



## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
Honorable Chair and Members of the Planning Commission

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**Date:** June 18, 2024

**Subject:** General Plan Update – Land Use and Transportation Alternatives Joint City Council and Planning Commission Study Session

### **Recommendation**

Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the General Plan Update.

### **Background**

The General Plan Update planning program facilitated multiple community engagement events, conducted a market study, and analyzed the “existing conditions” for many technical aspects including land use, transportation, biological resources, and public services. The General Plan Update program information is available at <https://www.lake-elsinore.org/468/General-Plan-Update>. This includes Existing Conditions Atlas, Climate Resiliency Vulnerability Assessment, Community Engagement Events’ Summaries, and more. The program considered a series of possible land use and transportation possibilities with the City Council, City staff, and the consultant team. At this time, the program brings those land use and transportation options to the City Council and Planning Commission for consideration in preparation for an August 2024 community engagement “Alternatives Pop-up” event with the public.

### **Discussion**

#### **Intent for the Study Session**

The City Council and Planning Commission are asked to consider land use alternatives for a series of “focus areas” located throughout the City. Based on the June 18<sup>th</sup> discussions, the primary land use and transportation alternative options are anticipated to be revised to reflect the two bodies’ collective comments. The primary alternative and the secondary alternative options will be presented at the “Alternatives Pop-up Event” as part of the August 17<sup>th</sup> Taco Fest/Car Show on Downtown’s Main Street. The members of the public will be asked to weigh in on their

choices for the land use and transportation alternatives. Based on your input and public comment, a preferred land use and transportation alternative will be prepared this Fall for your consideration.

#### Preparation for the Study Session

In preparation for the June 18<sup>th</sup> City Council/Planning Commission Study Session, Guiding Principles and Primary Land Use Alternative Option Map have been included in this report. The Guiding Principles provide context and overall direction. The Guiding Principles are background information; they are not anticipated to be discussed during the Study Session.

The attached map identifies the proposed focus area sites and the proposed Land Use Designations for these sites. These focus areas and possible land use changes will be discussed at the Study Session. In reviewing the focus area sites, pay attention to the current use, adjacent parcels' uses, and neighborhood character; please note that many of the current uses do not reflect the adopted General Plan designation. After considering the existing conditions, try to imagine possibilities for change.

#### Anticipated for the Study Session

The June 18<sup>th</sup> Study Session is anticipated to be an informal discussion conducted by City staff/consultant team members with the Council and Planning Commission members. Each focus area site will be discussed, City Council/Planning Commission comments will be noted, and informal direction may be sought. The goal for the Study session is to have City Council and Planning Commission input as to what should be presented to the public as land use and transportation alternatives at the Alternatives' Pop-Up (August 17<sup>th</sup> Taco Fest/Car Show) event.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this item.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Meeting Agenda  
Attachment 2 – Guiding Principles  
Attachment 3 – Primary Land Use Alternative Option Map