

West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

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Agenda

- Project Overview
- Area Plan Elements and Policies
- Community Key Issues, Opportunities, and Policies
- Next Steps
- Project Timeline

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Agreements

Be Kind and Courteous to Each Other

• Patience and understanding are important to ensure each person is heard. This is an environment for learning.

Respect Differences

• Everyone is at a different level of understanding and that is okay. We have to respect each other and where we are in life. Try to monitor your tone and word choice as much as possible.

Be gracious

• There is no wrong question or dumb question. To embark on this work, we have to trust each other, and a big part of trust is ensuring you are keeping the space safe.

Be Accountable and Receptive

• If you have offended or feel you may have offended someone, take a moment and acknowledge and apologize.



GENERAL PLANS VS AREA PLANS

General Plan

- Covers **all land** in a jurisdiction
- Establishes the overarching framework for development and internal policy

Area Plan

- Provides a mechanism for tailored goals, policies, and actions unique to West San Gabriel Valley communities
- Builds on the General Plan with specific guidance for implementation



WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN

The Area Plan is a long-range policy document that will guide long-term growth of unincorporated communities in West San Gabriel Valley through guiding vision, goals, policies, and implementation actions. It will support principles such as walkability, connectivity, harmonious and coordinated growth, strong social and cultural cohesion, thriving businesses, sustainable built environment, conservation of natural resources, and community vibrancy.



VISION AND GROWTH STRATEGIES

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WSGV AREA PLAN FEATURES

- Existing Conditions: Background Briefs/Community Profiles
- Growth and Preservation Strategies
- Area Plan Elements (Land Use, Economic Development, Conservation and Open Space, Public Services and Facilities, Mobility, Historic Preservation)
- Implementation Actions
- Zoning Code/Zoning Map Amendments
- Land Use Policy Map Amendments
- Historic Context Statement



Area Plan Elements & Policies

LAND USE ELEMENT TOPICS

- Designates distribution, location, and extent of uses of land in both map and written policy form.
- Topics include

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- Land Use Diversity
- Diverse Housing Options
- Commercial Revitalization
- Industrial Preservation
- Active and Pedestrian-Oriented Streets Neighborhoods
- Communities with a Strong Sense of Identity and Belonging
- Resilient and Sustainable Communities
- Equitable and Inclusive Land Use Decision Making



LAND USE ELEMENT POLICIES

Foster complete communities. Foster a land use pattern that brings everyday needs and amenities within walking distance of residential neighborhoods, including public transit, parks, schools, commercial services, and other daily needs.

Allow compatible uses in residential neighborhoods. Allow for uses in or near the edges of residential neighborhoods that are compatible and will bring amenities closer to homes, such as day cares, cultural facilities, and corner markets.







LAND USE ELEMENT POLICIES (Cont.)

Activate commercial corridors. Strengthen commercial corridors in the WSGV by facilitating building design and street improvements which make for safe, comfortable and enjoyable walking and biking experiences.

Foster public-private harmony in mixed-use development. Promote harmonious integration of private development with public spaces in mixed-use zones, blending residential, commercial, and recreational areas.

Activate public spaces. Activate public spaces with amenities and programming that encourage community use and enjoyment.







CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT TOPICS

- Provides guidance on the conservation of natural resources, including biological, open space, scenic and water resources.
- Topics covered include:
 - Biological Diversity
 - Habitat Fragmentation and Preservation
 - Climate Change Vulnerability
 - Open Space
 - Scenic Routes and Corridors
 - Watershed Protection
 - Surface Water and Groundwater Impairments



CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT POLICIES

Foster safe wildlife corridors. Support healthy wildlife populations by concentrating development towards urban centers and away from natural spaces.

Minimize habitat fragmentation in open space design. Design open spaces to minimize habitat fragmentation while optimizing available space for the community to recreate.

Limit light pollution and disturbance to wildlife species. Limit or restrict lighting towards natural areas at night to limit light pollution and disturbance to wildlife species.









CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT POLICIES (Cont.)

Preserve vegetative hillsides for erosion control. Implement conservation practices to maintain vegetative hillsides and mitigate erosion, reducing the risk of land/mudslides, particularly following wildfires.

Promote healthy streambeds and rivers. Support healthy streams, rivers, and riparian ecosystems by dechannelizing concrete rivers and restoring natural riparian vegetation, where feasible.







PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES ELEMENTTOPICS

- Outlines how the county will provide essential public services and maintain public facilities for residents.
- Topics covered include:
 - County Field Offices
 - Healthcare Services and Facilities
 - Parks and Community Facilities
 - Libraries
 - Schools and Early Childcare Education
 - Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Facilities
 - Solid Waste Facilities
 - Utilities
 - Water: Supply and Conservation



PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES ELEMENTS POLICIES

Increase accessibility and visibility of County services. Improve the accessibility and visibility of County services within the Planning Area.

Invest in multi-use infrastructure. Enhance multipurpose infrastructure such as pavilions and stages in parks to support a wide range of cultural and community events like concerts, theatrical performances, and outdoor movie nights.







PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES ELEMENTS POLICIES(Cont.)

Evaluate opportunities for co-located facilities. Prioritize the co-location of County services, parks, and libraries. Evaluate areas where co-location would benefit community members most based on identified needs and existing facilities.

Maintain Public infrastructure. Continuously support customers and service providers by maintaining and enhancing public infrastructure.







HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT TOPICS

- Establishes guidance on the identification, preservation and celebration of historic and cultural resources including historical/architectural, archeological, tribal cultural and paleontological.
- Topics covered include:
 - Diverse and District Histories
 - Documentation of Historical Resources
 - Remaining Early Historical Resources
 - Integrity in Existing Resources
 - Community Historical Knowledge
 - Existing Countywide, Statewide and Federal Programs and Policies



HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT POLICIES

Preserve known historic resources. Enhance and preserve the WSGV resources in a viable condition for the enjoyment of future generations.

