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May 26, 2022**

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Information Packet

ITEM(S)

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HEARING to receive public comment on the 2021:

- A. Housing Element Annual Progress Report
- B. General Plan Annual Progress Report

Contents of Supplement:

PowerPoint Presentation

Item(s)

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General Plan Annual Progress Report

Planning and Development Department

MAY 26, 2022



State Requirements

- The State of California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) has General Plan Guidelines that all jurisdictions must follow
- All jurisdictions are required to provide OPR with a General Plan Annual Progress Report each year, per Government Code Sections 65400 and 65700



The General Plan

12 Chapters

17 Goals

72 Objectives

569 Policies

1 Housing Element



Accomplishments:

- Several **plans in progress**: Kings Canyon Corridor Transit Oriented Development Connectivity Study, West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan, Central Southeast Specific Plan, Tower District Specific Plan Update; South Central Specific Plan, Southeast Development Area Specific Plan
- **Mixed Use Text Amendment** underway, the Text Amendment will increase zoning density for the five Mixed Use Zone Districts that would allow higher intensity mixed-use development along high-quality transit corridors
- **Beautify Fresno** hosted several cleanup and beautification events throughout Fresno with partners across the community to provide weed, litter, and graffiti abatement, and support community-driven clean-up activities



Accomplishments:

- The **Economic Development Department** worked with the SJMA to create a "**Fresno Made**" **campaign** for our manufacturing companies in Fresno
- Through a partnership with the Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce, funding resources were established for start-ups and small businesses in need of micro-funding through **the KIVA Loan Fund** Economic Development Department with Workforce Connection and Economic Development Corporation to offer workshops on resume writing and interview skills
- The Economic Development Department initiated a **skills gap survey** of Career Technology Education providers and other stakeholders to determine what gaps may exist in the job training being offered and the needs of the business community
- The Economic Development Department facilitated a neighborhood **job fair in southwest Fresno at the Mary Ella Brown Community Center**. The job fair was focused on jobs available at nearby businesses and outreach was done to area residents
- Citywide **Fiscal Impact Study** underway



Accomplishments:

- Staff Coordinated with the **High Speed Rail** Authority on station area planning to maximize transit connections at the future HSR station
- Staff participated in several **local and regional plans** and projects:
 - Fresno COG's 2022 Draft Regional Transportation Plan
 - Fresno COG's Fresno County Regional Trails Plans
 - Fresno COG's Reverse Triangle Transportation Plan
 - Fresno COG's Draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainability Community Strategy
 - Caltrans South Fresno Corridor Project on SR99
 - SR99 Rehabilitation from El Dorado Street to Clinton Avenue Project
- FAX Implemented **new bus routes**, extended existing bus routes, and participated in SB743 work.



Accomplishments:

- **FAX ridership incentives:**
 - Tested pilot Free Fares program for six months;
 - Reduced regular base fare and reduced fares;
 - Implemented free transit for veterans, military, and children under 12;
 - Partnered with Fresno State University for subsidizing free fares for students;
- Phase 1 (Bullard extension) was complete and Phases 2 (grade separations) and 4a (Southern extension) were underway for **Veterans Boulevard** which will connect West Fresno to the east side of SR99
- City applied for and was awarded funding for **BNSF Blackstone McKinley Grade Separation Project** the Project will support the City's Southern Blackstone Smart Mobility Plan and will be compatible and build on the "Better Blackstone" initiative
- The City developed the **Residential Speed Hump Policy**



Accomplishments:

- Applied for and awarded approximately **\$12,700,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement and Surface Transportation Block Grant funds** to maintain roadways and implement projects
- **Bike Lanes** were Installed:
 - 1.5 miles of Class II bikes lanes
 - 6 miles of buffered Class II bike lanes
 - 1.5 miles of Class IV bicycle facilities
 - 1.11 miles of Class I trail facilities
- The **BPAC produced PSA safety videos** on subjects such as sharrows, HAWKS, and Class IV bicycle facilities. Production of a PSA video for pedestrian scrambles was initiated with finalization in Spring 2022.



Accomplishments:

- Staff partnered with Caltrans, Fresno COG and FCTA to seek BUILD and INFRA funding to implement **improvements at the SR 99 North and American Avenues interchanges.**
- Staff partnered with the SJVAPCD and AB617 group to continue the preparation of a **truck reroute study**
- Airports Department developed a new **Parking Structure** and designed a **Terminal Expansion** at FAT



Accomplishments:

- The San Joaquin River Conservancy Board authorized bond funds to the City of Fresno to begin and complete final engineering designs and secure permits for the **River West Fresno Eaton Trail Extension**.
- Staff participated as technical advisors to the Building Healthy Communities **Western Reaches Access Activation Plan** for Camp Pashayan along the San Joaquin River Parkway
- **Trail Network Wayfinding, Promotion, and Connectivity Plan** drafted, and Public Review Draft released in February 2022



Accomplishments:

- The **Police Department** collaborated with Commission on Police Reform and implementation of **72 recommended reforms**
- The Police Department developed **community groups** at the District level, the Chief's Youth Advisory Committee, and the Chief's Advisory Group
- The Police Department participates in the **Homeless Assistance and Response Team (HART)** with **mental health clinicians** to provide resources for our homeless population.
- **Southeast Police station** opened
- The Police Department participated in:
 - Police Athletics League
 - The Resilience Center NPO (Trauma Informed Services)
 - Barrios Unidos
 - Boys and Men of Color
 - School District RISE (mentoring program in Elementary Schools)
 - Mentoring programs in High Schools
 - Community Conversations (Mental Health Collaborative),
 - Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life,



Accomplishments:

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan** Update adopted
- **Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program** initiated
- 87 public **electric vehicle charging stations** at 12 locations installed
- 2020 **Urban Water Management Plan** adopted

