

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan: Altadena Community Policies Draft

Policy Recommendations

1. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- **Orderly and Sustainable Growth.** Focus moderate growth along primary roads where access to services, amenities, existing infrastructure, and transit is higher. Ensure development fits the community character.

2. COMMERCIAL AREAS

- **Pedestrian-Friendly Commercial Areas.** Improve the public realm and pedestrian amenities along Lake Ave, Lincoln Ave, and other major commercial corridors with features such as shade structures, locally native street trees and planting areas, informal gathering spaces, and public art.
- **Woodbury Road Enhancements.** Enhance Woodbury Road as a pedestrian-oriented employment and commercial corridor.
- **Lincoln Avenue as Vibrant Commercial Corridor.** Support Lincoln Avenue as a vibrant, walkable mixed-use commercial district with public realm improvements and local services and amenities that serve residents of West Altadena.

3. MOBILITY

- **Sidewalks and Pedestrian Facilities.** Work with local groups to identify pedestrian safety needs and improve pedestrian safety throughout Altadena.
- **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.
- **Traffic Calm for Safe Walking, Biking, and Riding.** Install traffic calming measures on primary and secondary roads to deter speeding and unsafe driving, prioritizing the safety of active transportation users and equestrians over traffic flow.
- **Hillside Transit Service.** Promote transit service for hillside communities where walking or biking is difficult.
- **East/West Connectivity.** Improve east/west connectivity, safety, and wayfinding for pedestrians, bikers, and equestrians to facilitate active transportation to open spaces.

- **Equestrian Trail on Loma Alta.** Support the design and implementation of an off-road pathway for equestrian and pedestrian use along Loma Alta Dr. as it directly connect to local equestrian facilities, trails, and open spaces.

4. EMPLOYMENT AND LOCAL BUSSINESSES

- **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. and facilitate connection to resources to help their businesses thrive.
- **Employment Opportunities.** Encourage growth of biosciences and sustainable industries along with supportive commercial uses in the business park area along Woodbury Road.

5. LOCAL CULTURE

- **Preserve Equestrian Culture.** Preserve the equestrian district and equestrian culture in Altadena.
- **Community Gathering Spaces.** Create a community gathering area near Lake and Mariposa Ave. where access to amenities and services is high.

6. RECREATION

- **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.
- **Trail Gate Closures.** Support the consistent nightly closure of the Chaney Trail gate and other trail gates to prevent, late night driving, parties, wildfires, and other threats that can cause harm to wildlife and locals.
- **Trail User Conflicts.** Support increased trail safety and reduced user conflict by designating specific trails as equestrian and hiking only, and prohibit biking on such designated trails. Identifying such trails will help prevent conflicts with mountain bikers who proceed at higher speeds, scare horses, and cause increased trail erosion and alteration.