



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
April 19, 2022

TOPIC: EIR No. 2020-03 and GPA No.2020-06 Santa Ana General Plan Update

AGENDA TITLE

Public Hearing - Final Recirculated Program Environmental Impact Report No. 2020-03 and General Plan Amendment No. 2020-06 for Santa Ana General Plan Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt a resolution certifying Final Recirculated Program Environmental Impact Report No. 2020-03 (SCH No. 2020029087), including adoption of environmental findings of fact pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
2. Adopt a resolution approving General Plan Amendment No. 2020-06.
3. Adopt a resolution of findings to overrule the John Wayne Airport Orange County Airport Land Use Commission's determination that the Proposed General Plan Update is inconsistent with the Airport Environs Land Use Plan.

BACKGROUND

On February 15, 2022, the City Council considered the adoption of the City of Santa Ana General Plan Update. While the City Council did not reach a final decision during the meeting, the City Council discussed and commented on the draft document as well as the proposed policies and implementation actions. The City Council also encouraged the public to submit written comments to the City. In summary, staff documented over 150 comments received from local environmental justice (EJ) stakeholders and from the various City Councilmembers regarding the draft General Plan Update after the February 15, 2022 City Council meeting. Exhibit 1 is a catalog of the documented comments with a City response to each.

After reviewing and responding to the comments, staff met on several occasions with the EJ stakeholders (MPNA, OCEJ, Rise Up Willowick, THRIVE Santa Ana, UCI) to provide the opportunity for follow-up clarifications and where appropriate, discussed further refinements of the draft policies and implementation actions related to the various environmental justice topics. At the conclusion of the most recent meeting held with the

group on April 4, 2022, the stakeholders expressed their support for the General Plan. Staff also followed up with each Councilmember to obtain final input on the draft Plan.

As a result of the additional input, over 60 modifications and refinements responsive to the comments received from the City Council and from the community are being recommended for incorporation into the draft General Plan Update. The recommended changes are as shown in Exhibit 2. Inclusive in the recommended changes are several clarifications and refinements put forth by staff. If the changes are approved and adopted as recommended, they will be incorporated into the April 2022 draft of the General Plan Update (Exhibit 3) to form the adopted City of Santa General Plan – Golden City and Beyond.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Project notifications were posted, published, and mailed in accordance with City and State regulations. General Plan interested parties were emailed and/ or mailed a notice of this public hearing to consider the General Plan Update and Program Environmental Impact Report (GPEIR). In addition, courtesy notices were mailed to property owners and occupants located within the five Land Use Focus Areas and within 500 feet of their boundaries.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Catalog of Comments Received Post February 15, 2022
2. Recommended Clarifications to the Draft April 2022 General Plan Update
3. Draft April 2022 General Plan Updated - Web Link: <https://www.santa-ana.org/general-plan/draft-documents>
4. February 15, 2022 City Council Staff Report - Web Link: [Item No. 26 - PrimGov Portal](#)
5. EIR Resolution, including Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)
6. General Plan Amendment Resolution
7. Orange County Airport Land Use Commission Override Resolution
8. Final Recirculated Environmental Impact Report - Web Link: <https://www.santa-ana.org/general-plan/general-plan-environmental-documents>
9. November 8, 2021 Planning Commission Report - Web Link: [Item No. 3 – PrimeGov Portal](#)
10. List of Parcel with General Plan Land Use Designation Changes

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