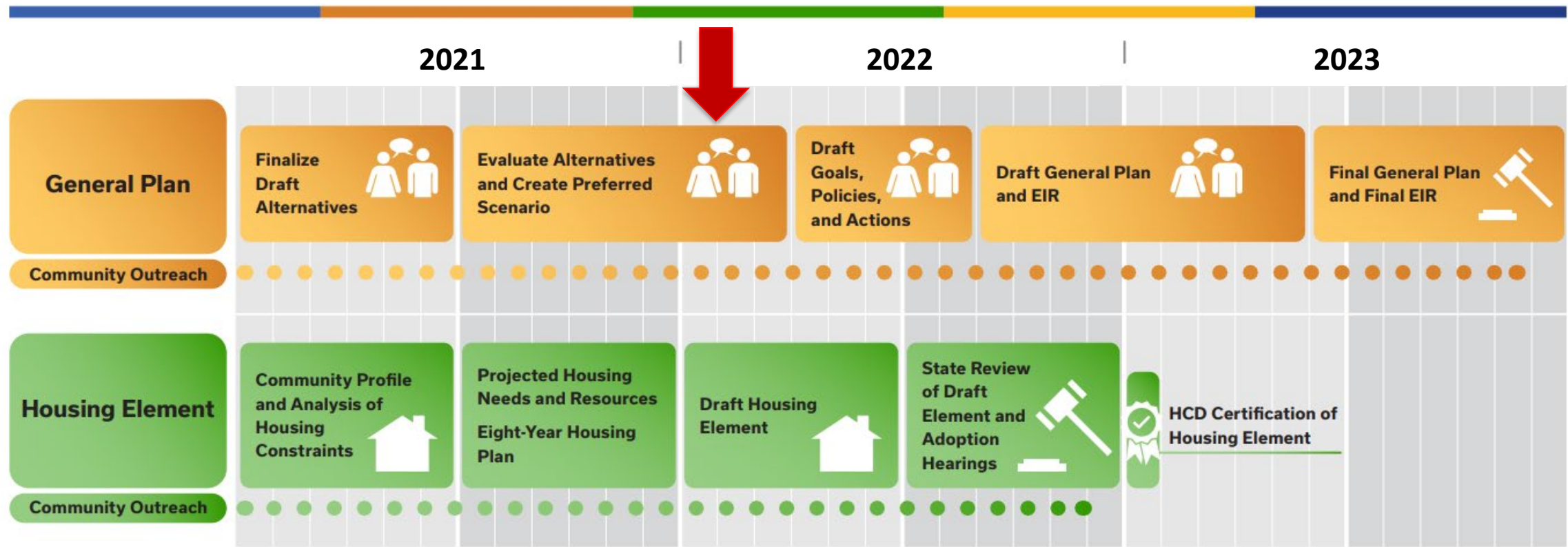
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General Plan Study Area Boundaries



Where Are We Now and What's Next?



-  Each **General Plan Meeting Series** will include some combination of community workshops and events, General Plan Subcommittee meetings, Planning Commission study sessions, and City Council direction.
-  **Housing Element Outreach** includes stakeholder meetings, community meetings, Planning Commission hearings, and City Council hearings.