Promote adaptive reuse in the built environment. Preserve the architectural and cultural heritage of the WSGV and balance growth with preservation through adaptive reuse of historic resources.







HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT POLICIES (Cont.)

Expand community engagement in historic preservation. Utilize local history knowledge to expand the communities' awareness of historic resources in their communities and the value of preservation.

Foster meaningful Tribal consultation. Engage in ongoing, project-specific and land-specific tribal consultations to integrate tribal perspectives and knowledge into planning and preservation efforts.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOPICS

- Provides a framework for developing a resilient workforce, attracting investment, reducing economic and financial distress in vulnerable communities, and providing for economically and fiscally sustainable communities.
- Topics covered include:
 - Key Industries and Job Sectors
 - Resident Workforce
 - Real Estate Market Conditions
 - Affordability and Anti-Displacement Considerations



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT POLICIES

Equitable Economic Development. Prioritize equity in economic development investments and capital improvements through private-public investment while ensuring equitable distribution of resources across community services, facilities, and infrastructure. Support small and minority-owned businesses and foster equitable economic development that benefits all stakeholders within the Planning Area.







ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT POLICIES (Cont.)

Increase diversity and collocation of land uses. Promote mixed-use (MXD) in key commercial locations and prioritize the creation of commercial districts at key corridors and intersections, diversify available land uses, reduce dependency on vehicular transportation, and stimulate local economies.

Spur new affordable housing development. Ensure that WSGVAP communities are well-positioned for affordable housing development opportunities through appropriate zoning and permits.







MOBILITY ELEMENT TOPICS

- Guides the maintenance, enhancement, and development of the transportation network including roadways, public transit and active transportation such as cycling and walking.
- Topics covered include:
 - Traffic Calming
 - Accessible Transit Service
 - Comprehensive Bicycle Network
 - Safe and Connected Pedestrian Network
 - Alternative Modes for Commuters



MOBILITY ELEMENT POLICIES

Roadway Safety. Ensure that streets are safe and accessible for all users, including vulnerable populations such as seniors, children, and people with disabilities.

Active Transportation Safety. Provide safe transportation corridors/networks that accommodate pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists, and reduce motor vehicle collisions.





MOBILITY ELEMENT TOPICS (Cont.)

Bicycle Networks. Continue to build out and expand the existing bike network.

Local Service. Pursue more comprehensive and efficient transit service to reduce automobile dependence.

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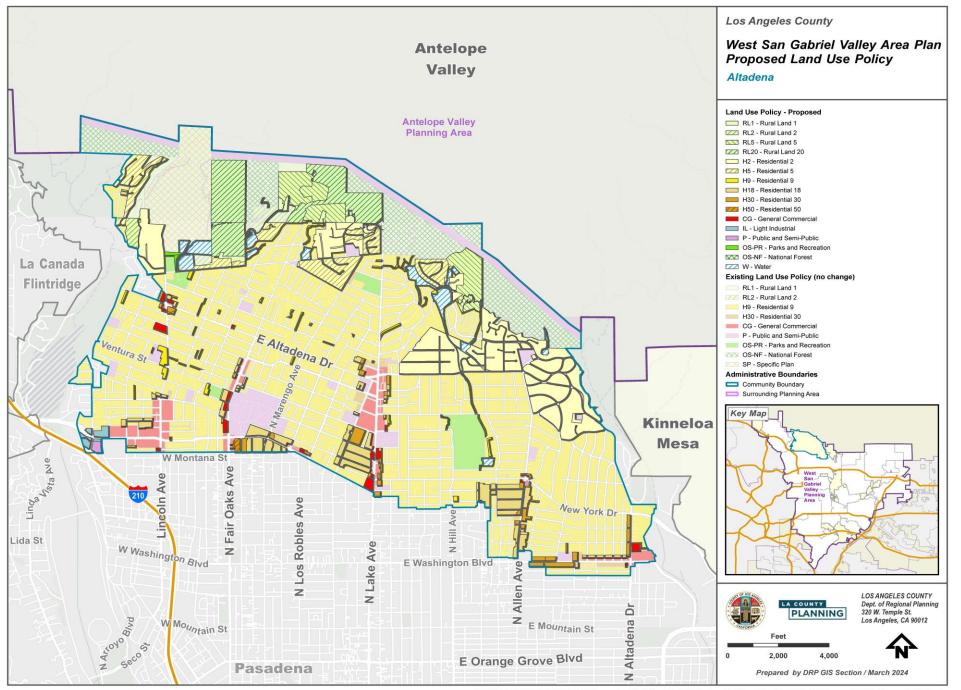


