

PUBLIC COMMENT MATRIX		
Comment No.	Comment	Revision
SURVEY-8	Great job. I can see you spent a lot of time and thought putting together the draft. Thank you. Two minor points: you do mention Anthony Elementary once, but the other two times you name the elementary schools in the Tower, you omit it. When you mention the events that involve the whole Tower, you might mention Porch Fest (music), Lit Hop (lit readings), and the Rogue Festival. I don't think any of these events involve street closures and they bring in people from all over Fresno and other regions.	Anthony Elementary School added to text. Porch Fest and Lit Hop added to text (Rogue Festival was already included).
RAYMOND-1	Page 32 - an egregious marginalizing of a business woman!!!! [SEE FULL COMMENT]	Name corrected.
STCLT INTRO-7	Page 16. "To help understand issues and existing conditions, interviews were conducted with residents' representatives, property owners, merchants, restaurateurs, real estate professionals, affordable housing developers, land trusts, social service providers, and the local transit agency." a. Question: Does "residents' representatives" mean Councilmembers? It's a slightly awkward way to phrase this if so.	Text changed for clarity.
STCLT INTRO-9	Page 20. This section introduces the reader to the Health and Equity framework, but the definition of "everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible" refers more to a vague vision of equality rather than the process of corrective investment and policy required to improve health and reverse inequities. Additionally, this section does not include the maps and analysis that were presented as the Health & Equity report that demonstrated existing health and equity disparities within the Plan Area. With out these details in the plan, how can we weigh the various policies for their health and equity impact? a. Recommendation: Include the maps that were produced either here or reference which maps later in the Plan relate to each topic. b. Recommendation: Add important historical context to help frame how the inequities in the plan came to be. This should include the 1930's Red Lining Map and samples of white only racial covenants that exclude people of color and immigrants from the Porter Tract and Wilson Island neighborhoods. c. Recommendation: Add historical context of how freeway projects have historically been used as a blight clearing and disruption of communities of color. Also how intercity freeways have facilitated white flight and urban sprawl that leaves inner city neighborhood driven over rather than through this disinvestment coupled with disrupted economic vitality of commercial corridors along with an increase pollution burden. That is the case of the 180 freeway that cut across the Belmont corridor and cut South Tower off from Lowell and Downtown neighborhoods.	Health and equity framework added throughout document. Narrative about history of redlining and freeways impact in Tower District and historic redlining map added.
STCLT INTRO-11	Page 22. 6 Safety seems like a catch all for disparate social determinants of health. a. Recommendation: Carve out air quality into a new category and add access to health services. This will leave the topic of Safety, to include numerous concerns community have voiced about walkability at night and break-ins happening to cars. As well the maps of pedestrian and traffic accidents need more nuanced analysis. b. Recommendation: Add maps analyzing lighting and presence of crime.	Air Quality has been introduced as a separate indicator. Walkability/collisions etc have been added to Active Lifestyle.
STCLT HP-3	With regards to the historic districts, beautiful as they are, it is interesting to note that the districts that were adopted coincide with the districts that previously held racial covenants. a. Recommendation: The Plan should acknowledge this trend and consider how future districts could intentionally be more inclusive. b. Recommendation: The plan should survey more of the South Tower historic districts that contain more modest and working class properties with important histories and characteristics including: i. Kroeger's Addition with 254 N. Roosevelt Ave. Lamb Towne House ii. Sunset Tract iii. La Sierra Tract - this tract contains about 1/2 of the homes that were originally developed. The loss of these homes and vacation of streets have coincided with the growth of industrial businesses. iv. Stratford Place	Text added to highlight redlining in relation to historic districts. South Tower area west of Broadway and south of Belmont has been included to study for historic designation acknowledging that community history is as important as architectural history and needs to be a focus.
STCLT HP-8	Page 36. There is no discussion or information provided of how these policies fit within a health and equity framework. a. Recommendation: Conduct the analysis and share the results.	Health and equity framework added throughout document.
STCLT LU-3	Page 47. Figure 3.1 a. Question: Does the existing land use map add to the chapter or would having the existing General Plan Planned Land Uses be more helpful in context of the proposed changes?	Existing land use map removed from document.
STCLT LU-6	Page 50. Figure 3.2. The Planned Land Use map does not clarify that it is the proposed land uses, not the current General Plan Land Uses. It also does not include the Steering Committee's May 14's recommendation. It does not propose to add new park space, which does a disservice to the community in that the Tower District is extremely park deficient. a. Recommendation: Specify in the figure title that this is the Specific Plan Planned Land Use. b. Recommendation: Include the Steering Committee's recommendation to rezone existing homes and the Cheese building to non-industrial uses. This also is supported by Policy LU 2.6 and LU 2.1. c. Recommendation: Add more park designations to the map to support opportunities to add needed park space to the Tower, especially where overlapping with the Areas of Highest Park Need.	Planned Land Use map title updated. Figure 4.1 updated to include Park Opportunity Areas for Study.

