

City of Sacramento General Plan Update Meeting-in-a-Box Summary and Community Member Comments

Project Overview

The 2040 General Plan is the City's blueprint for how and where Sacramento will grow over the next 20 years. It contains policies that guide everything from transportation, to the type of homes available, to jobs, entertainment, public safety and much more.

In 2019, the City initiated an update to the General Plan to ensure it remains responsive to the challenges of the coming years. In parallel, the City is also preparing a Climate Action Plan that outlines a community-wide framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and establishes Sacramento as a climate leader.

Meeting-in-a-Box Overview and Format

Meeting-in-a-Box is a community engagement toolkit designed for use by community groups, neighborhood associations, or friends to gather at a convenient time and location to share their ideas and proposals for the future of the city. A complete guide and [video](#) was available on the City of Sacramento General Plan Update project website for anyone to download and use from June 1 to September 20



Screenshot of the Meeting-in-a-Box video guide

Hosts were instructed to:

1. Prepare
 - Identify and reserve a meeting location
 - Invite a group of 8-12 people (invitation template was provided)
 - Remind their guests 1-2 days before the meeting was scheduled
2. Activate
 - Set up the meeting space with chairs, printed materials, and pens
 - Welcome guests and start introductions. Introduce the group to the General Plan Update with an [informational video](#).
 - Facilitate a small group discussion
 - Complete the exercises provided on the worksheets

- Wrap up and summarize the discussion. Fill out the host feedback form.
3. Return
 - Create a meeting ID code for the submission
 - Package and send through email, mail, or in-person drop off

The Meeting-in-a-Box guidebook contains an agenda to guide facilitation, a sign-in sheet for participants, a participant worksheet for each attendee or small group, a group priorities worksheet, a host feedback form, and an engagement survey for attendees (see Appendices).

See below for a list of the questions included on the participant worksheet and the group priorities worksheet.

Participant Worksheet (for individuals or small groups)

1. What are your big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment?
2. What are the characteristics of your community that makes Sacramento a great place for you to live, work and play?
3. What actions can Sacramento take to combat as well as adapt to Climate Change?
4. What are the things in your community that could change that will strengthen your community to be a better place to live, work or play in the next 20 years?
5. What are the top three big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment based on your answers above?

Group Priorities Worksheets

What are your big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment?
(List your top three)

Participant Submissions

The Sacramento General Plan Update Project Team advertised they were accepting participant submissions from June 1 to September 20. The project team received a total of seven (7) submissions and assigned identification codes for the purpose of organization in this summary. More than 60 people participated using the Meeting-in-a-Box toolkit. Five (5) submissions were from organizations or agencies, while two (2) submissions were from community member groups not associated with any specific organization. See below for a list of group or organization submissions and their associated code:

1. Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association (page 3) Code: FMNA
2. House Sacramento (page 6) Code: House Sac
3. Sacramento State University, Public Affairs and Advocacy (page 9) Code: Sac State
4. Wind Youth (page 14) – Code: Wind Youth
5. Woodlake Neighborhood Association (page 16)- Code: WNA
6. Community Member Group #1 (page 23) – Code: CMG1

7. Community Member Group #2 (page 25) – Code: CMG2

Additional Comments from Community Members or Groups

Throughout the Meeting-in-a-Box open submission period of June – September 2019, there was additional input submitted by community member organizations or groups that did not use the Meeting-in-a-Box format. The project received eight (8) submissions from the following organizations or agencies:

1. Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association (page 27)
2. East Sacramento Improvement Association (page 27)
3. Elmhurst Neighborhood Association (page 30)
4. Freeport Boulevard Transportation Safety Committee (page 30)
5. Land Park Community Association (page 31)
6. Preservation Sacramento (page 31)
7. Woodlake Neighborhood Association (page 32)
8. Miscellaneous Community Member Comments (page 32)

Key Themes of Meeting-in-a-Box Submissions

One of the major key themes that emerged in Meeting-in-a-Box submissions was the need for more housing options. Four out of the seven groups frequently brought up wanting to see more mixed-use and high-density development and housing options throughout the City.

Of the 7 groups that participated in the Meeting-in-a-Box activity, all of them frequently mentioned wanting to see improvements in transportation, mobility, and public transit, particularly in how it related to climate change. Many of the mobility issues brought up in group discussions revolved around wanting to see improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists, better infrastructure and connections for public transit and bike lanes, and improved access to walking, biking, and public transit for all Sacramento residents.

Most of the groups (5 out of 7) brought up wanting to see more environment or eco-friendly changes throughout the city like more parks, tree canopy, and green corridors in dense urban spaces.

Other major themes that emerged in the meetings were: investment in public amenities and resources to make more vibrant communities, issues around homelessness, more development of vacant lots, stronger City communication and leadership, and improved community awareness and education around climate change issues.

Below is a compilation of the feedback received, separated by organization or group:

Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association (FMNA)

A total of 11 people participated in the Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association Meeting-in-a-Box. They divided into three (3) small groups to work on the participant worksheets, then completed the group priorities worksheet together. Below are their responses.

FMNA Group 1

Group 1's big ideas for the future of Sacramento included more affordable housing, childcare programs for low and middle-income residents and safe homeless shelters in all neighborhoods. Additionally, Group 1 wants to see Sacramento become a more pedestrian and bike-friendly City.

Group 1 listed several characteristics of the Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood that make it livable and vibrant. These characteristics include the history of the neighborhood, the trees, space for small parks and the proximity to shopping and the freeway, as well as the Stockton Boulevard and Fruitridge Road corridors.

With respect to the question about how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 1 wants to see more infrastructure for electric vehicles and alternative modes of transportation, along with improved streets and bike lanes for safety. This Group would also like to see a recycling and repurposing center for waste.

Group 1 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years. These changes include improved safety on Stockton Boulevard, Fruitridge Road and the freeways, as well as better mental health resources and outreach to the homeless population.

Group 1's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Provide ample low and middle-income housing including citywide safe havens for the homeless."
2. "Make the streets safe for pedestrians and bicyclists."
3. "Develop and improve public transportation options."

FMNA Group 2

Group 2 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see street improvements, landscaping on freeways with regularly scheduled maintenance, and an expansion of the tree canopy. Additionally, this Group would like power lines put underground and a program that allows residents to recycle their old cars.

Group 2 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant. These characteristics include the proximity to many other destinations, the diversity of the residents, the variety of food options, the weather, and the affordability of housing.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 2 wants to see more trees planted in disadvantaged neighborhoods and an improved and reliable public transit system. The Group also wants better community awareness and education on climate change issues, and more installation of cisterns in homes.

Group 2 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood in the next 20 years. These changes include the elimination of chain link fences, and regulations implemented for iron fences including their proximity to curbs. Group 2 would also like annual code enforcements in neighborhoods and more trees for shade.

Group 2's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Remove homeless off the American River, create another place for them to live."
2. "Create a fantastic public park on the American River with an RV park off Interstate 5 on the river on the south side with access to a new soccer stadium, Old Sacramento, and Midtown."
3. "Extend light rail to the Sacramento International Airport and to the Greenhaven area."

FMNA Group 3

Group 3's big ideas for the future of Sacramento include housing for the homeless, eradication of sex trafficking, as well as an investment in youth and residents to implement a green economy. Group 3 also listed improved street conditions and safer and cleaner public transit as major change that they would like to see happen.

Group 3 listed several characteristics of the Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood that make it livable and vibrant. These characteristics include the cultural diversity, being a family-oriented community and the fruit trees. This Group also listed easy access to Downtown, the suburbs, the rural areas and the freeways, as well as its proximity to Sacramento State University and Sacramento City College.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 3 wants to see environmentally friendly affordable housing in commercial development. Group 3 would also like to see assistance for low-income families to participate in green programs and investment in a green economy workforce.

Group 3 listed some changes that they would like to see occur in the next 20 years. These changes include more affordable housing, more green spaces developed in vacant land and investment in programs that benefit the residents, particularly the youth.

Group 3's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Affordable housing."
2. "Family-centric neighborhoods."
3. "Business corridors with no large vacant lots."

FMNA Group Priorities

Once the breakout groups had finished their worksheets, the whole group reconvened to conclude the meeting by selecting the entire group's top three priorities. This Group's top three priorities were:

1. “Transit-oriented, eco-friendly development with increased public transportation options, including extension of light rail to more communities, shuttles, sidewalks and safe paths for pedestrians; bikeable roads/paths for youth and adults to travel safely and affordably. Suggested focus areas: on Stockton Boulevard and 65th expressway leading to Hiram Johnson, there are no sidewalks.”
2. “Provide shelter for individuals who are homeless and increase housing stock using energy/green conservation designs such as cisterns, solar energy, shade trees, gardens, and other methods. Suggested focus areas: Vacant lots on Stockton Boulevard and in surrounding residential area.”
3. “New and existing businesses and developers of certain size/income contribute to community benefit agreements to invest in education, training, and hiring of residents from low to moderate income. Revitalize while minimizing displacement of current residents, invest in strengthening current residents.”

House Sacramento (House Sac)

A total of 14 people participated in the House Sacramento Meeting-in-a-Box. They divided into 5 small groups to work on the participant worksheets. Below are their responses.

House Sac Group 1

Group 1’s big ideas for the future of Sacramento include more high-density housing built near transit stops and employment centers, a removal of height restrictions and floor area ratios in housing developments, and more housing with diverse levels of income in high-opportunity neighborhoods. They also want to see a variety in the type of housing (i.e. single-residency occupancy, multi-family, co-ops). They would like the City to preserve the green space and open more public meeting spaces for community gatherings.

Group 1 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant. These characteristics include the small local businesses, light rail and bus lines, trees that provide shade and beauty, the diversity and infrastructure for bicycles. This Group also listed the community’s, green spaces and natural areas, and the relative affordability compared to other cities.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 1 is opposed to the construction of new highways and wants to see more regular highway lanes converted to carpool-only (HOV) lanes. Additionally, Group 1 wants to see improved infrastructure for bike lanes and sidewalks in order to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). Finally, Group 1 wants to see higher density development near employment centers.

Group 1 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years. These changes include increased connectivity and accessibility across the City (particularly in North Sacramento and South Area) and more frequent public transit stops with more lines extending throughout the City (particularly in Natomas). Group 1 would also like to see pedestrian and bicycle bridges across major freeways and corridors, and more mixed-use development.

Group 1's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Eliminate single-family zoning, minimum R-4/RMX"
2. "Better car-free mobility: improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure, higher frequency of public transit stops"
3. "Equity for all residents"

House Sac Group 2

Group 2 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see better bike routes for improved mobility, less parking for automobiles, more focus on public transit, prioritized safety for bicyclists, and two-way bike lanes on one-way streets. Additionally, Group 2 emphasized the importance of socioeconomic equity, transit-oriented development, and more affordable housing options.

Group 2 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant. These characteristics include Sacramento being bikeable and walkable, having mixed-use development (i.e. housing in retail areas), and access to the river.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 2 wants to see more trees planted in areas that have high rates of asthma, less industrial developments near housing (especially in low-income communities), and a divestment from partnerships with companies that contribute to pollution. Additionally, this Group wants to see more transit lines going to desirable destinations, more rideshare programs with electric cars (i.e. Gig), and the elimination of minimum parking requirements for building developments.

Group 2 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years. These changes include a larger emphasis on public transportation, increased walkability, more things to do in East Sacramento and fewer cars on the road.

