

Envision Stockton 2040 Goals Input

On May 1st and 2nd 2017, the City hosted open house events for community members to preview the community-identified draft goals listed above. The draft goals were presented at four stations, each focusing on one of the topics listed above. Community members were invited to visit each station and provide suggestions for policies to support the draft goals. A full report of the workshop input is provided in Attachment D and summarized below for each topic. Also, the section below highlights one draft goal from each subject area and the related policy input provided at the open houses as indicative of the full input on the topic to help inform the City Council discussion and direction.

Land Use

Participants at the open houses suggested land use policies to expand recreational opportunities in the Delta and waterfront, create a citywide park or greenbelt, promote backyard farming, focus on and provide monetary incentives for infill development, eliminate the City's "big-box" ordinance, encourage local business, support development of healthy grocery stores in southwest Stockton and Weston Ranch, develop inclusionary housing policies, provide affordable housing, develop regulations to allow tiny homes and RV parks, promote water conservation during both drought and non-drought years, and divert stormwater to infiltration areas to help restore wetlands.

The following draft goal received significant attention from open house participants:

"Restore underserved areas into vibrant neighborhoods that stimulate investment and offer high-quality affordable housing, a range of employment options, enhanced social and health services, and active public spaces."

Policy suggestions specific to this goal include prioritizing public and private investment in older neighborhoods; supporting local businesses; expanding retail options throughout the city and in Weston Ranch, including through eliminating the "big box" ordinance; and attracting grocery stores and daycare centers in southwest Stockton.

Transportation

Participants suggested transportation policies to improve "multi-modal" connectivity throughout the city, provide 24-hour transit, improve infrastructure to create walkable and bikeable neighborhoods, provide bicycle parking, collaborate with San Joaquin County to increase Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) rail service, create an overlay zone to facilitate Transit Oriented Development (TOD), expand Amtrak service, and provide infrastructure to improve goods movement through the Port of Stockton and reduce at-grade crossing blockage (i.e., per the concepts in the Stockton Freight and Passenger Rail Mobility Enhancement Project that is underway).

Many participants at the open houses commented on the following draft goal:

“Connect housing and employment development in areas with good transit access.”

Policy suggestions specific to this goal include collaborating with regional agencies to expand regional transit connections; expanding local bus service connections, frequency, and hours of operation; establishing overlay zones around bus rapid transit and rail connections to promote transit-oriented development; and investing in street and sidewalk improvements to encourage walking and biking.

Safety

Participants suggested safety policies to construct walkable neighborhood corridors, improve infrastructure, provide adequate lighting, promote youth and family oriented activities, increase police presence, create a citizens academy to foster relationships with law enforcement, provide job training opportunities, inform Stockton residents of potential flood risks, and provide emergency preparedness training.

Throughout the General Plan Update process, crime and violence prevention have consistently rated as a high priority among community members.

The following draft goal addresses this issue:

“Invest in neighborhoods through a partnership with the community to help prevent violence and crime.”

Policy suggestions specific to this goal include expanding arts, culture, community, and youth activities and services; building trust between the community and City government, including through an emphasis on hiring public safety staff from diverse backgrounds and creating a framework for citizen/Police Department dialog and transparency; developing strategies to combat poverty, including through job training; attracting new development, expanding police presence, and installing cameras at crime hotspots; and providing Police Department staff with tools needed to monitor and report traffic hazards in a timely manner.

Community Health

Participants suggested community health policies to improve access to recreational activities for residents of all ages, improve access to healthy food options, provide urgent care facilities and access to mental health services, partner with organizations to provide access to vocational training, provide opportunities for urban agriculture, encourage large retail businesses in Weston Ranch, provide incentives for small business, preserve open spaces for wildlife viewing, restrict the number of liquor stores and check cashing establishments in low-income neighborhoods, develop dense urban neighborhoods near the future High Speed Rail alignment, incentivize TOD, require large factories to

implement practices to decrease pollution and emission of harmful gases, and provide mitigation for train noise and the movement of hazardous materials.

Many participants in the General Plan Update process to date have commented on the importance of providing access to opportunities to support a healthy lifestyle.

These comments were translated into the following draft goal:

“Provide opportunities for the entire Stockton community to maintain healthy lifestyles.”

Policy suggestions specific to this goal include improving access to sports and other recreational activities for youth, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities; promoting active transportation choices by providing complete streets; improving local access to fresh food through neighborhood farmer’s markets, community gardens, and grocery stores; attracting urgent care facilities and clinics; and advocating for and providing access to mental health opportunities.