Southwest Fresno Specific Plan Draft Preferred Alternative



Tonight's Presentation

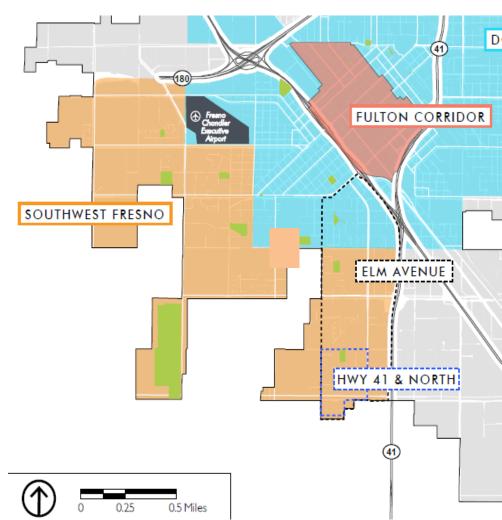


- Project background and schedule
- **Community engagement process**
- **Draft Preferred Alternative**
 - Guiding Principles
 - Vision
 - Land use
 - Development capacity analysis



Southwest Fresno Specific Plan

- Refinement of the General Plan
 - May include different land uses and areaspecific standards
- First of several specific plans to be completed in Fresno over the next few years





Community Engagement



- Steering Committee meetings (11)
- **Community Workshops (3)**
- **Topic Group Meetings (10)**
- **Community Office**







Steering Committee

- **21 Members**
- **11 meetings**
- **75% voting ratio**
- Plan Area Tour







Community Workshops



3 Workshops

- Workshop 1: Develop Concepts
 125 attended
- Workshop 2: Review Concepts
 70 attended
- Workshop 3: Confirm Concepts
 60 attended

Small Group Participation





Community Workshops





Funded by the City of Fresno and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

This meeting room is ADA accessible. If you require special assistance to participate in the meeting, notify Sophia Pagoulatos (559) 621-8062 at least three business days prior to the meeting.

Topic Group Meetings

- **10** meetings
- **Community Office**
- **Topics**
 - Neighborhood-Serving Retail
 - Housing
 - Jobs & Economic Development
 - Industrial Compatibility
 - Parks & Open Space
 - Transportation
 - Community Environmental Health



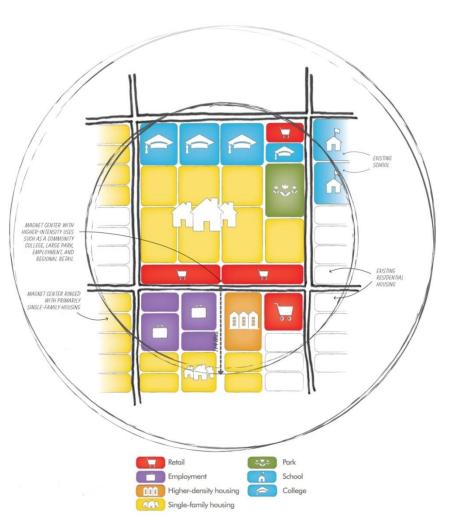






- 1. Existing residential properties in the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan are assumed to remain residential. Uses other than existing residential are subject to change.
- 2. In general, locate higher intensity uses in magnet cores and along corridors, while allowing the rest of the area to have a residential neighborhood focus.

3. Create two magnet cores that would attract a significant amount of new development and would accommodate regional retail stores, educational and/or medical facilities, and a range of housing types.