Group 2's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Better light rail – the app needs to be updated and reflect delays. Fix broken information screens at platforms and ensure that passengers are paying their fares."
2. "Transit-oriented development"
3. "Activated transit corridors – lots of places to shop, eat, work, play and live at transit stops (i.e. accessory dwelling units [ADUs])"

House Sac Group 3

Group 3 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see an update and renovation of midtown and downtown houses and infill development on vacant lots or in low-density areas. The Group would also like to see equitable density, more public transit lines to destinations out of the City (i.e. Sacramento International Airport, Davis, Roseville, Natomas, West

Sacramento), more after-hours food establishments and safer routes for alternative modes of transportation.

Group 3 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant. These characteristics include the diversity of cultures, opportunities for outdoor recreation, the tree canopy, and the food culture.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 3 wants to see less cars on the road, a dramatic expansion of public transit, more Sacramento citizens switching to alternative modes of transportation and maintenance and expansion of the neighborhood parks.

Group 3 stated that they would like to see Sacramento citizens continuing to work and live in the same area over the next 20 years.

House Sac Group 4

Group 4's vision for the future of Sacramento was described as: "Anyone working in Sacramento should be able to find affordable housing. Everyone should be able to reliably get to work, school, medical appointments, or shopping areas without a car and be able to use active transportation modes (i.e. walking, biking, or taking transit)."

Group 4 listed some characteristics of their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant like the parks and urban canopy. Other characteristics this Group listed were the diversity in ages, races, incomes and housing mix, as well as the affordability relative to other large cities.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 4 wants to see an increase in housing density, heavy investment in alternative transit modes, an increase in the urban canopy, investment in solar power and no housing built in flood zones.

Group 4 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years. These changes include converting existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes, more housing to avoid displacement of existing residents and a strong focus on combatting climate change.

Group 4's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Don't expand suburban development on city-limit fringe."
2. "Build infrastructure that facilitates car-free travel."
3. "Expand housing stock that is available to all income levels."

House Sac Group 5

Group 5 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see Sacramento become the "Capital of multi-modal and active transportation." Group 5 wants to see more street accessibility for people with disabilities and more housing throughout the City. Additionally, the

Group wants to eliminate single-family zoning, eradicate homelessness and see more housing for vulnerable populations, including transitional housing.

Group 5 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant such as the tree canopy and green spaces, the ability to live without a car, the network of bike trails and parkways near the river as well as the community events and breweries.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 5 wants to see more focus on public transit and less investment on roads serving the automobile. Group 5 also wants to see a local government tax on fuel to fund climate change policy (a “carbon tax”), suburban retrofitting to make communities denser with more mixed-use development and more green spaces to capture and filter storm water.

Group 5 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years. These changes include more car-free connectivity between neighborhoods (i.e. across rivers and freeways), more economic and social diversity within neighborhoods, along with more accessible dwelling units and higher-density housing.

Group 5’s top three big ideas for Sacramento’s future are:

1. “Eliminate single-family zoning to provide more diverse housing for more people in existing neighborhoods.”
2. “Retrofit the existing network to better connect neighborhoods and encourage transportation without a car.”
3. “Increase the number of small parks and the tree canopy to provide shade and outdoor space for all residents.”

House Sac Group Priorities

Once the breakout groups had finished, the whole group concluded the meeting by selecting the overall group’s top three priorities:

1. “Eliminate single-family zoning citywide (minimum zoning R-4 / RMX) and allow for a diversity of housing for different family types at a higher density, including allowing homeless shelters.”
2. “Improve car-free mobility by allowing and encouraging transit-oriented development at all high-frequency transit stops, improve walkability, use of bicycles, and increase the quality of public transportation. Do not expand freeways in the City.”
3. “Increase access to green areas in order to improve the quality of life.”

Sacramento State University (Sac State)

A total of 12 people participated in the Sacramento State Meeting-in-a-Box. It should be noted that this group completed their worksheets in a different way than other submissions. Each attendee completed a participant worksheet, rather than in a small group. However, only nine

participants completed worksheets, because three attendees facilitated and led the group discussion. After the nine attendees completed a participant worksheet, they divided into four small groups and each group completed a group priorities worksheet. Below are their responses.

Sac State Participant 1

Participant 1 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This individual wants to see more electric vehicle charging stations, rebates for electric vehicles, greater community awareness and encouragement for organic waste separation and recycling. Additionally, this individual would like more programs to assist low-income communities. Participant 1 noted since Sacramento is the State's capital, the potential for innovation is a huge asset for the City. This participant also pointed out that Sacramento should take the additional steps to address climate change by further educating residents and raising community awareness.

Sac State Participant 2

Participant 2 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see Sacramento become a vibrant and connected community that allows people safe and healthy options to get to work, school, or nature. They also want to see the City encourage businesses to develop near trails and transportation hubs through incentives that promote healthy foods and community gardens.

Participant 2 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant including recreation options, the arts, and the diversity of the various communities. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 2 wants to see Sacramento encourage safe alternative modes of transportation and have the involvement of Sacramento State University in developing these mobility alternatives.

Participant 2 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years. These changes include economic opportunities and economic well-being of all neighborhoods. This individual would also like to see equitable pathways to these opportunities, so that every resident can have a high quality of life.

Participant 2's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Education opportunities and incentives."
2. "Cultural diversity."
3. "Community gardens."

Sac State Participant 3

Participant 3 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This participant wants to see more mixed-use development, native vegetation and urban forestry, and a reduction in the urban heat island. Participant 3 listed some characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant including the American River Parkway and the natural environments near residential areas.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 3 wants to see a reduction in single-occupancy vehicles on the road. Over the next 20 years, this participant believes that clean and reliable mass transit will strengthen Sacramento to be a better place for residents.

Participant 3's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Mixed-use development ('superblocks')."
2. "Electrified mass transit."
3. "Urban forest."

Sac State Participant 4

Participant 4 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This individual wants to see environmentally friendly public transit that allows residents to get anywhere in the City. Participant 4 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant such as the relatively mild weather and the American River and Sacramento River Parkways.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 4 wants to see light rail extended, a high-speed transit option, and carbon neutral/green developments. Over the next 20 years, Participant 4 wants to see more clean and safe parks and waterways, and a more sustainable sewer system.

Participant 4's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Zero emission transportation."
2. "Active and clean rivers and parkways."
3. "Homes that are self-sustaining."

Sac State Participant 5

Participant 5 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This individual wants to see waterfront development, stronger multi-modal transportation connections, and more infill development. Participant 5 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant including the open spaces, the strong sense of community, and the currently available transportation alternatives.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 5 wants to see more infrastructure for zero-emission modes of transportation, an increase in the tree canopy, and more open spaces. Over the next 20 years, Participant 5 wants to see the City address the issue of homelessness and promote more community activities.

Sac State Participant 6

Participant 6 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This participant wants to see more community centers and other public resources along the American River Parkway. Participant 6 would also like to see the preservation of historic buildings and sites. This individual listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant such as the various entertainment activities, the green spaces and the abundant urban tree canopy.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 6 wants to see a reduction in waste from retail and food establishments. Over the next 20 years, Participant 6 would like improved roads with more transportation alternatives and more collaboration between community groups and organizations.

Sac State Participant 7

Participant 7 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This participant wants to see healthier food options for students on the Sacramento State campus and for Sacramento to be more community oriented. Participant 7 listed some characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant including the Downtown and Midtown areas and the farm-to-fork qualities in the Sacramento food industry.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 7 wants to see more education and community awareness on solar and clean energy. Over the next 20 years, Participant 7 wants to see more parks, open space, accessible bike lanes, public transit to and from Natomas and better walkability throughout the City.

Sac State Participant 8

Participant 8 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This individual wants to see more walkability and affordable housing, as well as improvements in road and building safety. Participant 8 listed some characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant and said: “The City is family-oriented and has easy access to public resources and amenities.”

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 8 wants to see more cost-efficient and environment friendly solutions in new developments. This participant also wants to see legislation that aims to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Over the next 20 years, Participant 8 wants to see the City following the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.

Sac State Participant 9

Participant 9 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. This participant would like to see more high-speed rail to and from Sacramento, more opportunities for local transit, and blended-use zoning for reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled. Additionally, Participant 9 wants more water conservation in residential areas through landscape conversion and increased opportunities for community investment in underserved neighborhoods (like North Franklin Boulevard).

Participant 9 listed several characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant including the mild weather, ease of transit, the availability of housing. This participant also listed other characteristics of Sacramento such as the diversity and safeness of the community. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 9 wants to see a completion of the Iowa Hill project by SMUD, more electric vehicles in the City's fleet, rail transit for material deliveries, as well as rail freight being separated from commuter areas.

Over the next 20 years, Participant 9 wants to see more investment in underserved communities, electrified transit, and more neighborhood planning and improvement. Participant 9's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Electrify transit."
2. "Increase water conservation."
3. "Blended-use land planning."

Sac State Group Priorities

After participants filled out the worksheets with their own ideas and visions for the future of Sacramento, they formed 4 small groups, and each completed a Group Priorities Worksheet. Below are their answers.

What are your big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment? (List three)

Sac State Group 1

1. "Electrified multi-modal transportation."
2. "Sustainable development goals set by the United Nations."
3. "Blended development / infill."

Sac State Group 2

1. "Preserve/enhance American River Parkway"
2. "Prohibit natural gas in new structures and require photovoltaics."
3. "Buffered bike lanes and better access to mass transit."

Sac State Group 3

1. "Multi-modal communications (i.e. email, social media, surveys)."
2. "Councilmembers holding town hall meetings in each of the communities that they represent."
3. "Hold events at higher education venues."

Sac State Group 4

1. “Educational opportunities and incentives for cleaner living for low-income neighborhoods.”
2. “Promoting a safe and healthy pathway to work, school, and recreation via a ‘cultural trail’.”
3. “Promoting healthy food and organic waste recycling through community gardens and other strategies.”

Wind Youth Services (Wind Youth)

A total of 9 participants contributed to the Wind Youth Services Meeting-in-a-Box. One person facilitated while the other eight attendees divided into five small groups to work on the participant worksheets. Below are their responses.

Wind Youth Group 1

Group 1 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see more light rail lines and stops. This Group noted that the recent changes in the Regional Transit schedule have made getting around more difficult for workers and students.

Group 1 listed some characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant such as the closeness of the community and the ease of getting around. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 1 wants to see more trees in parks and community gardens.

Group 1 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years including better access to mental health resources and more housing for the homeless, senior citizens, and veterans.

Group 1’s top three big ideas for Sacramento’s future are:

1. “Better transportation access.”
2. “More beautification to the community.”
3. “More access to all resources needed in general.”

Wind Youth Group 2

Group 2 wants to see more housing assistance programs in the future. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 2 wants more changes throughout the City that will mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Group 2 also listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years including better housing and transportation options.

Wind Youth Group 3

Group 3 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see more community gardens, safe houses, organic waste recycling options, more affordable housing including community co-ops. This Group would also like to see free comprehensive health and sex education and water refilling stations in public spaces.

Group 3 listed some characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant including the farmer's markets, restaurants, night life, and local shopping. Additionally, this Group likes that Sacramento is community and family-oriented, caters to plant-based diets and is trying to reduce waste.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 3 wants to see waste-free grocery stores, public water bottle refill stations, community gardens, public composting, and eco-friendly public transportation. Group 3 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years. These changes include better public transit options, more vegan food options, organic waste recycling, community gardens, and an overall reduction in waste.

Group 3's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Public composting."
2. "Public solar-operated water stations."
3. "Waste-free grocery stores."

Wind Youth Group 4

Group 4 wants to see a light rail line going to the Sacramento International Airport, Carmichael, and Citrus Heights. Group 4 listed some characteristics in their community that make Sacramento livable and vibrant such as the small-town atmosphere and the wide range of employment opportunities.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 4 wants to see broader light rail access and more stops throughout the City. Group 4 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years including more housing options for the homeless and more resources and funding for mental health issues.

