## Tower District Specific Plan Update

Implementation Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023





#### INTERPRETATION SERVICES



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## Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call
- II. Approve Agenda
- III. Approve Meeting Minutes
- IV. Council District Updates
- V. Discussion on Committee Meeting Location
- VI. Discussion on Public Outreach & Engagement Approach
- VII. Unscheduled Oral Communications
- VIII. Closing and Next Steps









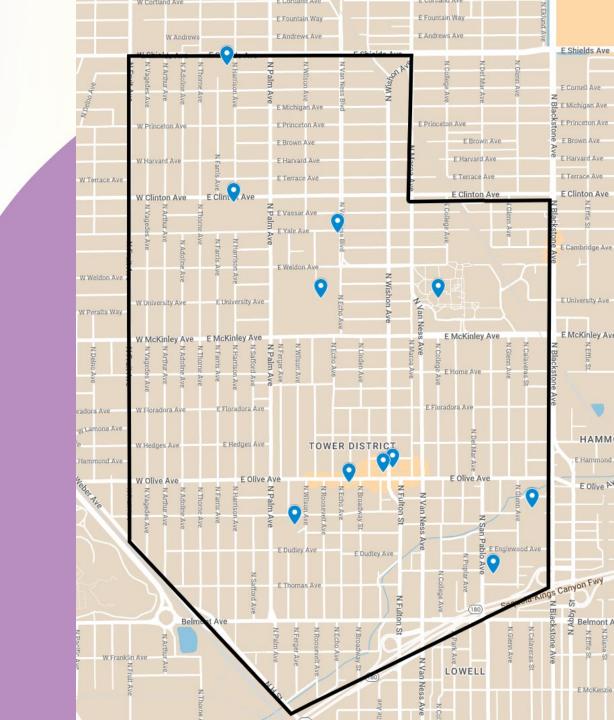








- Ted C. Wills Community Center
- Fresno City College
- Fresno High School
- Susan B. Anthony
- Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater
- Backroom at The Revue
- Muir Elementary School
- Dailey Elementary
- Hamilton School
- Big Red Church
- Tower Theater







#### **POTENTIAL LOCATIONS**

Venue	Capacity	Tables	Chairs	Projector	Screen	Audio	Price/ meeting	Notes
Ted C Wills Center	95	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	X	X	X	\$0	Used for first 4 meetings
Roger Rocka's	232	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	\$200	Available every Tuesday evening, except when switching out shows
Backroom	74	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>	X	$\checkmark$	\$160	One RR stall Potential ADA issues
Big Red Church	200	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	X	X	$\checkmark$	\$100	Construction at Weldon/Van Ness
Tower Theater	751	X	$\checkmark$	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$	X	\$0	
Tower Theater Lounge	150	<b>√</b>	X	X	X	X	<b>\$0</b>	

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#### **BACKGROUND**



January 2022

Project kicked off



Committee Meetings on **Project Topics start** 



February 2023

**Committee Meeting** on Updated Outreach and Engagement Approach



ENGAGEMENT

Fall/Winter 2023 **Committee Meetings** on Plan Elements



Summer 2024

Draft Specific Plan Goes to Planning Commission and City Council

#### OUTREACH

#### April 2022 Project kick

off meeting





May 2023 **Committee Meetings** start again



Summer/Fall 2023 Workshop



Spring 2024 Draft Specific Plan Release







#### **INITIAL APPROACH**

- Committee meetings would be the primary engagement forum
- This would be through a series of meetings on different topics
- After several meetings, it became apparent that there was not enough public participation in the process







#### RECALIBRATION

- The project was moving too quickly with too little input,
- Too few participants, insufficient to represent the broad geography and diversity of the Tower District
  - Insufficient outreach was occurring
  - Insufficient public engagement was occurring











- Informing the community about the Specific Plan and associated Planning Process
- The process of keeping the community informed on:
  - o on project events,
  - o activities,
  - o updates,
  - o and any engagement opportunities.
- The bulk of this work is intended to take place before the engagement process start,
- Will continue as needed throughout the entirety of the project