CEQA Overview

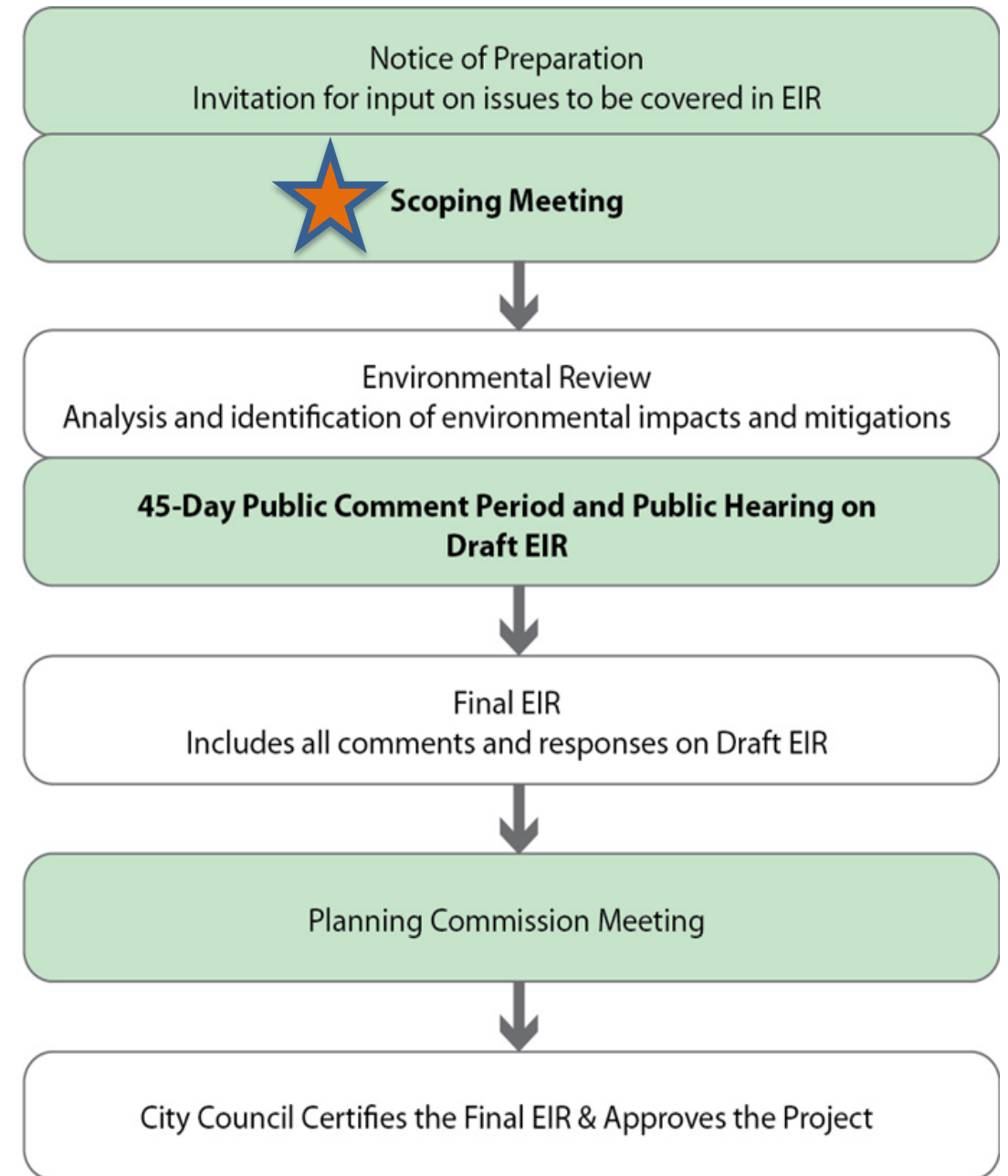
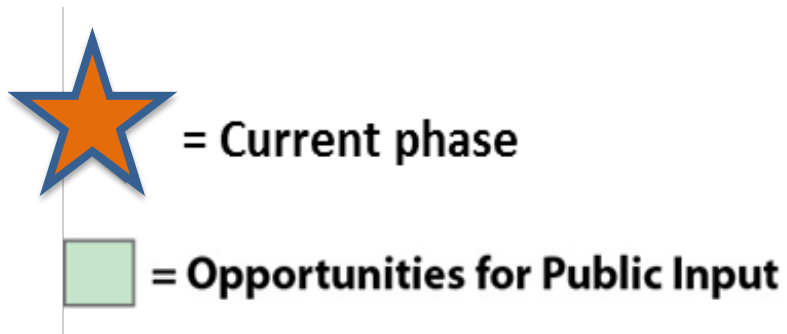
- » **The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is the State's primary environmental protection law.**
- » **An informational document:**
 - Discloses the potential environmental impacts of projects that have a physical effect on the environment;
 - Identifies mitigation measures;
 - Describes feasible alternatives to the proposed project.
- » **CEQA does not dictate project approval or denial.**

Program-Level EIR

- » **An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is a public disclosure document that includes an evaluation of physical impacts to the environment that could occur as a result of the implementation of the project based on specific and established criteria.**
- » **The EIR is the heart of CEQA and the highest-level environmental review document.**
- » **Program-level environmental review documents are appropriate when a project consists of a series of actions related to the issuance of rules, regulations, and other planning criteria (CEQA Guidelines Section 15168).**
- » **Does not evaluate impacts of future construction-level projects that are consistent with the General Plan**
- » **Does allow the subsequent project-level environmental review for future development to tier off the Program EIR**
- » **Streamlines future environmental review procedures**

EIR Process

- » This chart summarizes the EIR process mandated by State Law
- » The City of San Mateo anticipates additional public meetings.



Environmental Topics Evaluated in the EIR

- **Aesthetics**
- **Air Quality**
- **Biological Resources**
- **Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources**
- **Energy**
- **Geology and Soils**
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**
- **Hydrology and Water Quality**
- **Land Use and Planning**
- **Noise**
- **Population and Housing**
- **Public Services**
- **Parks and Recreation**
- **Transportation**
- **Utilities and Service Systems**
- **Wildfire**

Addressing Environmental Impacts

- » **Where significant environmental impacts are identified, CEQA requires the impact be:**
 - avoided
 - minimized
 - rectified
 - reduced or eliminated
 - compensated
- » **CEQA permits the General Plan to incorporate mitigation measures as goals, policies, and actions that are designed to protect, preserve and enhance environmental resources**

Scoping Comments Should Address

- » **Technical issues to be addressed in the Draft EIR**
- » **Appropriate range of alternatives to evaluate in the Draft EIR**
- » **Potential environmental impacts of the proposed project**

Submitting Scoping Comments

» Provide all comments by Friday, February 11, 2022, by:

- Speaking at tonight's meeting
- Mail to:
Community Development Department
Attention: Zachary Dahl
330 West 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403
- Email: zdahl@cityofsanmateo.org with "General Plan Update EIR" as the subject line

Next Steps

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| • Accept Scoping Comments | Winter 2022 |
| • Evaluate Potential Impacts | Now through Spring 2023 |
| • Publish Draft EIR | Spring 2023 |
| • 45-Day Public Comment Period for Draft EIR | Spring 2023 |
| • Publish Final EIR with Response to Comments | Fall 2023 |
| • General Plan Adoption/ Final EIR Certification | Fall 2023 |



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