Group 4's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Expand light rail."
2. "More mental health resources for the homeless."
3. "More housing options for the homeless."

Wind Youth Group 5

Group 5 wants to see the City use more renewable energy with the development of major projects. Group 5 listed some characteristics of their community that makes Sacramento livable and vibrant such as the cultural diversity and opportunities to learn about other communities.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 5 wants to see more projects centered around energy efficiency and more affordable solar energy options. Group 5 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years including more community-based events and festivals.

Group 5's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Affordable solar."
2. "More affordable housing."
3. "Resources for the homeless."

Wind Youth Group Priorities

Once the breakout groups had finished, the nine participants concluded the meeting by selecting the overall group's top three priorities. Wind Youth Services top three priorities are:

1. "Expand light rail and bus system, especially to the Sacramento International Airport."
2. "More housing options for the homeless."
3. "Make solar energy more affordable."

Additional comments from the Wind Youth Services Group:

- "More free mental health resources."
- "Easier access to all public resources."

Woodlake Neighborhood Association (WNA)

It should be noted that this group completed their worksheets in a different way compared to the other group submissions. The Woodlake Neighborhood Association's four small working groups each completed a participant worksheet, a group priorities worksheet, and used a map of their neighborhood to identify assets and challenges in their community (similar to the mapping exercise held during the summer Community Plan Area Meetings). For full-sized images of the marked maps, see the Appendix. It is unknown how many participants contributed to this meeting. Below are their responses.

WNA Group 1

Group 1 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see more speed bumps on surface streets, investment in retail and food businesses on Del Paso Boulevard and Arden Way and an expansion of light rail lines. Additionally, this group want more mixed-use development, protected bike lanes, grocery stores and fewer businesses that sell alcohol.

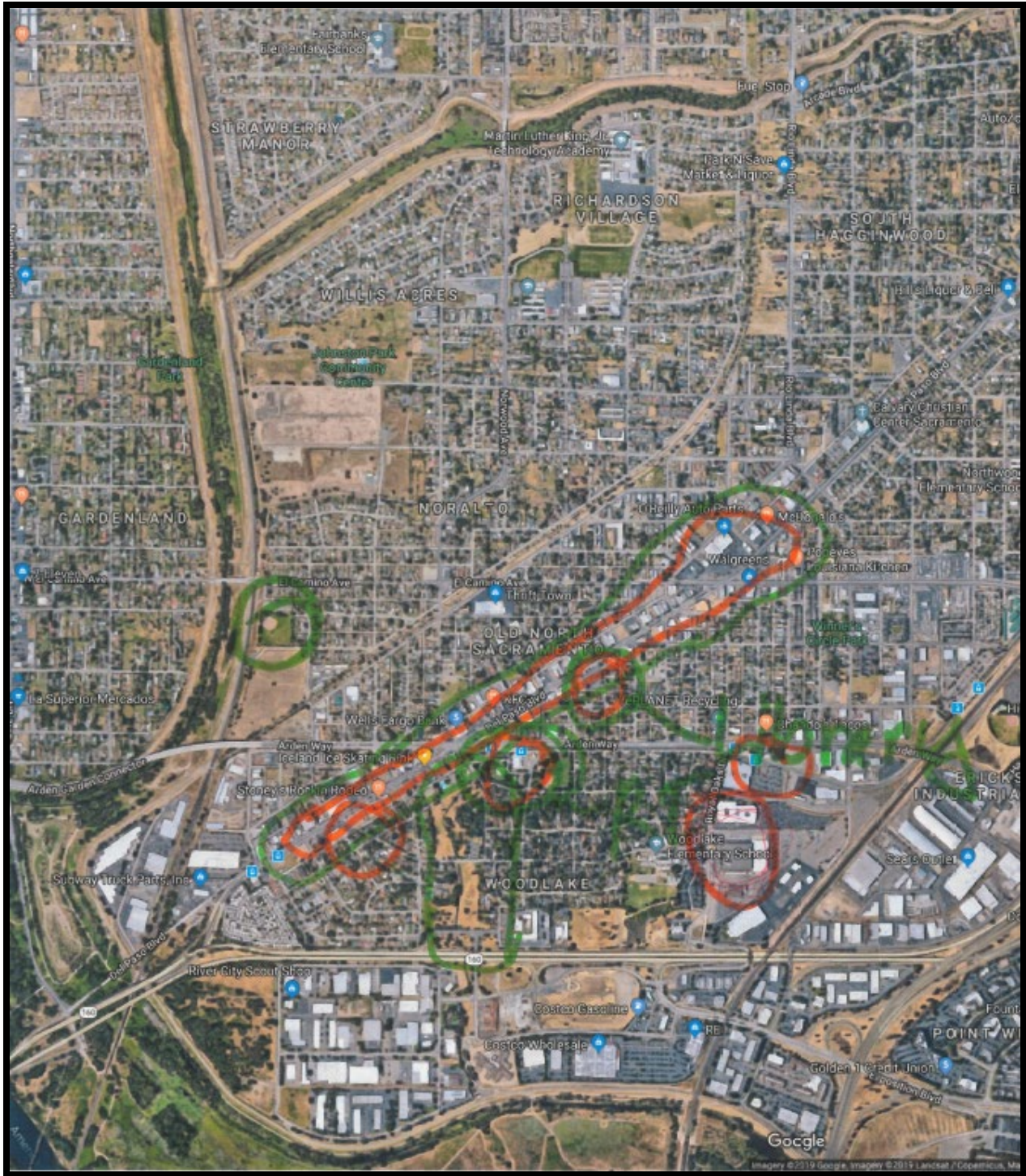
Group 1 listed some characteristics of the Woodlake Neighborhood that make it livable and vibrant such as the local businesses and access to outdoor recreation and green spaces.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 1 wants to see an increase in the frequency of public transit, more focus on bicycles, and increased walkability.

Group 1's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Restore and revitalize corridors: Del Paso Boulevard, bikeways, light rail, and Arden Way."
2. "Diversity in housing options."
3. "Significant investment in District 2."

See the next page for the community map that this Group used to identify assets (outlined in green) and challenges (outlined in red) in their neighborhood.



WNA Group 1 asset map of Woodlake Neighborhood

WNA Group 2

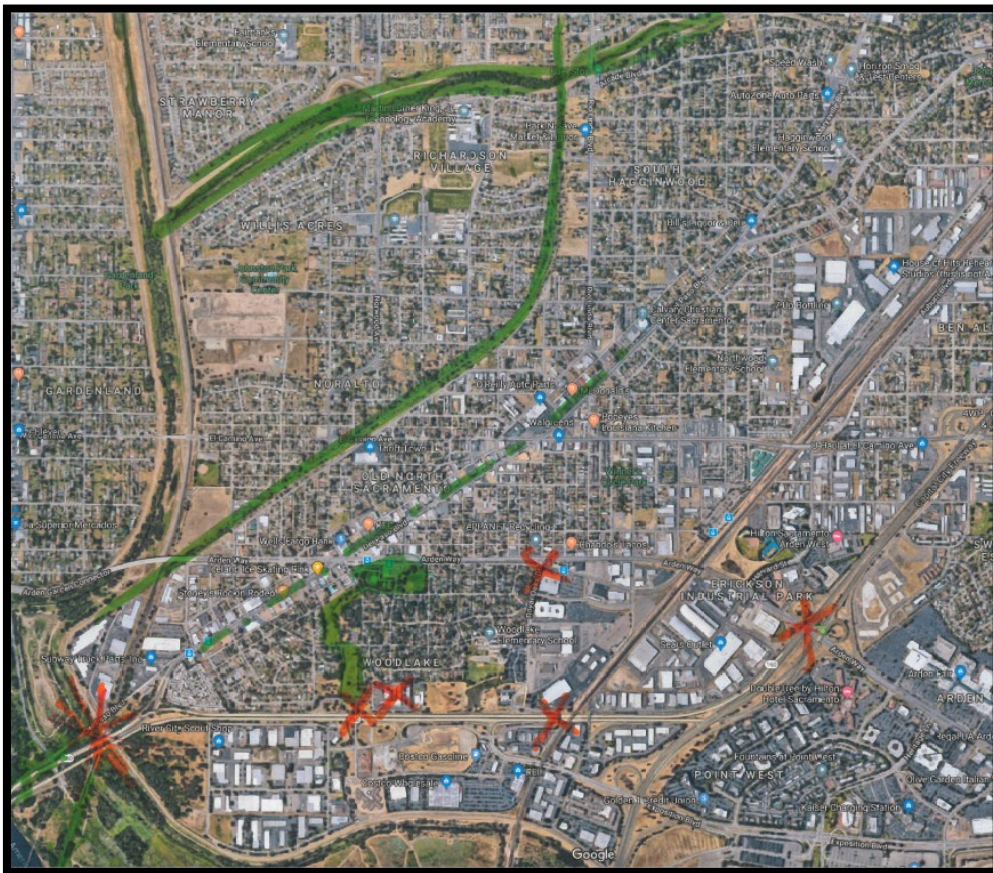
Group 2 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see more natural and green spaces, less light pollution, and better streetlights to improve safety at night.

Group 2 listed some characteristics of the Woodlake Neighborhood that make it livable and vibrant such as the Woodlake Swim Club and opportunities to develop community gardens. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 2 wants to see more trees planted in public spaces.

Group 2's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Restore the art scene on Del Paso Boulevard in addition to more stops and walls along the edge of the road."
2. "Plant more trees."
3. "Transportation: better roadways for bikes and scooters, diagonal parking spaces, and addition of colored streetlights."

Below is the community map that this Group used to identify assets (outlined in green) and challenges (outlined in red) in their neighborhood.