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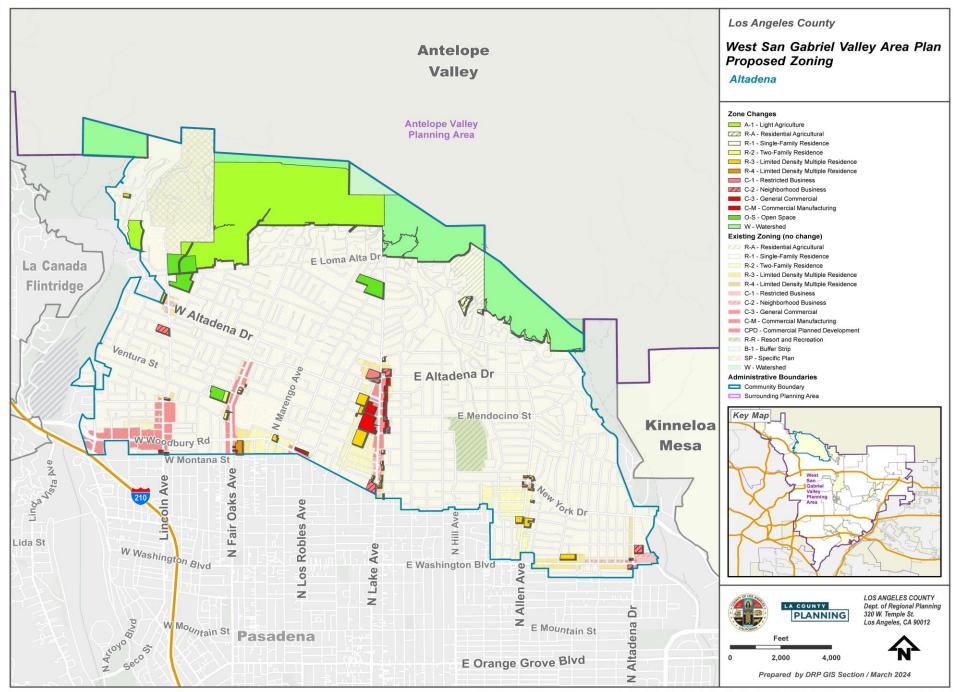
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 Pedestrian-Friendly Commercial Areas. Improve pedestrian amenities along Lake Ave, Lincoln Ave, and other major commercial corridors with features such as shade structures, trees, and informal gathering spaces.



- Preserve Equestrian Culture. Preserve the equestrian district and culture in Altadena.
- Facilitate Local Business Establishment. Support the establishment of independently-owned, local businesses along major commercial corridors, including Lake Ave, Lincoln Ave, Fair Oaks Ave, Allen Ave, and Washington Blvd.





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- Community Gathering Spaces. Create a community gathering area near Lake and Mariposa Ave. where access to amenities and services is high.
- Orderly and Sustainable Growth. Focus growth along primary roads where access to services and transit is high. Ensure development fits community character.
- Sidewalks and Pedestrian Facilities. Work with local groups to identify pedestrian safety needs and improve pedestrian safety throughout Altadena.







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- Woodbury Road Enhancements. Enhance Woodbury Road as a pedestrian-oriented employment and commercial corridor.
- Employment Opportunities. Encourage growth of biosciences and sustainable industries along with supportive commercial uses in the business park area along Woodbury Road.
- Connected Bike Network. Create a connected network of protected bike lanes throughout the community and connect to the open spaces at Hahamonga and Eaton Canyon.







- Transit Service. Promote transit service for hillside communities where walking or biking is difficult.
- Altadena Crest Trail Connectivity. Support the completion of the Altadena Crest Trail and close gaps to create a continuous trail, ensuring that sensitive resources are not impacted.
- Safety for Walking, Biking, and Riding. Install traffic calming measures on all major and secondary roads to deter speeding and unsafe driving, prioritizing the safety of active transportation users and equestrians over traffic flow.









- East-West Connectivity. Improve east/west connectivity, safety, and wayfinding for pedestrians, bikers, and equestrians to facilitate active transportation to open spaces.
- Lincoln Avenue as Vibrant Commercial Corridor. Support Lincoln Avenue as a vibrant, walkable mixed-use commercial district with public realm improvements and uses that serve residents of West Altadena.
- Trail Gate Closures. Support the consistent nightly closure of the Chaney Trail gate and other trail gates to prevent threats that can cause harm to wildlife and locals.







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- Intersection Safety. Consider safety improvements at the intersection of Altadena Dr. and Lake Ave. to narrow the road crossing distance for pedestrians.
- Destination Lake Avenue. Support the activation of Lake Avenue as a vibrant, gathering place with pocket parks, retail, eateries, consolidated public parking, transit access, and community-wide events.
- Revitalize Commercial Storefronts. Engage commercial property owners with vacant or underutilized land on the potential reuse of their properties for mixed-use development or adaptive reuse, and inform them of land use and zoning allowances, and community needs.









KINNELOA MESA

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- Micro-transit. Provide micro-transit that connects the community to recreational destinations around Kinneloa Mesa.
- Sidewalks and pedestrian facilities. Work with community members and stakeholders to identify locations for improvements to address existing sidewalk gaps and other pedestrian needs.
- **Transit service.** Promote transit service for hillside communities where walking or biking is difficult.











WHITTIER NARROWS/SOUTH **EL MONTE ISLAND**



WHITTER NARROWS/SOUTH EL MONTE ISLAND

- S El Monte Parks Access. Enhance connection to parks and pedestrian facilities near the community in S El Monte Island to address low park access and visitorship rates as identified by the Parks Needs Assessment.
- Sidewalk continuity. Provide safe and continuous sidewalks throughout the community that connect adjacent residential areas with Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.