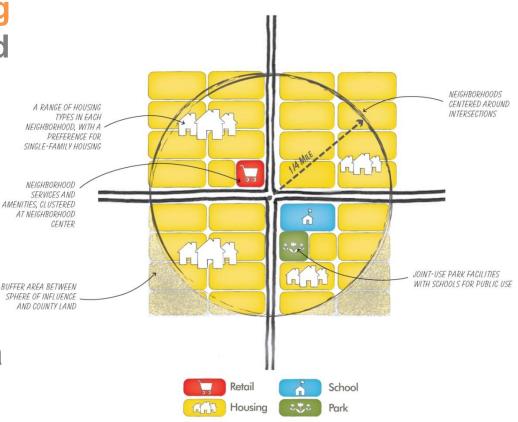






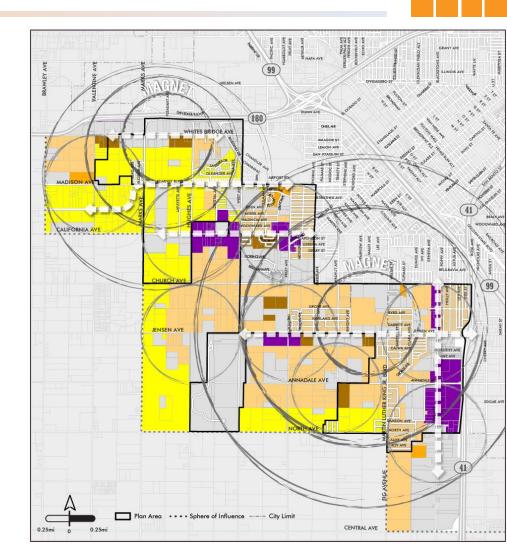
- 4. Enhance existing key corridors in Southwest Fresno, building off the existing character and potential of the streets to attract new development and to connect neighborhoods and magnets.
 - Regional Retail Corridor along Whites Bridge Avenue with regionalserving, big box retail, housing and parks;
 - Historic Corridor along Kearney Boulevard, enhanced with landscaping and lined with residential development;
 - Mixed Use Corridor along California Avenue, connecting to Downtown Fresno with a future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line;
 - Jobs Corridor along Jensen Avenue, connecting the magnet core west of MLK Jr. Boulevard to Highway 41; and
 - Mixed Use and Jobs Corridor along Elm Avenue, which could have the potential of a future BRT line to connect to the southern portion of the Specific Plan Area.

5. Strengthen existing neighborhoods and create new complete neighborhoods by providing nodes within walking distance of residents. Nodes should consist of a park, a school, and retail stores.

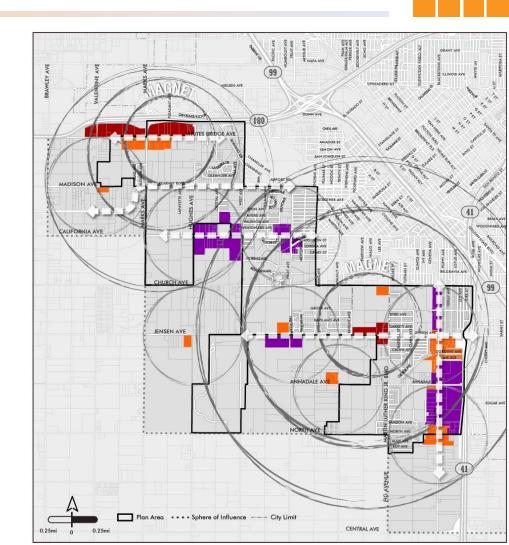




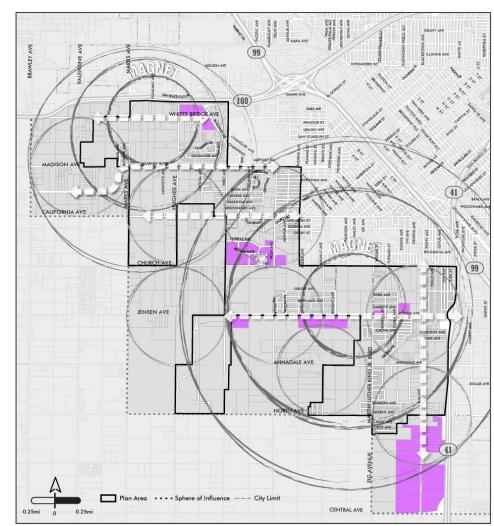
6. New residential development should be primarily single-family residences. Where appropriate, new multi-family condominiums and apartments should not be overly concentrated in a single location.



7. New retail development should be a mix of larger regional retail at a few key locations and neighborhood stores in neighborhood nodes and along corridors.



- 8. Large-scale office and institutional uses should be located for vehicle and transit access. Smaller scale employment uses such as professional offices can be located in more remote locations and along corridors.
- 9. Employment areas in Southwest Fresno should be planned and zoned for "healthy" businesses.





10. Park improvements for Southwest Fresno's existing parks should be the highest priority, followed by the creation of new parks within walking distance of residential areas.