WNA Group 2 asset map of Woodlake Neighborhood

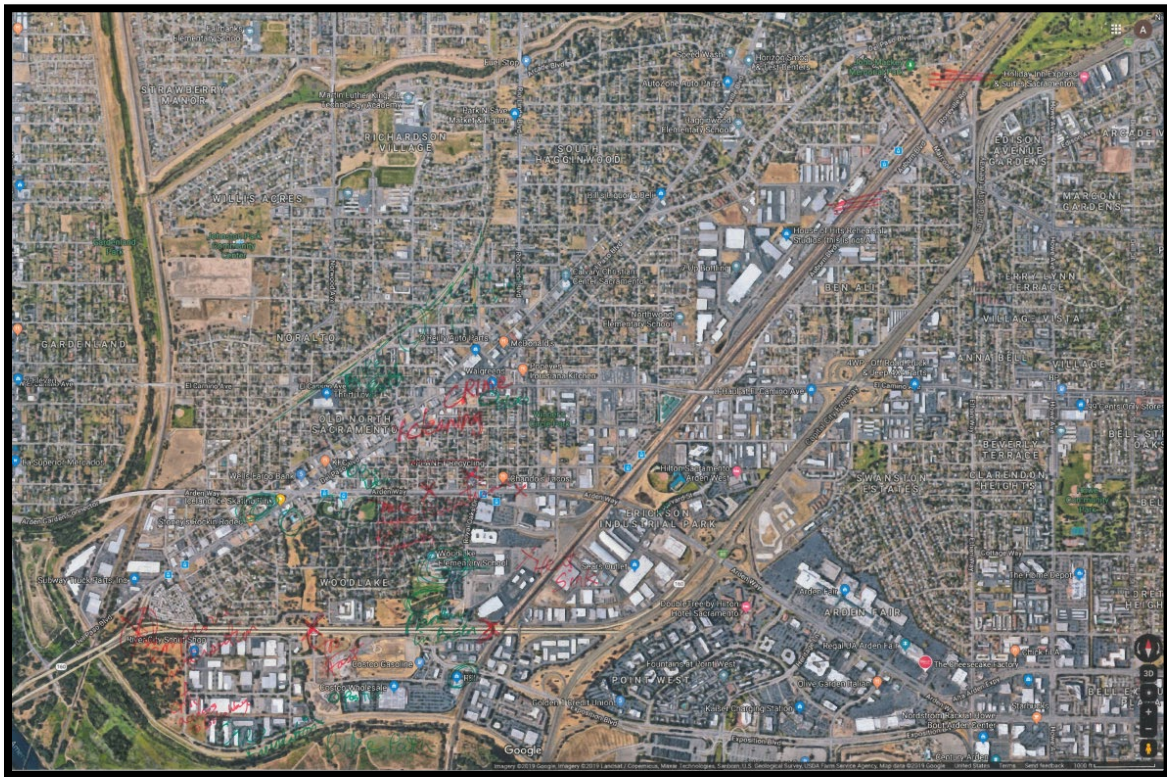
WNA Group 3

Group 3 listed characteristics of the Woodlake Neighborhood that make it livable and vibrant including the community, the small-town feel, and the unique local businesses. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 3 wants to see more bike lanes and connections throughout the City. Group 3 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years such as safety improvements on the State Route 160 for cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Group 3's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Make Del Paso Boulevard more business-friendly (remove surtax, lower costs, and better safety)."
2. "Improve intersection at Northgate, Del Paso Boulevard, and State Route 160 (i.e. allow people to use SR 160 to get on Del Paso Boulevard without going through Woodlake Neighborhood)."
3. "Increase access over railroad tracks adjacent to Auburn Boulevard (i.e. bridge on east end of Grand Avenue and better signage to access Roseville Road)."

Below is the community map that this Group used to identify assets (outlined in green) and challenges (outlined in red) in their neighborhood.



WNA Group 3 asset map of Woodlake Neighborhood

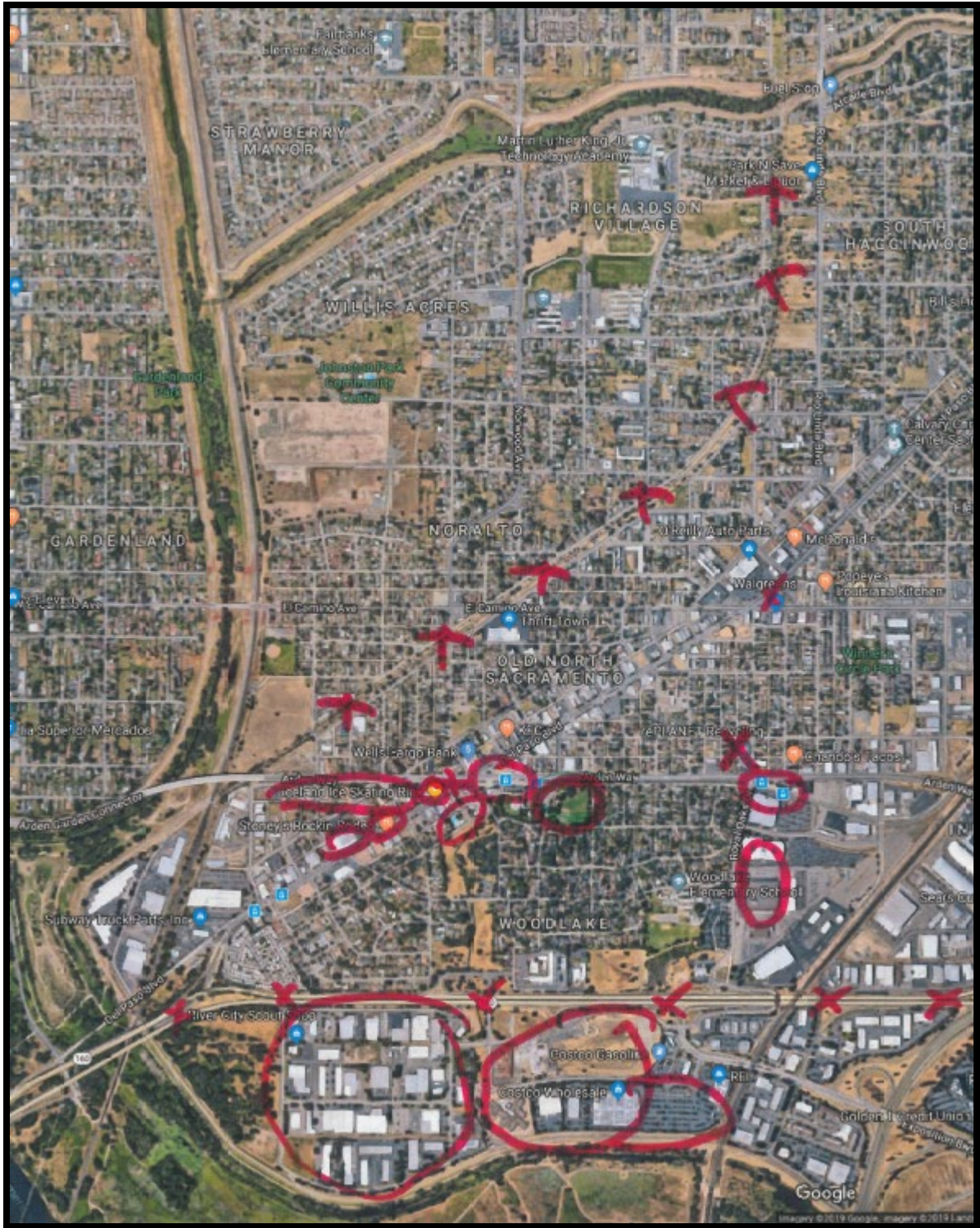
WNA Group 4

Group 4 listed some characteristics of the Woodlake Neighborhood that make it livable and vibrant such as the Woodlake Tavern, Southpaw Sushi, the light rail, Costco, and REI. Group 4 listed several changes that they would like to see occur in the next 20 years including improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, reduced loitering and crime, better pedestrian access to and from the Woodlake Neighborhood, as well as more traffic calming measures along SR 160. Additional changes this Group listed included redevelopment of Arden Way and Del Paso Boulevard, more diversity, less light pollution and more green corridors. Other changes expressed by this Group including adding speed bumps, housing for the homeless, revitalization of Del Paso Boulevard businesses and safety improvements at Northgate and Del Paso Boulevards.

Group 4's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Better pedestrian and bike access."
2. "Beautification of Arden Way and SR 160 converted to a boulevard."
3. "City assistance to foster development on Del Paso Boulevard."

See the next page for the community map that this Group used to identify assets (circled in red) and challenges (red X) in their neighborhood.



WNA Group 4 asset map of Woodlake Neighborhood

WNA Group Priorities

The Woodlake Neighborhood Association listed several top priorities for their neighborhood including:

- Better bike and pedestrian access
- Beautification of Arden Way
- SR 160 turned into a boulevard with traffic calming
- City assistance in development along Del Paso Boulevard (safety improvements, lower taxes etc.)
- Improvements at the Northgate and Del Paso intersection
- A new bridge on the east end of Grand Ave for access over the railroad tracks
- Revitalize the Del Paso Boulevard corridor (improved bike lanes, light rail etc.)
- New housing and diversity in housing options
- Investment in District 2: schools and infrastructure
- Tiny home villages for the homeless
- Create a connector between Arden Garden Connector and SR 160

Additionally, the group came up with four slogans to describe North Sacramento:

1. "Eat, play, and stay in our beautiful walkable neighborhood."
2. "Small town in a big City."
3. "North Sac is back!"
4. "There's something in the water!"

Community Member Group #1 (CMG1)

Note: this is the first of two groups that engaged in the Meeting-in-a Box process but were not associated with any specific group or organization. A total of 5 people participated in this meeting. They divided into 2 small groups to work on the participant worksheets. Below are their responses.

CMG1 Group 1

Group 1 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see more frequent bus stops, a streamlined process for permitting infill development and development in Downtown alleys.

Group 1 listed several characteristics of their community that make it livable and vibrant including the great restaurants, the trees, the vibrant night life, the proximity to natural areas like rivers and parks, as well as the pubs and coffee houses.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 1 wants to see increased density to stop the urban sprawl, better incentives for owning an electric vehicle,

improved walkability to reduce freeway commutes, and more carshare programs to and from the Central City and South Area.

Group 1 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years including efficient use of lots and vacant land, access to a safe and green trail along the American and the Sacramento Rivers, and a plan to address homelessness and mental health issues. Additionally, Group 1 wants it to be easier to split lots (i.e. reduce permit fees, fast tracking).

Group 1's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Make it a right to build infill neighborhoods."
2. "Connect to the rivers with new safe park areas."
3. "Improve transit – more buses, Gig cars, and bike safety."

CMG1 Group 2

Group 2 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see more infill development (particularly in alleys) with the goal of attracting younger residents to both live and work in the Downtown area to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, Group 2 wants the City to provide more resources and shelter for disadvantaged communities.

Group 2 pointed out that recently, Sacramento feels disjointed by not expressing enough compassion for the City's most vulnerable citizens. Some participants in Group 2, although born and raised in the City, are planning to move soon because of the lack of support and resources available to them. This Group did, however, point out that Mayor Steinberg has been trying to build a more connected community that works together to find solutions to social and environmental issues.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Group 2 wants to see a revitalization of the Downtown grid that allows for new development and more walkable connections.

Group 2 listed some changes that they would like to see happen in the next 20 years such as putting more people in power who advocate pushing Sacramento towards newer ideas (i.e. more housing development, economic revitalization, and inclusive, green neighborhoods.)

Group 2's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Alley infill development."
2. "Removing dysfunctional neighborhood opposition and moving the neighborhood forward."
3. "Make the mayor a strong mayor."

CMG1 Group Priorities

Once the breakout groups had finished, the whole group concluded the meeting by selecting the entire group's top three priorities:

1. "Remove all barriers to infill development in the Central City – including alley activation, fast tracking, and reduced permit fees to create new alley neighborhoods."
2. "Empower new leadership among younger more forward-thinking people to counter entrenched groups who are against new ideas."
3. "Better connections to the river through bike connections, bridges, and park development as part of growing Sacramento and making rivers a destination – this would include both private and public development."

Community Member Group #2 (CMG2)

Note this is the second of two groups that engaged in the Meeting-in-a Box process but were not associated with any specific group or organization. A total of 7 people participated in this meeting. Everyone completed a participant worksheet, while the facilitator led the discussion. Below are their responses.

CMG2 Participant 1

Participant 1 wants to see smaller neighborhoods that provide services within a five-minute walk and stronger schools. Additionally, this participant wants to see Sacramento achieve net zero emissions ahead of the 2045 goal. Participant 1 listed some characteristics of their community that make it livable and vibrant including the public gathering places, the level of safety, proximity to the rivers, and the bike paths and dedicated lanes.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 1 wants to see strong flood protection and public promotion of solar energy. This participant would also like more resources and education dedicated to the goal of getting residents to convert to electric vehicles. Participant 1 listed some changes that they would like to see occur in the next 20 years including more small businesses, more levee trails, more bike paths and protected bike lanes, as well as farmer's markets.

CMG2 Participant 2

Participant 2 listed their big ideas for the future of Sacramento. They want to see more electric vehicle charging stations, shopping centers and hubs, road maintenance, and farmer's markets. Participant 2 listed several characteristics of their community that make it livable and vibrant including the proximity to Downtown and Midtown, Folsom Lake, and the access to river recreation. Participant 2 also listed some changes that they would like to see occur in the next 20 years such as safer and more reliable public transit, particularly for those living outside of Downtown or Midtown.