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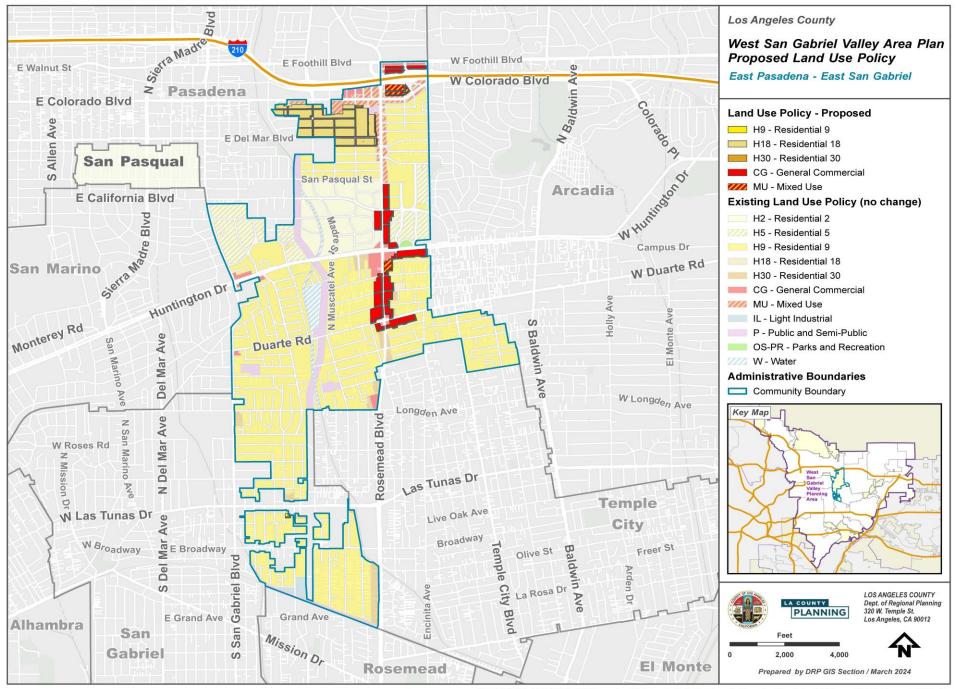
- Intersections and crossing improvements. Enhance the safety and accessibility of Whittier Narrows Recreation Area by addressing high-stress crossings, providing secure mid-block points for individuals to safely traverse streets and reach various sections of the recreational area.
- Industrial land uses. Preserve existing industrial land uses and employment area along Rooks Road, Pacific Parks Drive and Coast Drive.



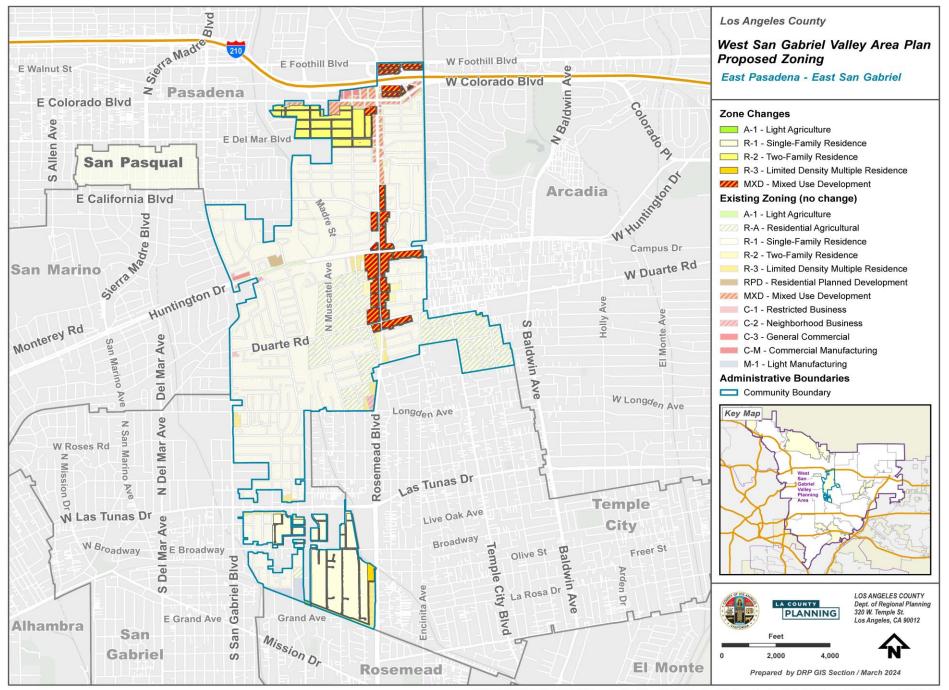








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- Park Access. Address low park access and visitorship rates as identified by the Parks Needs Assessment.
- Community Standards compliance. Ensure that new development adheres to the existing CSD.
- Crime prevention design. Employ crime prevention through environmental design techniques throughout the community.
- Rosemead Avenue Improvements. Focus business improvements along Rosemead Avenue including support for the development of locally owned shops.











- Transit-Oriented District. Facilitate transit-oriented land uses and pedestrian-oriented design within the Sierra Madre Transit Oriented District, with a focus on the first/last mile connections to the Metro A Line Sierra Madre Villa Station.
- Pedestrian Facilities. Enhance the capacity and efficiency of pedestrian facilities along Rosemead Boulevard, including sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, to ensure pedestrian safety in this corridor.







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- Improve wayfinding and signage. Improve wayfinding and signage along the commercial corridor of Foothill Boulevard to increase walking to nearby businesses along the commercial corridor.
- Multimodal safety treatments. Incorporate multimodal safety treatments into street design along Rosemead Boulevard.