STCLT LU-8	Page 52. 3.4 Diverse and Affordable Housing. This section is notably thin and could be improved by including more information on relevant conditions and needs in the Tower. a. Recommendation: Recognize that tower is one of the few places in the city that currently has a wealth of missing middle housing and a larger mix than most other neighborhoods of single-unit and multi-unit housing types. b. Recommendation: Recognize that housing affordability in Tower is especially important for the LGBTQ+ community and others who have identified as being outside the mainstream. People who are part of these communities face higher barriers to housing generally, and Tower has long stood as one of the safer neighborhoods to live in without fear of being harassed or harmed (see Nowhere to Go: Housing assessment for LGBTQ+ people living in Fresno County). c. Recommendation: Recognize that housing conditions vary wildly within the Tower District and some parts of the neighborhood are in more dire need - from home repair and maintenance support, to addressing rental properties allowed to fall into terrible conditions from slumlords. d. Recommendation: Examine to what extent Tower is being made less affordable due to outside investors purchasing properties and what solutions can help keep homes in the hands of people who care about and want to be a part of the Tower. e. Recommendation: Discuss what kinds of innovative housing models and zoning approaches (in addition to missing middle housing) can be utilized to support more affordable housing in the Tower.	Text added to reference Tower's mix of housing and missing middle housing. Text added to reference increased housing barriers faced by the LGBTQ+ community in the context of Tower. Text added to reference the age of buildings in the district and varying housing conditions. Text added to reference other innovative housing types, like modular housing, that can increase variety and affordability.
STCLT LU-11	Page 56. Figure 3.5 Access to Jobs. There is no discussion in the narrative about this map. While we may infer from the map, it would be helpful to affirm in the narrative about employment trends in the Tower, leading to a consideration of what makes the most sense in terms of promoting access to jobs. a. Recommendation: Add a section for Economic Development, looking at this topic through the Health and Equity Framework to better understand what is the appropriate Economic Development strategy to pursue for the Tower District. Then, relate this to the application of land use designations.	Text added to put map (Figure 3.5) in context and highlight employment trends.
STCLT PARKS-1	Note that the chapter title and the Table of Contents do not match. The Table of Contents calls this chapter "Parks and Open Spaces." a. Recommendation: Update the titles to match.	Changed to "Parks and Public Facilities" in all locations.
STCLT PARKS-2	Page 76. Figure 4.1 Instead of Planned Parks it should say Future Park as Broadway Parque is in-development. Additionally, Dickey Playground is misspelled. a. Recommendation: Replace "Planned Parks" with "Future Park" and correct the spelling of Dickey Playground.	Spelling corrected.
STCLT PARKS-3	Page 78 and Page 79. Figures 4.2 and 4.3 Focus on the Tower District instead of the whole city and ensure the images are not blurry and ADA accessible.	Zoom in to Tower District added to map.
STCLT PARKS-5	Page 83. "Dating from 1915, the Old Administration Building has historic significance, but the community identity of the City College largely consists of parking lots as seen from public streets." a. Recommendation: "Dating from 1915, the Old Administration Building has historic significance, and was restored through the patient dedication of many community members. From the major street, McKinley, however, the predominant feature of the campus is its large parking lot.	Text changed to include reference to community restoration efforts.
STCLT CIRC-1	Page 92. It would be helpful to explain how the Plan uses walkable to mean accessible. a. Recommendation: Add an acknowledgement in this Chapter (or in another if that placement is better) that "walkability" if often used interchangeably, albeit not perfectly, with "accessibility" and that when the Plan discusses places that are walkable, it is intending to mean places that are nearby and safely accessible.	Text changed to include explanation of the word walkability to connote accessibility.

STCLT CIRC-2	Page 96. 5.3 Complete Streets - this section could also reference the City's existing complete streets policy. a. Recommendation: Add information about the City's Complete Streets policy and how it is applied in the context of the Tower.	Text referencing Complete Streets Plan exists. Text added about The Fresno Active Transportation Plan-- McKinley, Palm, Olive, and Belmont are identified as high and medium priority areas for bicycle networks, and a cluster of streets in southeast tower is identified at high priority for gaps in sidewalks in the Active Transportation Plan. The Active Transportation Plan determines prioritization of complete streets projects.
STCLT CIRC-5	Page 100. There is a paragraph that discusses how community members expressed interest in the potential of alleys, but it does not note that this was not universal. Alleys have unfortunately become "nuisance attractors" and some people would rather close them. This section could benefit from talking about how this worries can be address through an alley program and it would be helpful if there are any examples that could be shared of a success story. a. Recommendation: Update the paragraph about alleys to be more nuanced to the positive and negative interest and provide reasoning and example of how an alley program can address issues and benefit the community.	Text added to highlight the potential negative impacts of alleys, in addition to the positives they may bring, and note the fears that some community members expressed about alleys attracting nuisance. Text about alley programming as a way to address potential nuisances added.
STCLT CIRC-9	Page 113. 5.9 Trucks does not include a map of the truck routes, does not include information about how the rerouting will impact the Tower, does not say what uses are generating truck traffic, and does not have any discussion on the current impacts of truck traffic. a. Recommendation: Include more detailed information in this section about current truck impacts, how the Study will improve or hinder conditions in the Tower, and what solutions are possible to reduce truck traffic impacts.	Text added to highlight Clinton Avenue and further highlight potential traffic impacts and health effects.
STCLT CIRC-14	Page 118. While the policies on this page are welcome, there could be more discussion of these approaches in the narrative of the chapter. a. Recommendation: Add more information about universal accessibility, mobility hubs, etc. in the narrative of this chapter.	Text added into narrative, before policy section, about mobility hubs. Text added into narrative, before policy section, highlighting universal accessibility and referencing policy.