CMG2 Participant 3

Participant 3 wants to see a light rail line that extends to the Sacramento International Airport and to Roseville. Participant 3 listed several characteristics of their community that make it livable and vibrant such as the proximity to Downtown, the bike trails, and the entertainment and fun events. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 3 wants to see the City encouraging residents to bike, walk, and take transit more often.

Participant 3's top three big ideas for Sacramento's future are:

1. "Improved transportation."
2. "Better quality of air and water."
3. "More housing."

CMG2 Participant 4

Participant 4 wants to see improvements in the local economy and lower taxes for residents. They also listed some characteristics of their community that make it livable and vibrant including the safe communities, neighborhoods and schools.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 4 wants to see more water conservation, more flood protection and better levee maintenance. This participant also wants to see, improvements in road maintenance, reduced traffic, and the issue of power shortages adequately addressed.

Participant 4 listed some changes that they would like to see occur in the next 20 years. These changes are more affordable housing, grocery stores and restaurants, as well as removal of cost-prohibitive restrictions like the 2020 solar and sprinklers requirements.

CMG2 Participant 5

Participant 5 wants to see more mixed-use development in the City. Participant 5 listed several characteristics of their community that make it livable and vibrant including the parks, the easy access to Downtown, the relatively low amount of traffic congestion and accessibility to the rivers. With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 5 wants to see more light rail lines all over Sacramento.

CMG2 Participant 6

Participant 6 wants to see an extension of light rail lines throughout the City. They also listed several characteristics of their community that make it livable and vibrant including the river access, the parks, and the bike trails.

With respect to how Sacramento should combat and adapt to climate change, Participant 6 wants to see more electric vehicles, more ridesharing, and better roads. Participant 6 listed some changes that they would like to see occur in the next 20 years including better mobile phone

service, more shopping, more restaurants, better public safety, cleaner streets and a plan to address the homeless issue.

CMG2 Group Priorities

Once the participants had finished their worksheets, the whole group concluded the meeting by selecting the overall group's top three priorities:

1. "Buildup and repair infrastructure: roads, levees, water supply, etc."
2. "Flood protection: 100-year levee protection is not enough. Too much is at risk."
3. "Better public transportation: seamless (with good connections) throughout Sacramento region, light rail, bike paths, world class transportation system."

Additional Community Group #2 comments:

- "Mixed-use development (commercial on ground floor, residential above)."
- "More international flights at the Sacramento International Airport."
- "Free parking downtown."
- "Apartments in the Pocket for the elderly."
- "More gardens."
- "Tree management and community education."
- "Better sense of community between residents."
- "Community events and activities".

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association

On September 15, 2019, the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association submitted a vision statement for the Central City Community Plan Area to the project team (See Appendix for full document). The document contains major topics around adapting to population growth, addressing climate change, balancing economic vitality, encouraging historic preservation and improving housing, mobility, and public safety.

East Sacramento Improvement Association (ESIA)

The East Sacramento Improvement Association (ESIA) Board of Directors held a meeting on September 9th, 2019 to discuss the East Sacramento Community Plan Area. Ten (10) members attended this meeting.

ESIA members identified McKinley, East Portal, Glen Hall, and East Lawn Children's Parks, as green spaces that make a significant contribution to the community. They also highlighted the hospitals, Sacramento State University, Sutter Middle School, David Lubin and Theodore Judah Elementary Schools, Trader Joe's, Corti Brothers, Selland's and Canon Restaurant as being important assets within the community.

In addition to places that contribute to the overall livability of East Sacramento, ESIA members mentioned local events like the 4th of July Parade, Pops in the Park, Holiday Home Tour, Garden Tour, and the Cornhole championship as having made significant contributions to the community.

Over the next 10-20 years ESIA members would like to see improvements made to the E Street on-ramp to Business 80, revitalization efforts near Maryann's Bakery on Alhambra Boulevard, and a reduction in traffic congestion near Trader Joe's. Members would also like to see, fewer homeless camps, additional Level 3 charging stations, a wider disbursement of JUMP bikes, enough housing to meet the demand, and regular maintenance of the tree canopy throughout the area.

ESIA identified the following as barriers and obstacles to getting around East Sacramento: a lack of secure bicycle parking, unsafe pedestrian crossings, and an insufficient police presence and lack of enforcement for speeding drivers. They also suggested the use of autonomous vehicles and Paratransit to help provide rides for those in need.

ESIA's headline for the 2040 Sacramento Magazine cover would be "We are a complete community—Live, Work, and Play," or "Open for Business," or "Walk and Bike here."

See the next page for the marked table map where ESIA members identified community assets (green dots) and challenges (red dots). A full-sized image of the map can be found in the Appendix.

Elmhurst Neighborhood Association

The Elmhurst Neighborhood Association Board of Directors submitted comments via email to the Sacramento General Plan Update Project Team detailing their request for the City to preserve the unique single-family character of the neighborhood.

Their top priorities for the future of their neighborhood are as follows:

1. "Continue to support the single-family zoning of our entire neighborhood with the exception of the existing commercial and multifamily properties with frontage on Stockton Boulevard. Existing nonconforming uses in the single-family zone including the grandfathered Cottage Mart, Masonic Hall and Coloma Center can remain."
2. "Specifies that Elmhurst is not a thoroughfare to the UCD Medical Center and beyond. This includes directing traffic onto the larger main streets of Stockton Boulevard, 59th Street, 65th Street and Broadway, reducing speeds inside the neighborhood to 25 MPH, installing traffic calming measures as needed, restricting large delivery trucks, and ensuring that there is adequate traffic enforcement."
3. "Specifies that Elmhurst is not a parking lot for the UC Davis Medical Center or business on Stockton Boulevard. This includes ensuring that there is adequate parking for any businesses or residences on Stockton Boulevard; implementing parking restrictions when requested by Elmhurst neighbors, and ensuring that there is adequate parking enforcement."
4. "Preserves and protects our tree canopy. This includes provisions for adequate watering; that any tree inspection or pruning is done by certified arborists; and that additional and replacement trees are planted in a timely manner and with diverse varieties so that we do not have a monoculture that is vulnerable to disease."

Freeport Boulevard Transportation Safety Committee

The Freeport Boulevard Transportation Safety Committee submitted input via email regarding the Land Park Community Plan Area. See their comments below.

"The Freeport Blvd. corridor from Sutterville Road to 35th Avenue is a vital asset of the greater Land Park community. Located immediately south of City College and with one hundred percent of the properties commercially zoned, this stretch of Freeport is the 'main street' of the community. In addition, with four elementary schools located within one half mile on both sides of this heavily trafficked thoroughfare, significant and material improvements must be made to increase the corridor's safety and accessibility for all travelers of all abilities."

"Consistent with this vision, the Freeport Boulevard Transportation Safety Committee recommends that the Land Park Community Plan incorporate goals for the following infrastructure enhancements to reduce vehicle speeds and encourage and facilitate active transportation and safe and vibrant community spaces along this stretch of Freeport:"

- "Reduce either the number or the width of all vehicle traffic lanes."

- “Install bulb outs and pedestrian island refuges to reduce crossing distances at all current and previously marked crosswalks, including the Potrero Way / Virginia Way and the Oregon Drive crosswalks”
- “Install either fully signalized intersections or pedestrian hybrid beacons at the Potrero Way / Virginia Way and the Oregon Drive intersections.”
- “Increase pedestrian crossing times at all signalized intersections or pedestrian hybrid beacons.”
- “Prohibit uncontrolled left turns from the neighborhoods onto Freeport Blvd.”
- “Plant trees in the medians from Oregon Dr. north to Wentworth Way / Stacia Way.”
- “Promote the planting of additional trees by commercial neighbors and prohibit the unnecessary removal of trees along Freeport Blvd. as well as adjacent parking facilities.”
- “Improve bus service by increasing frequency (e.g., every 15 minutes during peak hours) and reliability bus routes to encourage increased ridership.”
- “Upgrade bus stops along Freeport Blvd. to include shade structures, benches, and trash receptacles.”
- “Install buffered, protected and brightly painted bicycle lanes”
- “Install sidewalks from Oregon Drive to Harian Way / Irvin Way consistent with the Pedestrian Master Plan.”
- “Underground existing overhead utility lines to enhance safety and accessibility—existing sidewalks or other areas in which pedestrians are forced to walk are often obstructed by utility poles.”
- “Install historically appropriate pedestrian street lighting.”
- “Orient all storefronts as well as counter service to directly face the street in order to increase activity and facilitate accessibility for pedestrians--current general plan standards have not been sufficient in this area and recent developments have either ignored the general plan standards altogether or created faux storefronts along the street with actual counter service facing rear parking (e.g. Crocker Village, Franklin and Sutterville, 16th and Broadway and 59th and Folsom).”

Land Park Community Association

The Land Park Community Association and Planning Coalition consisting of 42 members submitted a detailed letter outlining their vision for the Land Park Community Plan Area (see Appendix for full document). The document outlines the Land Park Community Association Planning Coalition’s big ideas for the future of the Land Park Plan Area like revitalizing Broadway, preserving the historic elements of Land Park, developing and maintaining William Land Park, and improved City communications with the public.

Preservation Sacramento

Preservation Sacramento submitted a vision letter to the project team regarding the Central City Community Plan Area (see Appendix for full document). The document outlines Preservation

Sacramento's plans for environmental justice, historic preservation, and sustainability to address climate change.

Woodlake Neighborhood Association

In addition to submitting Meeting-in-a-Box materials, the Woodlake Neighborhood Association also submitted two documents pertaining to some of the major corridors in North Sacramento: Arden Way and State Route 160 (See Appendix for both documents).

Miscellaneous Community Member Comments

An email was received on August 8 from a community member about the Del Paso Regional Park in North Sacramento:

"The City's General Plan calls for the conservation of oak woodlands, wetlands, grasslands, and creeks, but the City has never proactively proposed the conservation of natural lands at Del Paso Regional Park (Park) as a way to implement the General Plan."

"Every acre of 'protected' land at the Park has been secured by conservationists resulting from lengthy, bitter, political battles with the Parks Department and the City Council. The current controversy surrounding Owl Creek Terrace is just the latest chapter in the ~35-year quest to protect natural resources at the Park (not to mention the surprise announcement about the potential to relocate the Sacramento Zoo at the Park)."

"For the first time in 1984, the city-wide park masterplan included the goal of identifying and acquiring lands with natural and cultural value, but the experience of the conservation community has been to react to a series of land sales, giveaways, and development schemes. The Parks Department has never independently or proactively ever proposed the conservation of any land at the Park."

"And while the 100-acres of Natural Areas were protected by two unanimous votes of the City Council in 1985 and 2002, presumably these protections can be overturned by a simple majority vote. Furthermore, the City has never invested in establishing a 'Natural Areas Program' so natural resources can be managed by scientists and individuals with training in land stewardship."

"These are the types of nuts & bolts issues that must be addressed in the updates of the General Plan and city-wide parks masterplan, otherwise the visionary goals of the General Plan will just be inspirational rather than tangible."

Notification

An email reminder was sent to more than 69,000 community members about Meeting-in-a-Box materials. Below are some of the community organizations and local agencies who shared the information on their media platforms or through email:

- NewsRadio KFBK
- City of Sacramento Facebook post
- Everything Sacramento and More Facebook post
- Inside Sacramento News Article
- Sacramento Railyards Facebook post

A news release including information about Meeting-in-a-Box was sent to the City of Sacramento's media distribution list.

Additionally, an announcement about Meeting-in-a-Box was made at each of the 10 General Plan Update Community Plan Area Meetings held over the summer. Flyers were also distributed, about Meeting-in-a-Box during the General Plan Update pop-up workshop series.