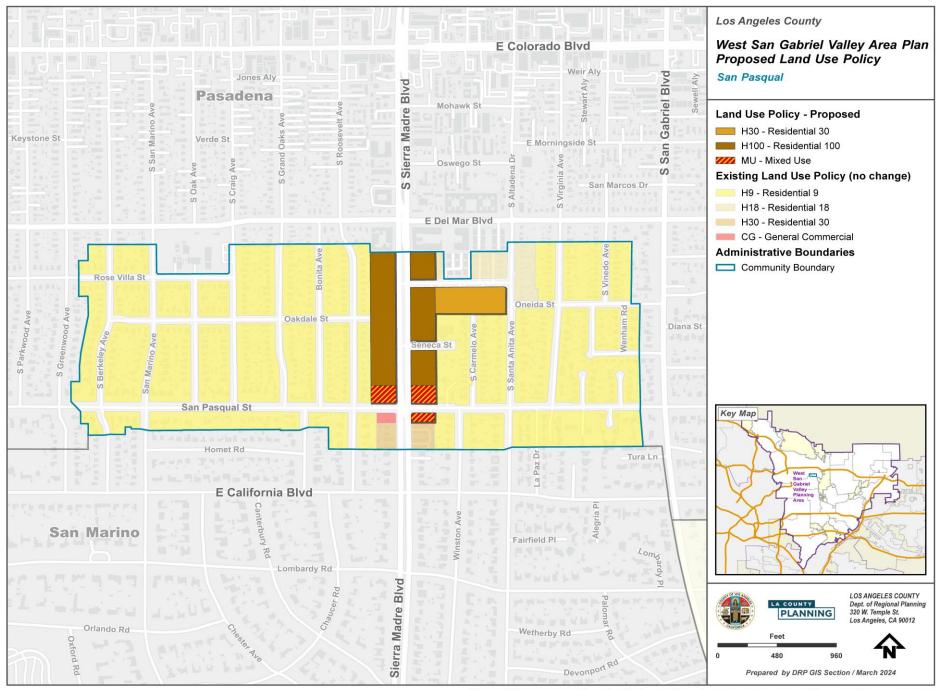




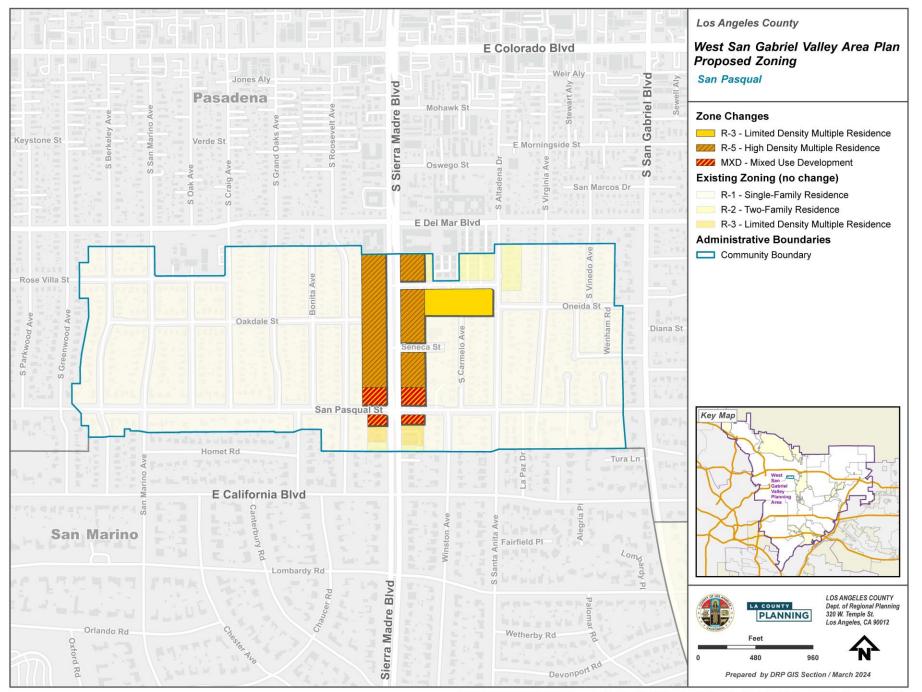




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- Pedestrian facilities. Enhance pedestrian facilities throughout the community in San Pasqual to address low park access and visitorship rates as identified by the Parks Needs Assessment.
- Living Streets. Apply the Los Angeles County Model Street Design Manual for Living Streets to San Pasqual to implement traffic calming measures and to promote a mix of transportation modes.