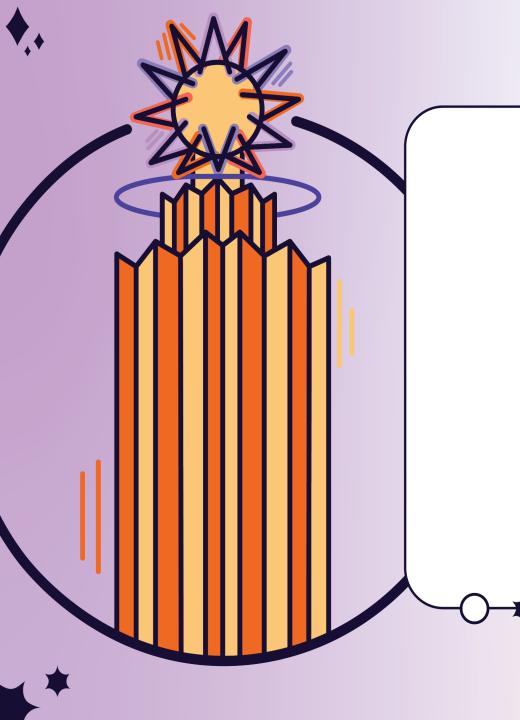


- Organized opportunities that provide a space for interactions with community members that makes them feel welcome, and comfortable with providing input
- This includes:
  - o individual conversations,
  - o group meetings,
  - o pop-up events,
  - o workshops.
  - o or other
- Intended to happen once sufficient outreach has taken place and there is a broad level of awareness of the Specific Plan Planning Process
- Will be key to creating the community's vision and the Specific Plan update







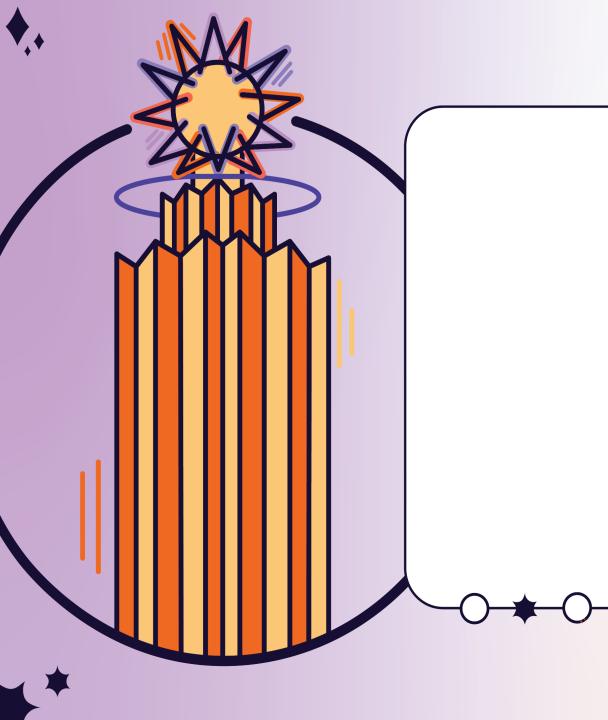


## Improved Collaborative Outreach and 2 Engagement **Options**

A two step process







## Outreach Approach

Team Work

makes the

Dream Work





#### **WORKING TOGETHER**

- The updated Outreach Strategy will require City Staff, the consultants, the Committee, and the Community to work together to:
  - Spread the word,
  - o Gather interest, and
  - o Increase momentum on the Specific Plan.







#### **GETTING TO WORK**

#### Activities to get the word out:

- Canvasing
- Materials Distribution
- Mailers
- Pop-up at planned events
- Op-ed
- Social Media Presence

- Poster Contest
- Present at existing meetings
- o Email Blast
- Radio PSA
- Pop-up at foot traffic locations
- Media Coverage







#### TOOLS FOR THE WORK

- Activities to get the word out:
  - Slide Deck
  - Videos
  - Stickers
  - Poster
  - PSA
  - Website
  - Flyer
  - Brochure
  - Social Media Posts
  - Survey

























#### SEEING IT ALL TOGETHER

<u>.</u>	Slide Deck	Videos In Progress	Stickers In Progress	Poster	PSA In Progress	Roles
Activity	Completed			Not Started		
Canvasing			X	X		Committee, Community
Materials Distribution	X		X	X		Committee, Community, City Staff
Mailers						City Staff, Consultant
Pop-up at planned events	X	X	X	X		Committee, City Staff
Op-ed						Committee, Community
Social Media Presence	X	X		Χ	X	Committee, Community, City Staff
Poster Contest				X		Committee, Community, City Staff
Present at existing meetings	Х	Х	Χ	X		Committee, City Staff
Email Blast		Х		Χ		Committee, Community, City Staff
Radio PSA					X	City Staff
Pop-up at foot traffic locations			Χ	Χ		Committee, City Staff
Media Coverage		X		X	Х	Committee, City Staff

	Website	Flyer	Brochure	Social Media Posts	Survey		
Activity	Near Complete	Completed	Completed	Several Created	Not Started	Roles	
Canvasing	Х	Х	Х		Х	Committee, Community	
Materials Distribution	X	X	X		X	Committee, Community, City Staff	
Mailers	X			X	Х	City Staff, Consultant	
Pop-up at planned events	X	Х	Χ		Х	Committee, City Staff	
Op-ed	X				Х	Committee, Community	
Social Media Presence	Х	Х		X	X	Committee, Community, City Staff	
Poster Contest	Х	Х		X		Committee, Community, City Staff	
Present at existing meetings	Х	Х	Х		Х	Committee, City Staff	
Email Blast	X	Х	X	X	X	Committee, Community, City Staff	
Radio PSA	Х				Х	City Staff	
Pop-up at foot traffic locations	Х	Х	Х		Х	Committee, City Staff	
Media Coverage	Х		Х	Х		Committee, City Staff	