Notification Flyer

Appendix

- Meeting-in-a-Box Guidebook (9 pages)
- Meeting-in-a-Box Agenda
- Meeting-in-a-Box Sign-in Sheet
- Meeting-in-a-Box Participant Worksheet (2 pages)
- Meeting-in-a-Box Group Priorities (2 pages)
- Meeting-in-a-Box Host Feedback Form (2 pages)
- Meeting-in-a-Box Engagement Survey (2 pages)
- Woodlake Neighborhood Association Marked Table Maps
 - Group 1
 - Group 2
 - Group 3
 - Group 4
- Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Central City Vision Letter
- East Sacramento Improvement Association Marked Table Map
- Land Park Community Association and Planning Coalition Vision Letter (5 pages)
- Preservation Sacramento Vision Letter
- Woodlake Neighborhood Association Letter regarding Arden Way
- Woodlake Neighborhood Association Letter regarding State Route 160 (3 pages)
- Notification Flyer



Meeting-in-a-Box

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Background

Sacramento 2040 is the City's process for developing a plan for the next twenty years. The project involves updates to the City's General Plan and Climate Action Plan. The last major update was 10 years ago, and the city and community needs have evolved since that time. Today, Sacramento is the fastest growing big city in California. Updates to these documents are needed to respond to community needs and to ensure the City takes full advantage of the opportunities that growth presents in an equitable and sustainable manner.

Meeting-in-a-Box Overview

What should Sacramento be like in 2040? Meeting-in-a-Box is a community engagement method designed for use by community groups, neighborhood associations, or friends to gather at a convenient time and location to share their ideas and proposals for the future of the city. Discussions related to the future of Sacramento should not be limited to those organized by City staff but instead such discussions should happen wherever and whenever it is convenient and meaningful for a group of interested people to get together and talk.

The following is the Meeting-in-a-Box kit which contains helpful tools to hold your own discussion. Meeting-in-a-Box can be downloaded from the project website, activated at your own meeting, and the results of your discussion can be returned to the City as indicated below.

Process Overview

Meeting-in-a-Box is organized into three parts:



Prepare

The steps that the host must take in advance of the meeting



Activate

The “Day-of” steps for set-up and facilitation of the meeting



Return

The Phase when the materials are collected and returned to the City

The purpose of Meeting-in-a-Box is to raise awareness of Sacramento 2040 General Plan Update process, share your thoughts and experiences that will help direct the visioning and future of Sacramento, and identify ways to improve interaction between community members and the City. Meeting-in-a-Box will help frame your discussion at your meeting.

Contents



Prepare

- Process Overview
- Host Check-List
- Sample Invitation



Activate

- Guest List
- Meeting Agenda
- Presentation
- Participant Worksheet
- Group Priority Worksheet
- Engagement Survey



Return

- Host Feedback Form
- Return Instructions
- Project Contact Card



Prepare

1. Reserve a meeting location

Identify and reserve a location for your meeting. Host a meeting at a place where everyone can access it and that it is convenient to travel to. It can be at a community center, your local library, place of worship, coffee shop, or even your living room.

The location should be able to accommodate the number of participants you expect to join the conversation.

2. Invite

A group of 8-12 people is an ideal size, but other group sizes can work (see tips for breakout groups below). Identify and invite your participants. This can be done through an invitation in the mail, email, phone, or social media. The sample invitation can be used as a template and printed, filled out, and mailed to participants.

3. Remind

Call and/or email the people on your invitation list 1-2 days before the scheduled meeting to remind them to attend.



Activate

4. Set-up

Before the meeting, set up the space to accommodate the number of expected participants. For small groups, arrange chairs in a circle. For large meetings, arrange chairs in small breakout groups.

Sort copies of the Participant Worksheets and Group Priority Worksheets into sets for the participants. Make sure to have enough pens available. Have the Guest List near the entrance for individuals to sign-in.

Tips!

- If you do break into small groups, give the group a name or number to distinguish the small groups. Note this on the Participant Worksheet and Group Priority Worksheets.
- You may choose to use the worksheets included, or you may feel more comfortable using other materials, such as large flip charts or laptop computers. If you do use something other than the worksheets provided, please make sure you include information from the worksheets.
- If you choose to take pictures of flip charts, please make sure it is readable.
- For additional resources visit www.sac2040gpu.org for related plans and interactive maps

5. Welcome and introductions

Take a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting for introductions. Ask people to tell something about themselves other than their neighborhood so that everyone gets a better sense of who is participating and why. Do not, however, spend too much time on introductions. Review the discussion questions and answer any questions about procedure before beginning the main activities.

Understand what the general plan is by watching the presentation, which can be found online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmuC1KPROgl&feature=youtu.be>. This presentation will help spark ideas and conversations for the upcoming exercises.

6. Facilitate

Lead a small group discussion. Do your best to keep everyone on topic and make sure time is allocated for group members to answer all discussion questions on the Participant Worksheet. You are also a participant and can share opinions as an equal member of the group, but make sure everyone has a chance and feels comfortable to express his or her opinion. Try to make the meeting relaxed and enjoyable for all participants.

7. Exercises

Answering the discussion questions should occupy the majority of the meeting time. Give participants a couple of minutes to think about each question and list answers on their Participant Worksheet before beginning to go

around the group for answers. If your group prefers a more free-flowing discussion, make sure everyone has a chance to speak and one or two people do not dominate the conversation.

One person should take notes of the roundtable discussion. After everyone has had a chance to express their perspective on the question, ask the group to prioritize the responses. The note-taker should read back the responses, and have participants vote on each item to determine the top three priority items.

The top three priorities will be recorded on the Group Priority Worksheet. Continue having the discussion and explain why the three highest priorities were selected. If a consensus cannot be reached, record the discussion on the Group Priority Worksheet. Repeat this process for any other questions.

Leave time at the end of the meeting for participants to fill out the Engagement Survey. Respect people's busy schedules by starting and ending on time.

8. Wrap-up

If you have divided participants into small groups, reconvene the larger group. Summarize the discussions and the identified consensus priorities. If there are no additional questions or comments, ask participants to fill out the Engagement Survey. Be sure to turn in all materials when returning your Meeting-in-a-Box.

Distribute the Project Contact Card, which are attached on the final page, to participants so they can find more information about the visioning and planning process, and look for upcoming activities and ways to be involved.

Fill out the Host Feedback Form after the completion of the meeting. Be sure to thank everyone for participating!



Return

9. Create a meeting ID code

Create a code to your meeting following the instructions below. Fill this code into the appropriate spaces in the upper right hand corner of the Group Priority Worksheets, Participant Worksheets, Guest List, and Host Feedback Form. The Engagement Surveys will not require a Meeting ID Code to be filled out.

How to Create a Meeting ID Code

GPU - ■■ - ■■■■■■

First three spaces: GPU
Next two spaces: Your initials
Last six spaces: Month, day, year of your meeting

Example Meeting ID Code
Name: Remi Mendoza
Date of Meeting: April 22, 2019
GPU - R M - 0 4 2 2 1 9

10. Package and send

Sort the materials as follows:

- Group Priority Worksheet
- Participant Worksheet
- Engagement Survey
- Guest List
- Host Feedback Form

Package all materials together and return Meeting-in-a-Box using one of the methods below.

- Method 1: Scan & Email materials to Taylor Coover at TCoover@aimconsultingco.com
- Subject line: "Meeting-in-a-Box"
- Method 2: Mail to
"Attention: Sacramento2040 2523 J Street, Suite 202, Sacramento, CA 95816"
- Method 3: Drop-off at AIM Consulting, 2523 J Street, Suite 202, Sacramento, CA 95816

If none of the return methods above will work for you, please email TCoover@aimconsultingco.com with the subject line: "Meeting-in-a-Box Pick-Up" to arrange for alternative return methods.

Thank you for hosting Meeting-in-a-Box

The City of Sacramento is grateful for your time, thoughts, ideas, and participation in Meeting-in-a-Box. Your participation is part of a collaborative effort in helping shaping a better, brighter future for everyone who lives, works, and plays in Sacramento!

For more information or to engage in the General Plan Update process, visit www.sac2040gpu.org

Meeting-in-a-Box
Materials

Meeting Agenda

Purpose

- Learn about the Sacramento 2040 General Plan process
- Share your thoughts and experiences that will help direct the future of Sacramento
- Identify ways to improve interaction between community members and the City

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

What is a General Plan?

What is a Climate Action Plan?

Group Exercises

Part 1: Big Ideas

Part 2: Civic Engagement

Wrap-Up

Summarize Discussions

Engagement Survey

Exercises

Part 1

What are your big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment?

Part 2

How would you like to engage in the upcoming General Plan process?

Participant Worksheet

Part 1

What are your big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment?

What are the characteristics of your community that makes Sacramento a great place for you to live, work and play?

What actions can Sacramento take to combat as well as adapt to Climate Change?

What are things in your community that could change that will strengthen your community to be a better place to live, work or play in the next 20 years?

What are the top three big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment based on your answers above?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Part 2

How would you like to engage in the upcoming General Plan Update process?

These are the ways that I would like to be INFORMED about the General Plan Update:

These are the ways I would like to provide FEEDBACK about the General Plan Update:

Things that might prevent me from engaging with the General Plan Update process are:

Group Priorities Worksheet

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Group Number or Name (If there are multiple groups):

Facilitator:

Contact Email/Phone (If clarification of responses is needed):

Part 1

What are your big ideas for the future of Sacramento's built, natural, and economic environment?

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If a consensus cannot be reached, please record the group's comments.

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Part 2

How would you like to engage in the upcoming General Plan process?

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If a consensus cannot be reached, please record the group's comments.

Host Feedback Form



Thank You for Hosting Meeting-in-a-Box!

Please provide us with your feedback to help improve Meeting-in-a-Box.

All comments are welcomed.

1. Meeting-in-a-Box is an effective tool for broadening the range of public input.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neutral
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

2. The materials in Meeting-in-a-Box are easy to understand and use.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neutral
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

3. Please rate the following aspects of your meeting:

Overall

- a) Very Poor
- b) Poor
- c) Fair
- d) Good
- e) Excellent

Participant engagement

- a) Very Poor
- b) Poor
- c) Fair
- d) Good
- e) Excellent

Quality of group discussion(s)

- a) Very Poor
- b) Poor
- c) Fair
- d) Good
- e) Excellent

Group satisfaction with outcomes

- a) Very Poor
- b) Poor
- c) Fair
- d) Good
- e) Excellent

4. Would you host a Meeting-in-a-Box meeting again?

- a) Yes
- b) No

If no, please explain why.

5. Would you recommend Meeting-in-a-Box to others?

- a) Yes
- b) No

6. How should we improve Meeting-in-a-Box?

7. Do you have any additional comments?

Engagement Survey

The purpose of this survey is to provide City staff feedback on the effectiveness of engagement methods during the Sacramento 2040 General Plan Update process. The responses that you submit will remain anonymous and will be used to improve the engagement process with the community.

For more information about the planning process and for opportunities to be involved, visit the plan's website at sac2040gpu.org.

1. How have you engaged with the Sacramento 2040 General Plan process so far? (Circle all that apply)

- a) Large community meetings
 - b) Interactive website
 - c) Social Media
 - d) Email Updates
 - e) Meeting-in-a-Box
 - f) Other
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2. I was able to fully participate or engage in the activity.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neutral
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

If you were unable to fully participate or engage, please tell us why.

3. The information presented is important to me.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neutral
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

If the information presented is not important to you, please tell us why.