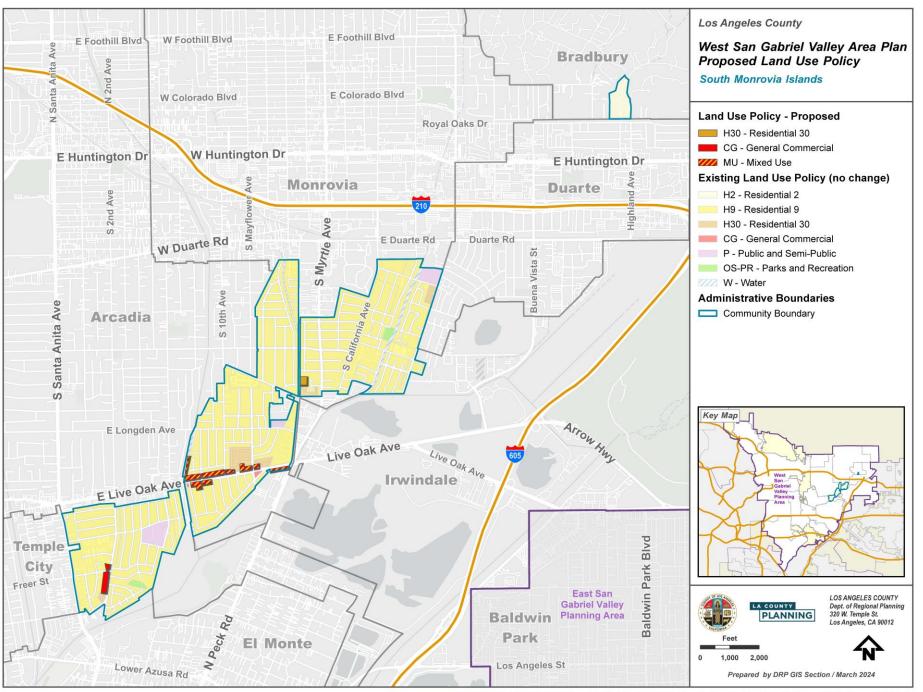




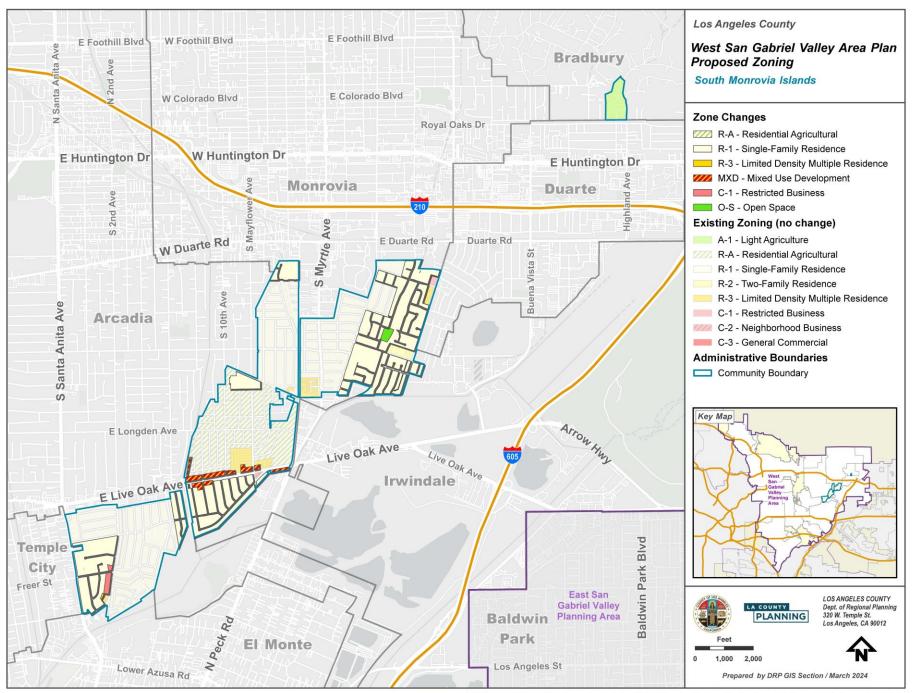


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- Pamela Park activities. Promote community activities at Pamela Park; focusing on adult oriented programming such as walking groups and enhanced park amenities.
- Walking paths along washes. Establish walking paths along the existing washes to increase community connectivity, access to nature, and opportunities for active transportation.







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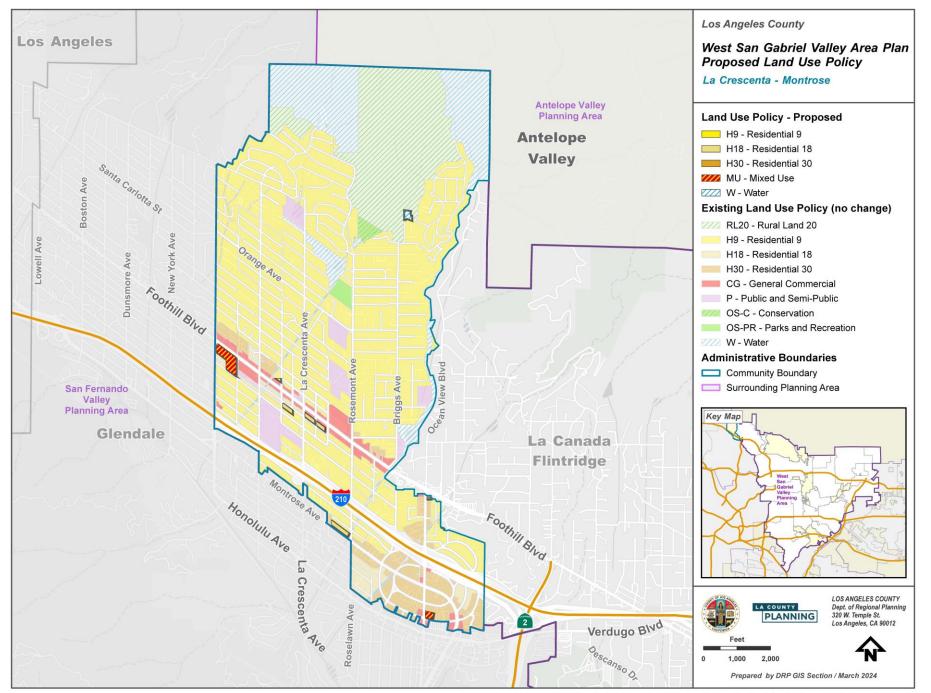
- Upkeep of assets. Maintain community assets such as playgrounds and parks. Renovate and upgrade as needed.
- Sawpit natural areas. Maintain the Sawpit wash as a natural corridor for wildlife with habitat restoration projects and designated barriers between walking areas and natural areas.