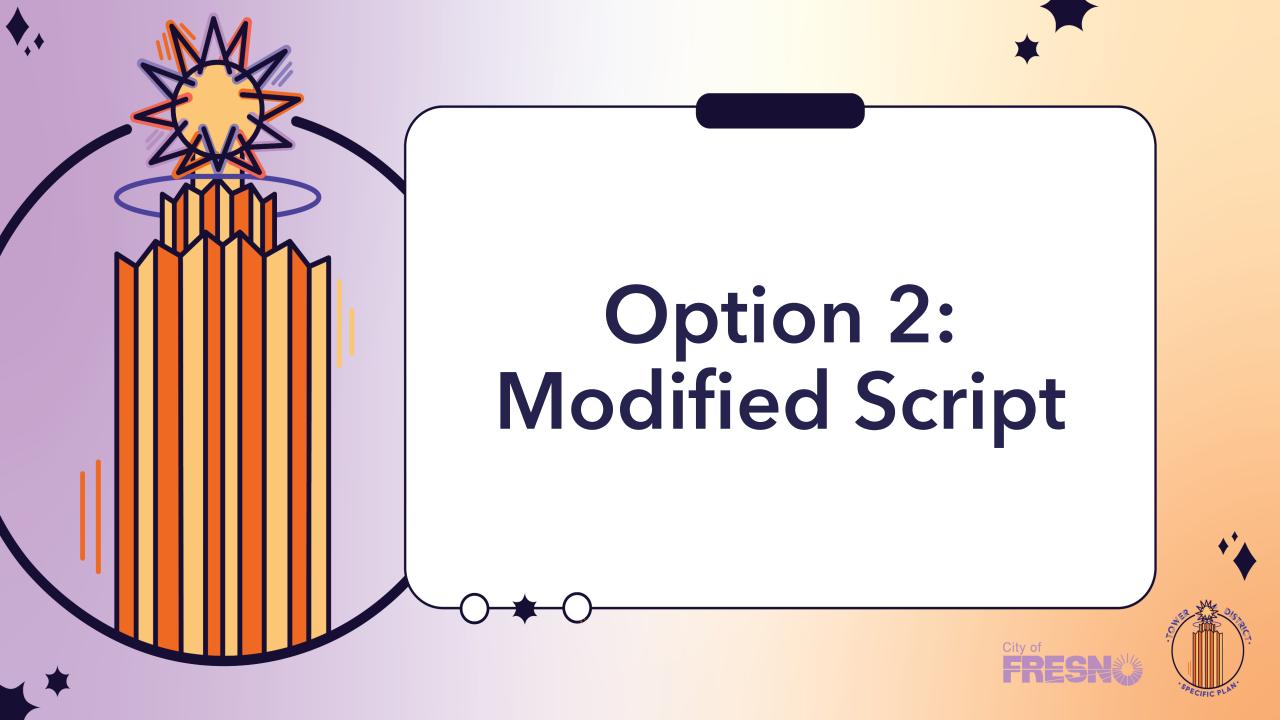


- Intent of the original approach, with a few minor modifications
- Committee meetings would be the primary engagement forum
- Series of meetings would become activity-based interactive meetings.
- The details:
  - One Workshop
  - 3 interactive education and analysis Committee meetings
  - Other 5 Committee meetings would focus on outreach activities and resources
  - Up to 5 Committee meetings after interactive meetings and Workshop focused on Specific Plan Update Components











- Committee meetings become a space for discussions related to outreach
- The details:
  - Two Workshops
  - 5 Committee meetings would focus on outreach activities and resources
  - Committee meetings following the workshops would include a recap the workshop and a discussion on any outreach needed to drive more people to the workshops
  - Up to 5 Committee meetings after interactive meetings and Workshop focused on Specific Plan Update Components





A third strategy was considered that was outside of the existing budget, at the request of the committee. Through the development of the strategies it was deemed infeasible due to no identifiable or guaranteed funding source.







### **NEXT STEPS:**

- The Project team will finish making the remaining materials based on the Committee's feedback on the example materials provided as attachments to this memo
  - 2. The Project team will update the Committee Meeting Schedule
  - 3. The Project team will draft a memo on the modified Committee meeting function, logistics/layout, and agenda based on the selected engagement option
- 4. The Project Team will finalize and review the Community Engagement Strategy with the Committee
  - 5. Everyone gets to work on Outreach!