4. I was provided with enough information on how to be informed and involved in the planning process.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- b) Disagree
- c) Neutral
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

If you were not provided enough information, please let us know what was missing.

5. What was your reaction to the content that was presented?

- a) Mostly Negative
- b) Somewhat Negative
- c) Neutral
- d) Somewhat Positive
- e) Mostly Positive

6. How likely are you to share the information you learned with others?

- a) Very Unlikely
- b) Unlikely
- c) Neutral
- d) Likely
- e) Very Likely

7. How can we make it easier for you to be involved in the planning process?

8. What is your zip code?

The following questions are OPTIONAL.

If you choose not to answer this portion of the survey, please tell us why in the space below.

We still want to hear from you!

1. Do you live in Sacramento?

- a) Yes
- b) No

2. Do you work in Sacramento?

- a) Yes
- b) No

3. Are you a renter or homeowner in Sacramento?

- a) Renter
- b) Homeowner
- c) Does not apply
- d) Prefer not to answer

4. What is your age?

- a) Under 18
- b) 18-24
- c) 25-44
- d) 45-64
- e) 65 and over
- f) Prefer not to answer

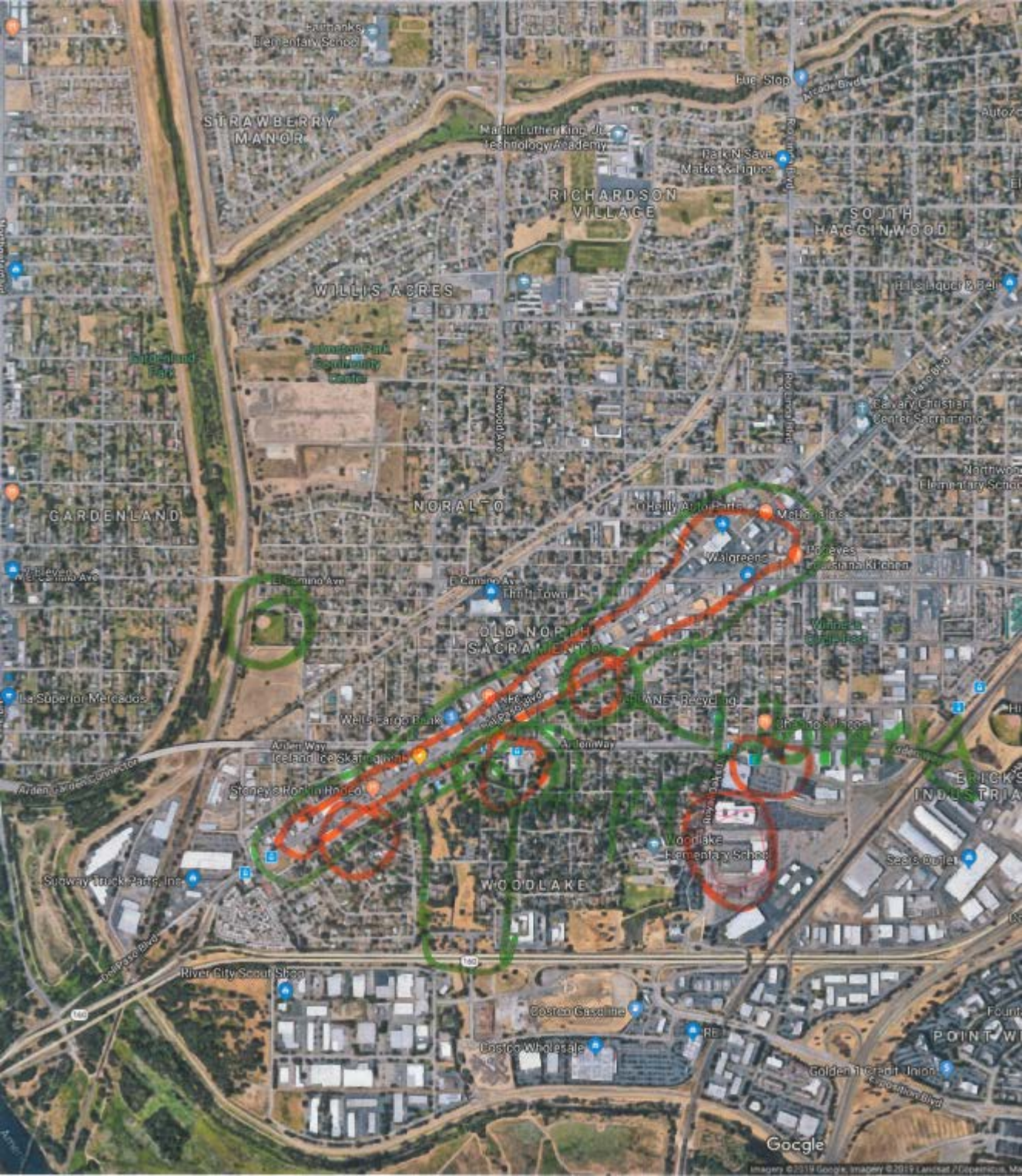
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- a) American Indian or Alaska Native
- b) Asian
- c) Black or African American
- d) Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin
- e) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- f) White
- g) Prefer not to answer
- h) Other (please specify)

Thank you for taking the Sacramento 2040 Launch Survey!

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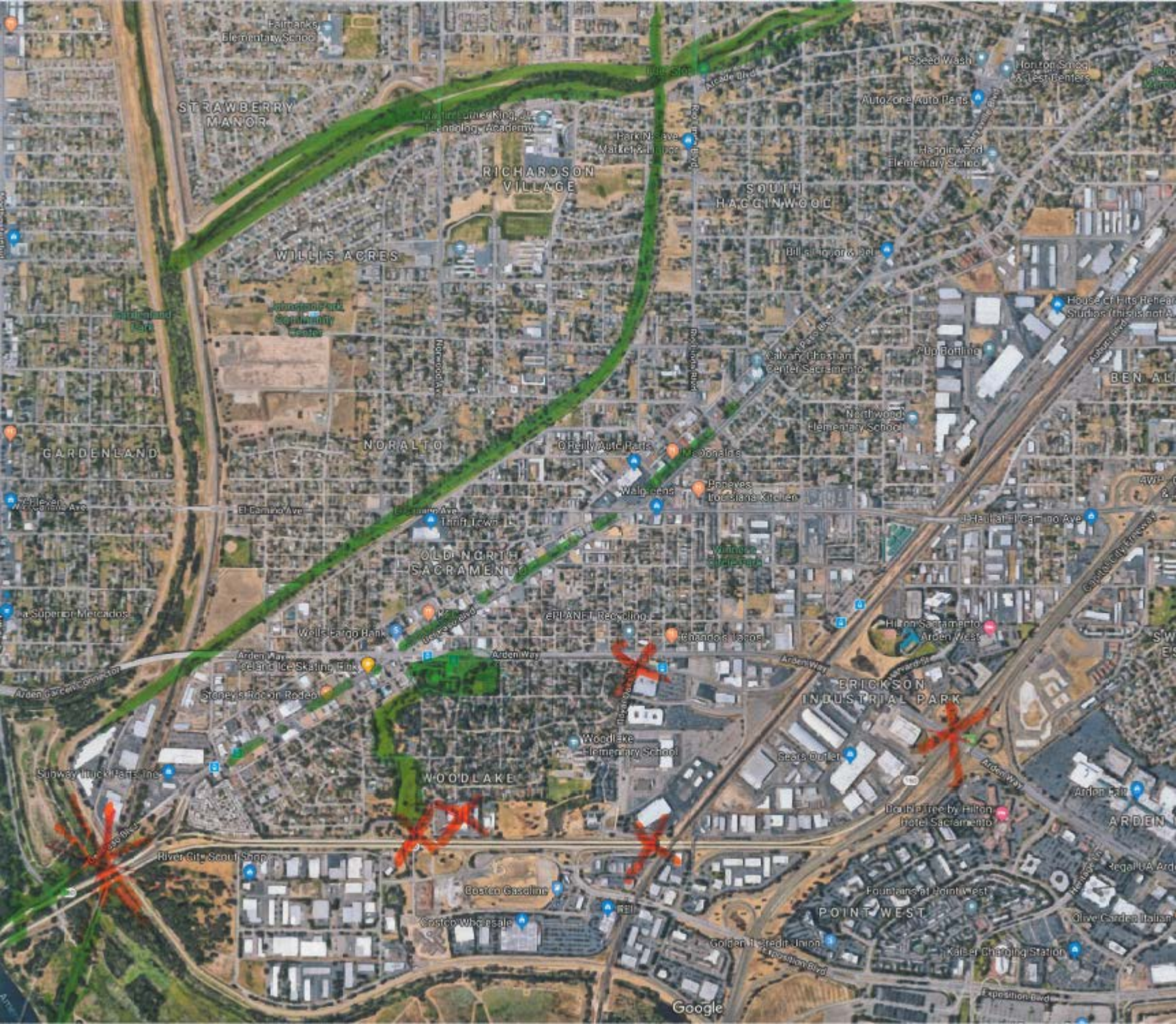
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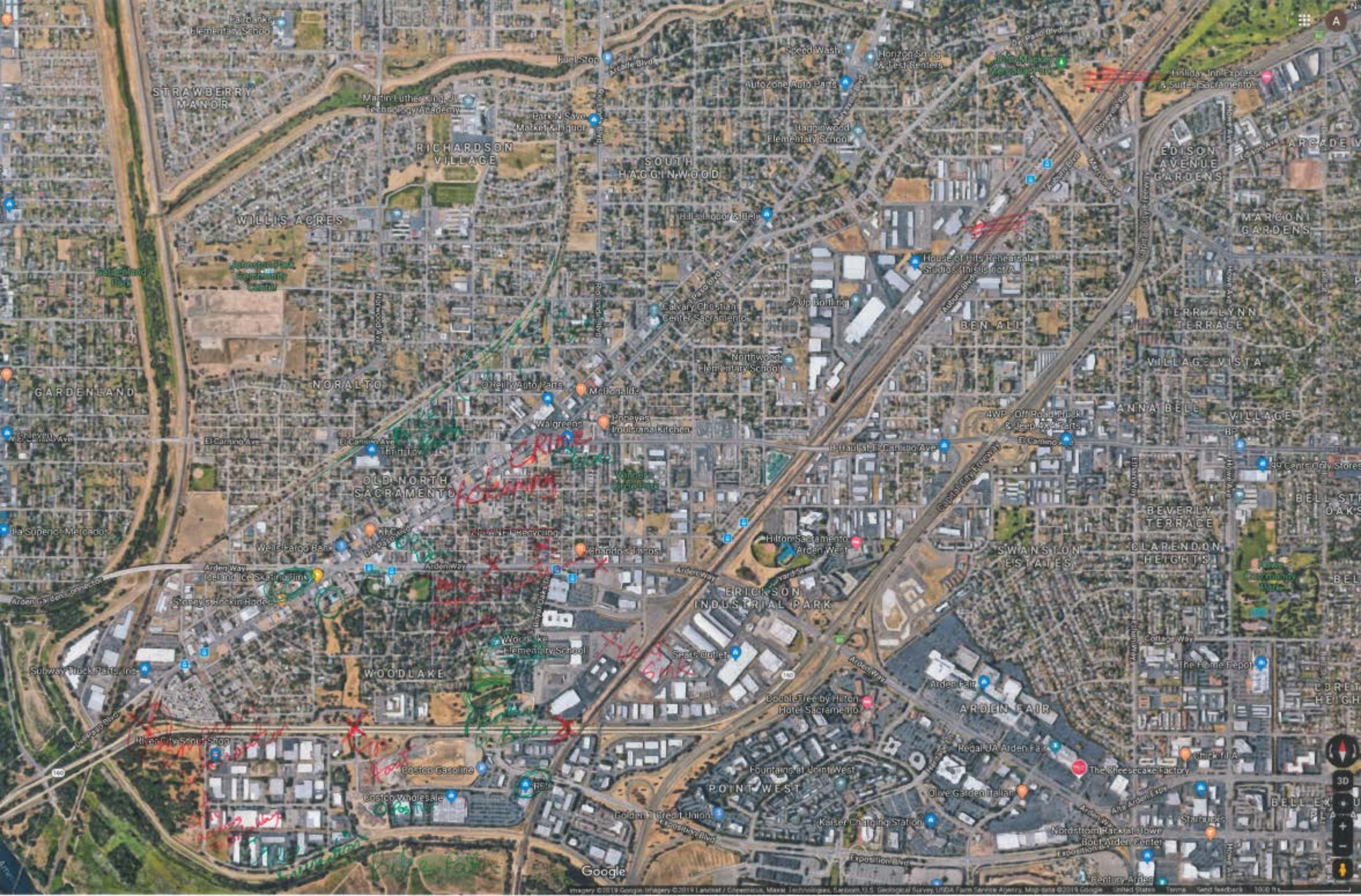
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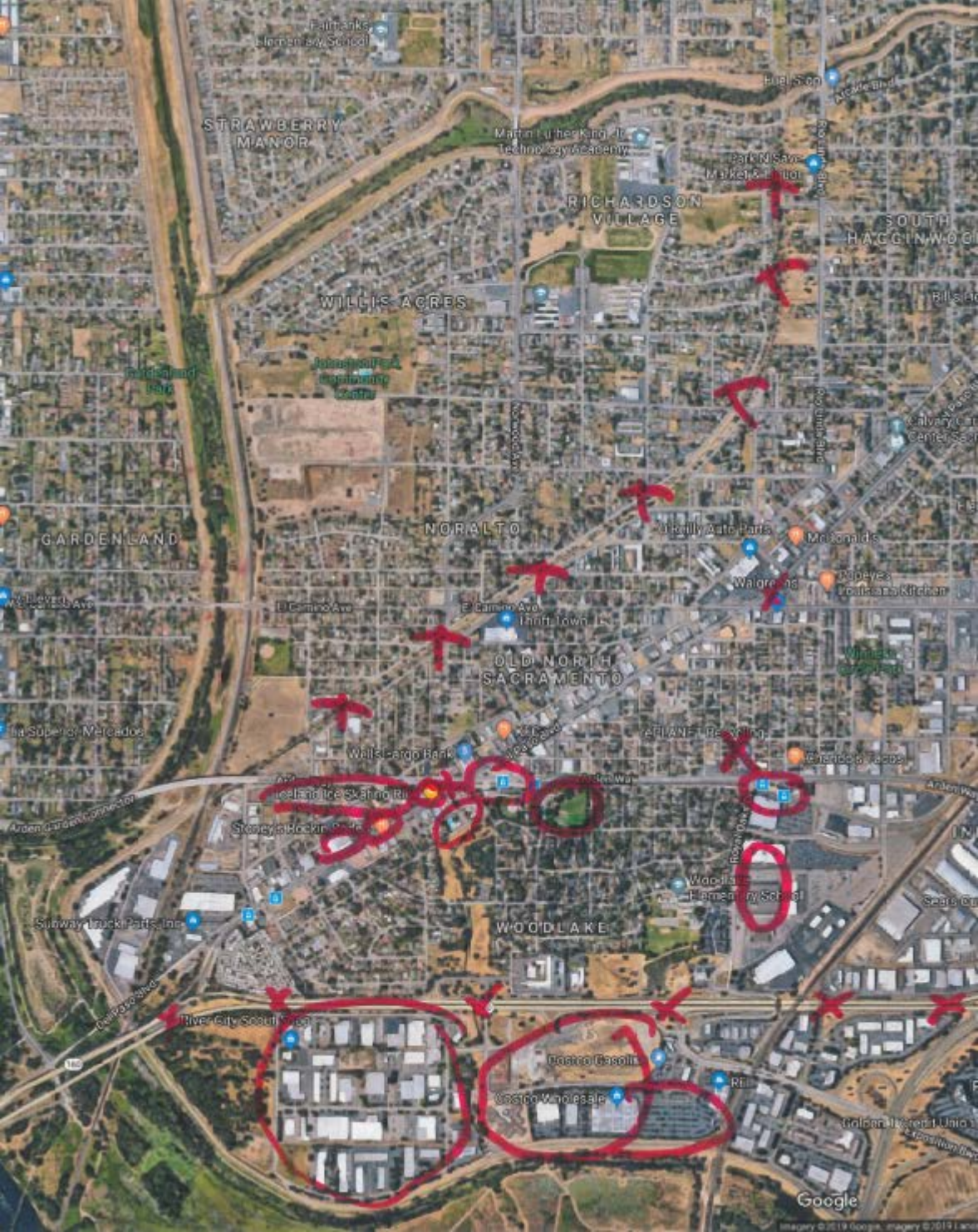
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2040 General Plan – Central City 2040 Vision