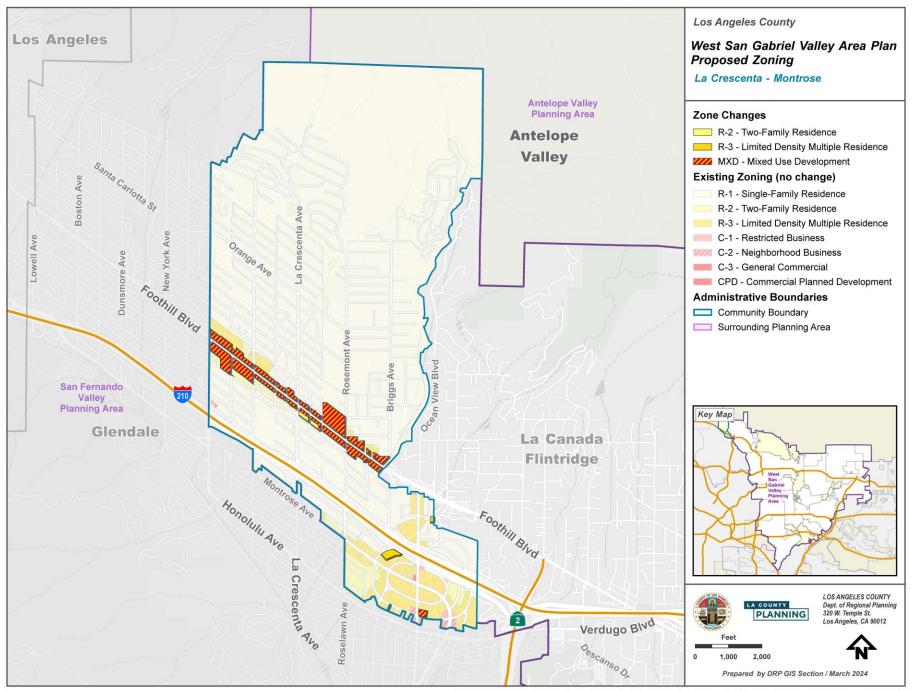








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- Park space resources. Support additional resources for the provision of park space in La Crescenta Montrose as identified by the Parks Needs Assessment.
- Sidewalk continuity. Provide safe and continuous sidewalks along north-south corridors that connect residential areas with commercial corridors and other community destinations. These corridors include Ramsdell Avenue, La Crescenta Avenue, Rosemont Avenue, and Briggs Avenue.







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- Micro-transit. Promote micro-transit or community circulators for hillside communities along north-south corridors that are challenging for walking or biking, to improve access to transit stops.
- Foothill Boulevard growth. Focus growth in high resource areas surrounding Foothill Boulevard where there is exiting infrastructure.
- Walkable Foothill Boulevard. Improve pedestrian safety and comfort along Foothill Boulevard and promote it as a walkable commercial corridor in the community.







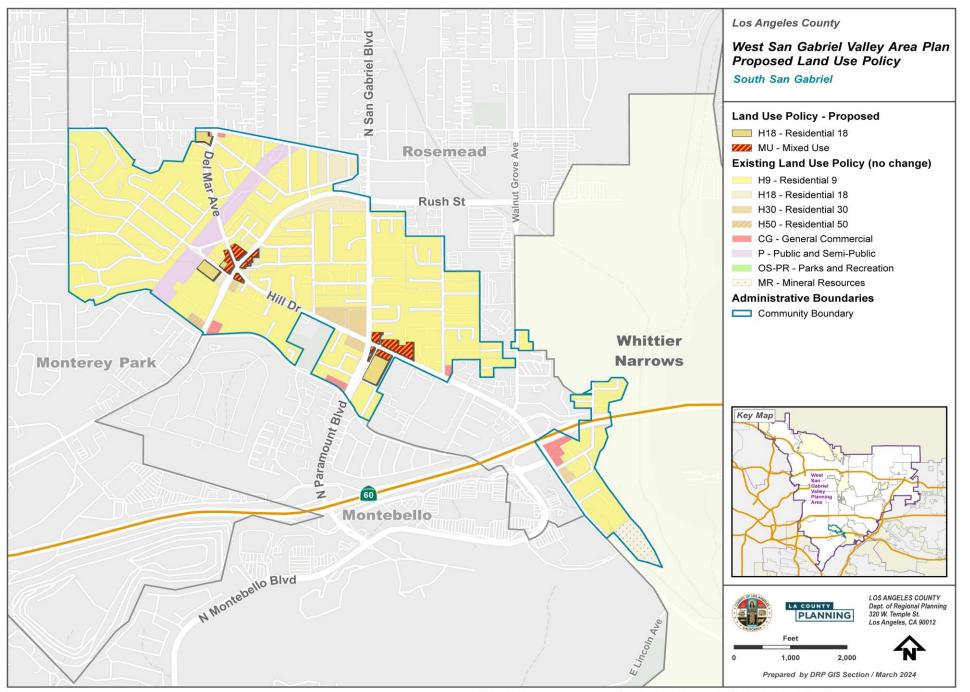
- Shade Along Western Foothill Boulevard. Encourage businesses to install shade structures surrounding commercial areas to improve pedestrian experience especially on Western Foothill Boulevard where commercial uses are street oriented.
- Joint use partnerships. Explore partnerships with schools and public buildings in the community such as La Crescenta library to jointly use their facilities and resources to increase community gathering and socializing.



