



## **CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)**

<b>Item Title:</b>	<b>Receive the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report and Authorize Submittal of the Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)</b>
<b>Category:</b>	Consent Calendar-Community Development
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	3/2/2021
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	Receive the 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report and authorize the submittal of the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

### **Background:**

California Government Code Section 65400 mandates that all cities and counties submit an annual report on the status and progress on implementation of their General Plan, including the Housing Element, to their legislative bodies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1 of each year. The intent of this statute is to ensure that the General Plan directs land use decisions and remains an effective guide for the long-term physical development of a community. It also provides local jurisdictions a tool to assess its effectiveness in implementing its General Plan.

The 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) highlights the City's progress toward implementation of the previous General Plan, which was in effect during 2020.

### **Analysis:**

The following information provides a brief recap of the General Plan Update and a summary of the General Plan implementation highlights for calendar year 2020.

### **General Plan Update**

The General Plan Update, which establishes a new planning horizon of 2040, provides updated goals, policies, and implementation actions and addresses new planning issues such as air quality and energy, community design, and economic and fiscal sustainability. The City initiated the effort in 2016 and completed the following key tasks prior to adoption:

- Comprehensive community outreach and visioning;
- Existing Conditions Report;
- Analysis of issues and opportunities;
- Land Use Alternatives Report;
- Comprehensive series of GPAC meetings to develop draft goals and policies;
- Council selection of the preferred land use map;
- Admin Draft and Final General Plan; and
- Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Future development projects consistent with the General Plan Update will be eligible for CEQA streamlining through the Programmatic EIR. The General Plan Update also includes a detailed implementation plan, which provides the responsible department, priority, and timing for all implementation actions. The City will review implementation of the General Plan on an annual basis, amend the General Plan as necessary, and update the City's Zoning Ordinance and planning documents to ensure consistency with the General Plan.

## **General Plan Implementation Highlights**

The 2020 General Plan APR (Attachment A) provides the implementation highlights of the current General Plan by element. The City's key efforts to implement the goals and policies of the General Plan include but are not limited to comprehensive master plan updates and capital improvement projects.

The City completed, initiated, or continued updates to the following policies and comprehensive master plans:

- Economic Development Strategy – Adopted May 2020
- Milpitas Metro Specific Plan (formerly the Transit Area Specific Plan) – In progress
- Gateway/Main St. Specific Plan (formerly the Midtown Specific Plan) – In progress
- Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update – In progress
- Trail, Pedestrian, and Bikeways Master Plan Update – In progress
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update – In progress
- Sewer Master Plan Update – In progress
- Water Master Plan Update – In progress
- Development Handbook and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Toolkit – In progress
- ADU Visualization Tool by Symbium – In progress
- Objective Design Standards for Residential and Mixed-Use Developments – In progress
- Citywide VMT Policy – In progress

Although not discussed in the annual report, staff is also working on these two important projects:

- Housing Opportunity Zones – The City received a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant from the State to implement a zoning overlay district aimed at incentivizing affordable and supportive housing in key opportunity areas within the City. This effort was not discussed in the annual report because it was initiated in 2021, not 2020.
- Smoke-Free Policies – The City received a grant from Santa Clara County through its Health Cities Program to develop and implement a comprehensive no-smoking policy for all multi-unit housing and other areas within the City. This effort was not discussed in the annual report because it did not implement a specific policy in the previous General Plan.

The City also designed or constructed capital improvements to transportation infrastructure, public utility systems, and public facilities. Refer to the 2020 General Plan APR (Attachment A) for a detailed description of each implementation activity.

## **Policy Alternative:**

Alternative 1: Do not authorize the submittal of the General Plan APR to OPR.

Pros: None.

Cons: The City would not be in compliance with Government Code Section 65400, which mandates all cities to submit an annual report on the status and progress on implementation of their General Plan to OPR each year.

Reasons not recommended: The General Plan APR assists OPR in identifying statewide trends in land use decision-making and informs modifications to OPR's *General Plan Guidelines*. Failure to submit the General Plan APR to OPR would limit OPR's ability to consider local planning and development activities in refining statewide planning goals and policies.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

Preparation of the General Plan Annual Progress Report and submittal of the report to HCD will result in no fiscal impact to the City.

## **Environmental Review:**

The action being considered is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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**Attachment:**

A. 2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report