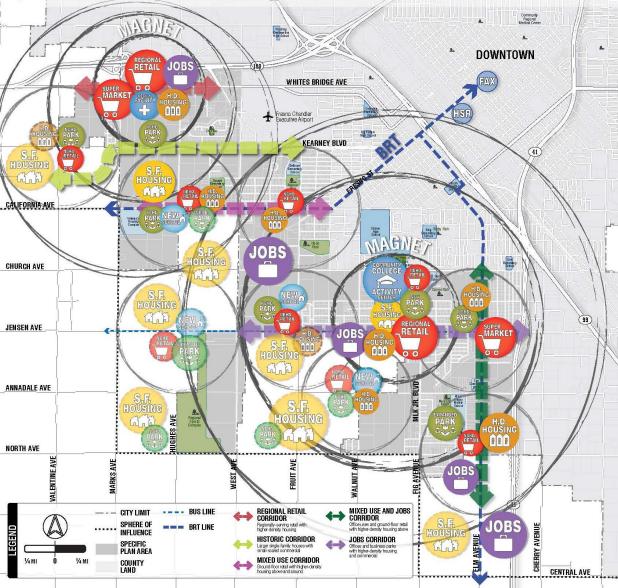


11. The transportation network should be improved to serve all members of the community whether they wish to travel by car, bus, bicycle, foot, or wheelchair. Transit should be focused on corridors that have more intensive land uses. Truck routes should be located away from residential uses whenever possible.

12. Urban Greening ideas and actions should be applied to Southwest Fresno.

FIGURE 5. CONCEPTUAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE VISION DIAGRAM

Two higher intensity cores near major highway interchanges each with a primary magnet use. Magnet cores are ringed with smaller complete neighborhoods that support the core. Each complete neighborhood includes housing and a node with community-serving uses. Neighborhoods are linked by well-defined corridors lined with higher intensity uses.



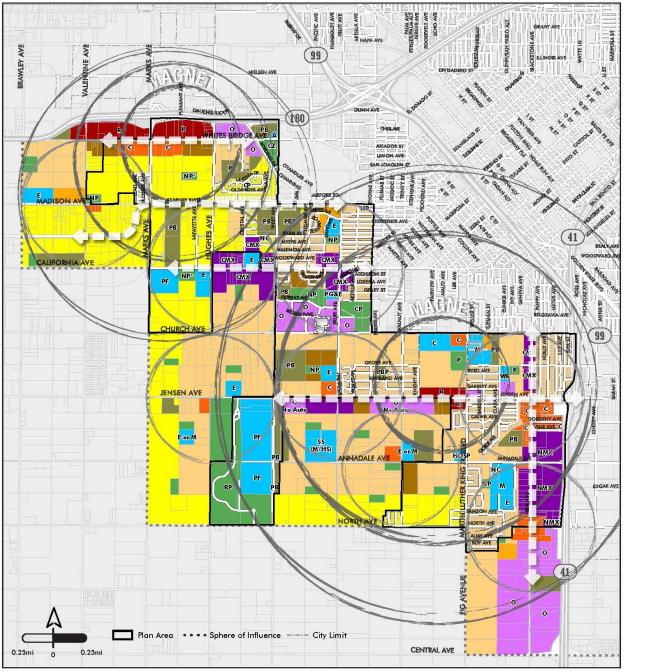
Draft Preferred Alternative Vision







Draft Preferred Alternative Land Use





Draft Preferred Alternative Land Use & Vision





General Plan Land Use Map



Development Capacity Analysis

Draft Preferred Alternative Compared to General Plan in the Southwest Fresno Area (Net New Development)

	Single- Family Housing (DU)	Multi- Family Housing (DU)	Housing Total (DU)	Commercial (Bldg. SF)	Employment (Bldg. SF)	Parks/ Open Space (Acre) ^a	Public Facilities (Acre)	Public Facilities (Bldg. SF)
Draft Preferred Alternative Combined	12,369	3,421	15,790	2,340,955	4,689,926	191	257	3,265,900
Specific Plan Area	4,371	1,774	6,146	1,501,367	748,820	77	192	2,411,064
SOI	7,998	1,646	9,644	839,588	3,941,106	114	65	854,836
General Plan Combined	10,810	7,862	18,672	2,022,053	6,910,736	243 ^b	95	1,144,453
Specific Plan Area	4,108	2,616	6,723	1,330,831	1,780,080	184 ^b	57	643,377
SOI	6,702	5,247	11,948	691,222	5,130,656	59	38	501,076

Notes: DU = dwelling units. SF = square feet.

a. Excludes land uses designated as "clear zone," "ponding basin," and "ponding basin park."