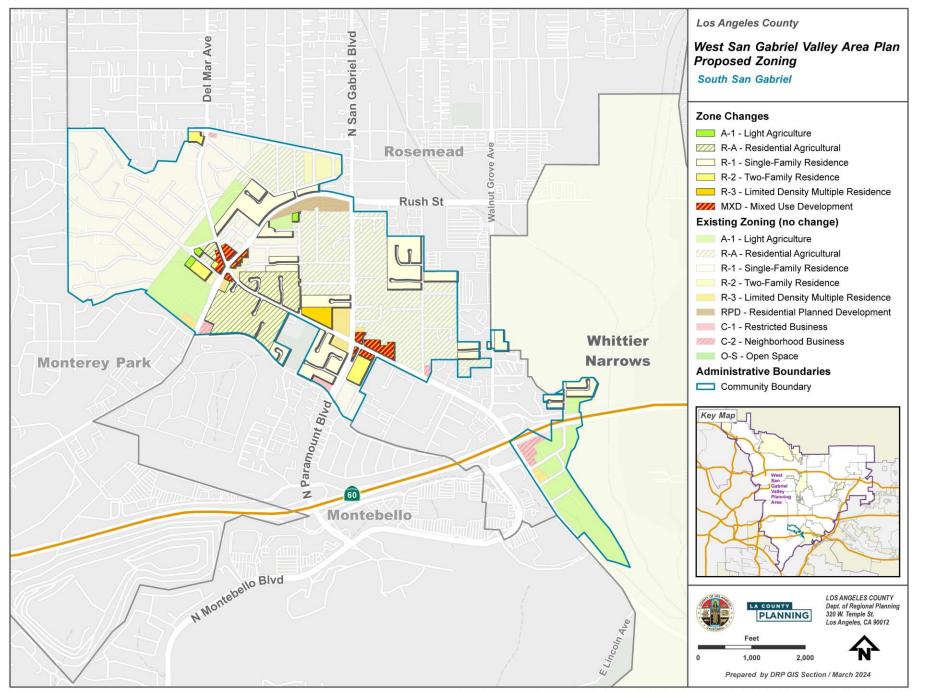








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- Agricultural use preservation. Preserve existing agricultural uses along the utility corridor through the western portion of the community.
- Strategic green spaces. Develop green spaces such as pocket parks along major roads such as San Gabriel Boulevard, Potrero Grande Drive, and Del Mar Avenue, where they can have the most impact.







- Bicycle facility enhancement. Review bicycle injury collisions when updating the community's proposed bikeway along Del Mar Avenue–Hill Drive–San Gabriel Boulevard. Explore safety treatments when designing new bicycle facilities.
- Pedestrian improvement. Enhance the capacity and efficiency of pedestrian facilities along Paramount Boulevard, such as tree canopy along sidewalks, street landscape, sidewalk widening, visible pedestrian crossings, and mid-block crossings, to ensure pedestrian safety and comfort along this corridor.







- Park space and pedestrian facilities. Enhance pedestrian facilities and support additional resources for the provision of park space throughout the community in South San Gabriel to address low park access and visitorship rates as identified by the Parks Needs Assessment.
- Local service. Pursue more comprehensive and efficient transit service to reduce automobile dependence, including a local community transit route serving neighborhoods west of Del Mar Avenue.







- Regional service. Continue to work with LA Metro, Montebello Bus, and Rosemead Explorer to provide reliable, safe, and high-quality service.
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- Sidewalk cleaning. Work with community members, local businesses, and community organizations to maintain sidewalks free of debris.







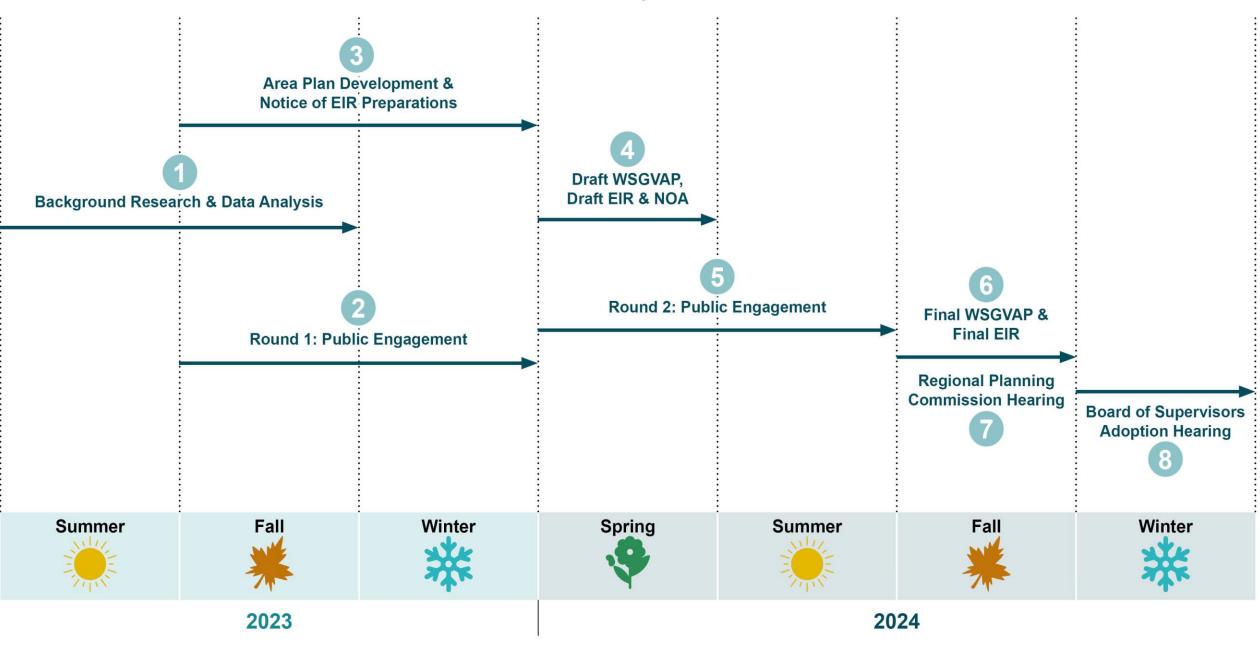
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- Ongoing work on related components, including the Area Plan's environmental review, ordinance, and land use maps.
 - Zoning and Land Use Policy maps
 - Complete draft of the Area Plan
 - Ordinance
 - DEIR Notice of Availability
- Continued community outreach, including stakeholder groups.



West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Timeline





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