

## 8.7 North Pomona

### A. INTRODUCTION

North Pomona is a community of 567 residents. Approximately 32.6 acres in area, it is the smallest unincorporated community in the ESGV. The community is located in the northeast portion of the Planning Area, surrounded by the city of Pomona to the west and south, and the city of Claremont to the east and north. From the late 1800s, the area served as a major citrus producer and agricultural hub. The arrival of the railroads in the latter part of the 1800s further spurred industry and development. The name Pomona comes from the Roman goddess of fruitful abundance.

### B. COMMUNITY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The following presents a summary of challenges and opportunities learned from community feedback and an analysis of existing conditions in the community (see **Table NP-1, North Pomona Challenges and Opportunities**). These challenges and opportunities serve to inform the preparation of community-specific policies and programs for North Pomona.

#### TABLE NP-1 North Pomona Challenges and Opportunities

**Lack of Housing Type Diversity.** The existing land use in North Pomona consists of single-family homes, as well as a mobile home park. Similar to other communities in the Planning Area, North Pomona lacks a diversity of housing types. This can create pressure on the existing housing stock, leading to affordability concerns and unintended land use outcomes.

**Community Wayfinding.** Due to the small size of the community, it can be difficult to determine community boundaries, which can limit community identity and make navigation confusing.

**Annexation.** The North Pomona community is very small in size and is surrounded by incorporated cities. In this configuration, the provision of community services may be more inefficient than through the annexation of these islands into the adjacent cities. Where feasible, further investigation may be needed to determine the long-term viability of smaller, unincorporated islands, like North Pomona, remaining independent of their city neighbors.

### TABLE NP-1 North Pomona Challenges and Opportunities

**Thompson Creek.** Thompson Creek passes through the northwestern tip of North Pomona. The creek is overseen by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and connects to the San Jose Creek to the south. Where feasible, this creek should be studied as part of the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network, considering its potential viability as a multi-use pathway that connects to the San Gabriel River Trail and other regional destinations.

**Community Mobility.** Transit access in the North Pomona is relatively limited. The community has no central gathering point and relies on large arterials for traveling to adjacent jurisdictions. Nearby destinations include Foothill Boulevard, a major commercial corridor located between the North Pomona community islands. Coordination with adjacent jurisdictions, like the cities of Pomona and Claremont, is vital to ensure high-quality pedestrian infrastructure connects residential neighborhoods to nearby destinations.

## Land Use

The **North Pomona Land Use Map**, found in Appendix E, *Land Use Maps*, presents land use designations and establishes the general location and diversity of each land use in North Pomona.

## C. COMMUNITY-SPECIFIC POLICIES

The following provides the policies for North Pomona, organized to implement each of the six elements of the Area Plan and address the community-specific issues and opportunities presented above. Each policy is linked to a relevant vision statement (referenced as “VS”), as presented in Chapter 1, *Introduction*, of this Area Plan.

### VS 1 – Sustainable Growth Patterns

**Policy NP-1: Annexation.** Explore the feasibility of annexing North Pomona to the City of Pomona to provide needed services and infrastructure more efficiently to the community.

### VS 2 – Diverse, Walkable Communities

#### PARKS, OPEN SPACES, AND TRAILS

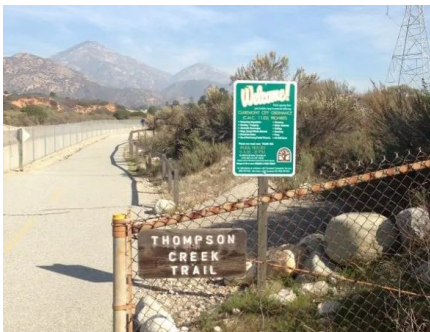
**Policy NP-2: Pedestrian Infrastructure.** Coordinate with surrounding jurisdictions to implement high-quality pedestrian infrastructure that connects nearby residential neighborhoods to the Foothill Boulevard commercial corridor.

### VS 3 – Connected and Active Communities

**Policy NP3: Multi-Use Path.** Study Thompson Creek as part of the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network, considering its potential viability as a multi-use pathway that connects to the San Gabriel River Trail and other regional destinations.

**Policy NP4: Pedestrian Plan.** Explore the development of a pedestrian plan for the community of North Pomona to improve wayfinding and connectivity.

### VS 4 – Shared Community Identity and Character



**Policy NP5: Wayfinding.** Provide clear signage in North Pomona with signs that give the community its own unique identity while being a part of the greater ESGV. Use signs to mark arrival, provide direction and distance to important destinations, and clearly guide pedestrians and cyclists.

### VS 6 – Sustainable Built and Natural Environment

**Policy NP-6: Waterways.** Maintain, protect, restore, and enhance Thompson Creek which provides a unique environmental feature in North Pomona and provide wayfinding signage, clear entrance points, and connective paths to other areas of the community.