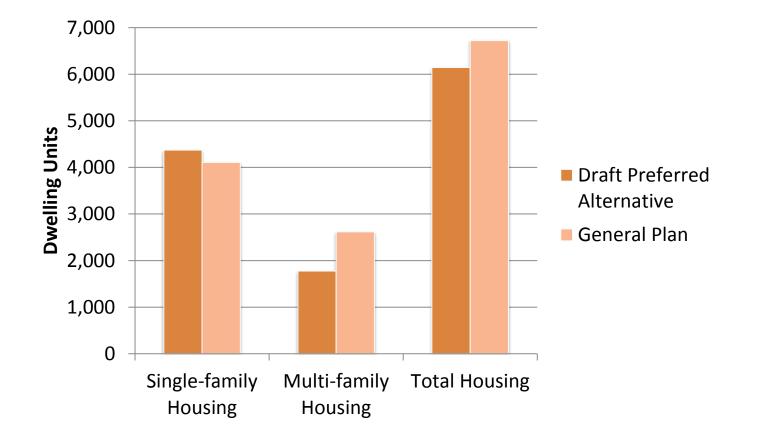
b. Includes approximately 112 acres of landfill located directly east of the Regional Sports Complex. The

Steering Committee does not consider this land to be parkland and therefore the Draft Preferred

Alternative shows this acreage designated as "public facility."

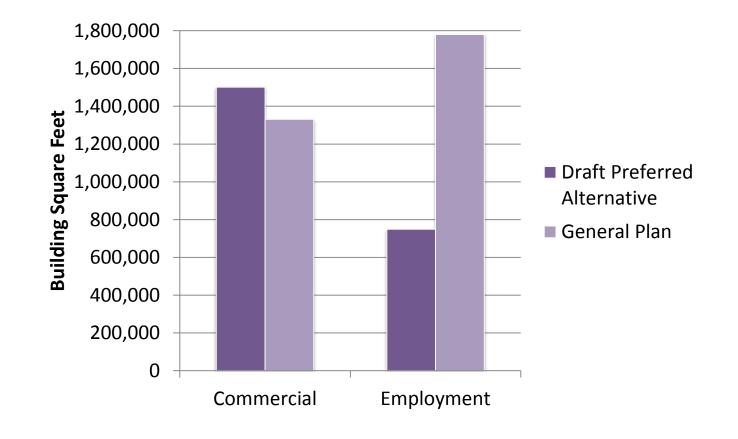
Housing Comparison (Net New)





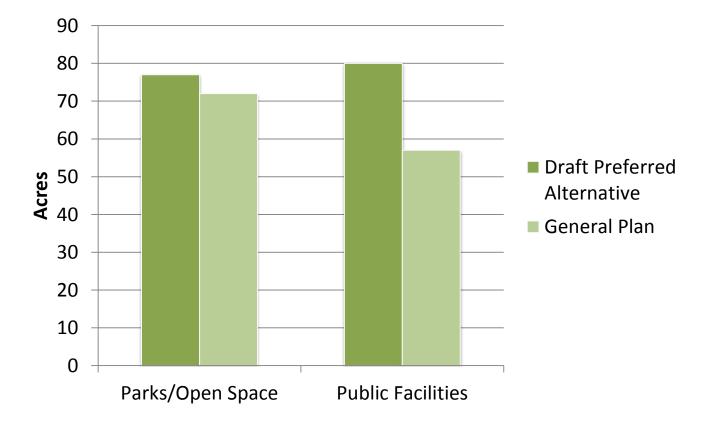


Commercial & Employment (Net New)





Parks & Public Facilities (Net New)



Note: Chart above does not include the approximately 112-acre site of landfill to the east of the Regional Sports Complex for more accurate comparison purposes

Relationship to Other Plans



- Highway 41 + North Complete Streets Plan
- **Active Transportation Plan**
- Parks Master Plan
- **Downtown Plans**

Planning Commission Recommendation



The Planning Commission adopted staff recommendation by a 7-0 vote.

Staff Recommendation



- Direct staff to continue working with the Steering Committee and community to refine the plan and commence the Program Environmental Impact Report.
- RESOLUTION Initiating the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan Draft Preferred Alternative and the corresponding amendment of the Fresno General Plan, the Fresno Chandler Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and Airport Environs Plan, and the Repeal or Amendment of the Edison Community Plan pertaining to approximately 3,255 acres located in the South Development Area to allow for future adoption of a Southwest Fresno Specific Plan.