

Westside Area Plan Public Engagement Fact Sheet (August 8, 2024)

Who are the decision-makers of the Westside Area Plan (WSAP) project?

- The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and the Board of Supervisors are the two decision-making bodies on County planning projects.
- The RPC acts as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors on all planning matters and makes recommendations to the Board.
- The RPC consists of five Commissioners who are appointed to four-year terms by the County Board of Supervisors.

When will the WSAP project be presented to the decision-makers?

- In October 2024, the full project, which includes the area plan document, the implementing ordinance, and the final program EIR will be presented at a public hearing to the RPC.
- In January 2025, the project will go to the Board for a public hearing.

How can the public continue to engage on this project?

On June 18th, the draft WSAP document, implementing ordinance and Program EIR were released for a 60-day public review period.

- Community members are encouraged to review the WSAP documents and submit written comments until 5 pm, August 16th. Please submit comments to WestsideAreaPlan@planning.lacounty.gov.
- The WSAP project team will review the comments and make necessary adjustments to the Area Plan. The final EIR will include responses to EIR related comments.
- The public hearing draft of the WSAP will be released 30-days prior to the RPC public hearing and any comments received prior to the hearing will be forwarded to the RPC. The final EIR will be released at least 10 days prior to the public hearing.
- Hearing notices will be sent out to the contacts in the WSAP project list and also posted in a local newspaper, LA Sentinel. Make sure that you are signed up to receive updates on the WSAP regarding next steps. If you are not yet signed up and wish to sign up, please visit: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/westside-area-plan/>. The sign-up field is located at the bottom of the page.
- These documents will be presented to the Regional Planning Commission in October and to the Board of Supervisors in January.
- Any member of the public can attend the public hearings in person at LA County Planning's hearing room in downtown LA, or via the Zoom virtual platform. During a public hearing, public testimony will be received from all interested parties on the proposed WSAP project. The Board of Supervisors hearing will occur in the Board hearing room in downtown LA as well and may be attended virtually.

Are there other ways to engage with the WSAP project team?

- WSAP project related questions can be directed to the project email address: WestsideAreaPlan@planning.lacounty.gov. Staff make every effort to respond within a few days.
- The WSAP project team is hosting virtual office hours for community members to talk with a planner about the Westside Area Plan. If you have any questions about the WSAP or specific questions about what the WSAP means to your property, you can schedule a 20-minute consultation with a project planner here: <https://bit.ly/3QzyLMM>.