Vision: Residents are the priority. The Central City retains its role as the region's cultural hub, with a range of housing options, including affordable. Policies effectively balance the needs of residents and businesses, and both harmoniously co-exist.

Built Environment:

The Central City does not shoulder the entire impact of population growth. The entire city encourages infill and residential areas city-wide are zoned R-3A (not R-1). Height limits are 35' in R-3A and 85' in C-2 zones with adequate transitions between residential and commercial heights to reduce the 'saw-tooth' effect and limit adverse impacts on residents.

Climate Change:

Water efficient landscapes and energy efficient buildings are incentivized. The urban forest is healthy and the tree canopy is restored on most central city streets. The city has planted trees in all feasible locations and tree removal is done only as a last resort. The city also has a robust adaptive reuse ordinance that prioritizes reuse over new construction.

Economic Vitality:

Nightlife is well-regulated with effective policies that are enforced, and balance residents need for sleep with a lively city experience for residents and visitors. Late night venues are no longer allowed near residences and open-air venues have restricted hours. The Central City also has a range of employment options beyond those in the restaurant and bar sector.

Historic Preservation:

Historic Districts have development standards that are followed and effectively retain historic integrity, ensuring appropriate scale for new development. The entire Central City is now surveyed and all eligible properties are listed in the Sacramento Register. The city has a robust adaptive reuse ordinance and reuse is prioritized over new construction.

Housing:

Owner based housing increased from less than 10% to over 30%. Supply of income restricted affordable housing units meet demand in the Central City. Homeless services are resourced to provide all in need with dignity and safe shelter / supportive housing options.

Mobility and Traffic / Bike and Pedestrian Safety:

Midtown residential streets are safe for bikes and pedestrians. Two-way conversion of P & Q St. / 19th & 21st Streets is complete. Protected bike lanes exist on most midtown streets. Stop signs are added to slow traffic in many areas. Street lighting is complete across the entire central city.

Noise:

City policies are strongly enforced restricting hours on noise making activities in residential areas to 8 AM to 6 PM including garbage trucks, construction (roofing /new buildings) yard equipment, and any noise that disrupts sleep. No construction of new buildings is allowed in residential areas before 8 AM or on weekends.

Public Safety:

Street lighting is complete across the central city. Police and Code Enforcement are sufficiently resourced to protect residents at all hours, and an adequate police presence exists on weekend evenings to protect residents and visitors (Thurs, Fri, Sat).



- SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities
- East Sacramento Community Plan Area
- Sacramento City Limit
- Parks
- Gold Line LRT
- Neighborhood Boundary

Map labels include: River Park, East Sacramento, College Glen, College Town, Rancho Village, Granite Regional Park, CSUS, 65TH ST, 59TH ST, 39TH ST, Sacaton Blvd, Auburn Blvd, 20TH ST, 14 St, 7 St, Polson Blvd, La Piedad Dr, College Town Dr, Granite Regional Park, Power Inn Rd, Turney Avenue Rd, and Sacramento Blvd.

General & Community Plan 2020-40
Greater Land Park
Final 01Sept, 2019

Submitted 10 September 2019

To: Remi Mendoza, Senior Planner, City of Sacramento

Cc: K. Durham, AIM Consulting

Vision Statement

In 2040, the Greater Land Park Community is vibrant and sustainable. We celebrate the rich cultural diversity that exists in Greater Land Park and believe it enhances our community. Our economic environment is a growing mix of relevant commercial and professional services with retail centers that provide a pleasant day/night shopping and entertainment experience. Our built environment reflects the history, architectural diversity and quality of our past. The natural environment preserves open space, creating the recreational opportunities for healthy living. We have multi-faceted and diverse transportation options, moving people and goods safely and easily. Our housing stock reflects the diverse needs of our residents. Our municipal infrastructure (e.g. parks, trails, and urban forest) supports a healthy and sustainable family life. Finally, our community activities and citizen involvement reflect a common preservation and conservation ethic while supporting the dynamic growth of our city.

Sector Visions

Economic Environment:

The Commercial Corridors preserve our multi-cultural heritage with social centers, global cuisine, street food, night life and shops. Antique markets and farmer markets continue to link us to our past and our agricultural heritage. Our theater hosts international and indie-films, while a vibrant entertainment scene provides both indoor and outdoor offerings. The pedestrian retail shopping and entertainment experience is supported by dynamic low-story, mixed-use development. Lighting standards create safe and pleasant night-time streetscape. Sign standards help maintain visual integrity. Vacant lots and under-developed parcels are a thing of the past. Historic street lamps and stop lights are preserved. A developing urban forest canopy provides summer relief from the east-west street orientation. The west end marina and park serve the Mill and provide both function and access to a redeveloped waterfront. Heading south, Riverside Blvd. power poles are retired providing historical streetscape integrity from our century old Cemetery and to historic William Land Park. Broadway, our Neighborhood Corridor, has been guided to full restoration through an approved Corridor Plan that enhances the historic assets of the Tower District.

Issues & Recommendations

- * The design and infrastructure of community commercial corridors both facilitate efficient transportation and encourage vibrant social interaction.
- * Convenient off-street parking serves shops during the day and restaurants at night

- * Alternating street-front setbacks create shady side-walk service and rest areas.
- * A variety of pocket parks and pedestrian plazas are created on commercial corridors to provide enhanced placemaking and pleasant shaded rest stops.
- * Undergrounding existing overhead utility lines enhance safety and provide historic landscape integrity. (See: Riverside Boulevard).
- * Small neighborhood commercial centers become hubs for shared rideables cooperatively placed with local business owners.

Mobility:

We have multi-faceted and diverse transportation options, moving people and goods safely and easily. Commercial corridors provide centers for multi-modal service and shared rideables. Off-street parking is appropriately sized for access ease. Sidewalk use is limited to safe and easy walking. Dedicated lanes are provided for bikes & scooters. Buses run regularly, reliably and frequently to the City Center during commute hours and special events days. Residential area crossing safety is emphasized for child walk & ride capabilities to both schools and parks.

Issues & Recommendations

- * Major residential street corridors have been identified for city development of Livable Transportation Corridor Plans providing for calmer, safer, sustainable corridors integrated into the landscape integrity of their neighborhoods. Major collector streets and arterials receive traffic calming including pedestrian islands and enhanced crosswalks with planters and turning lanes to increase safety.
- * Shared rideables have the City's rules of the road and parking guidance on the front page of user apps (not on signs or kiosks that are fixed, subject to damage, and that disturb the historic integrity of neighborhood)
- * Pedestrian street lighting and storefront illumination provides for a safe and inviting walking experience in commercial centers after dark. Plaza walkways, open courtyards, and staggered setbacks are enhanced with shade trees, planters and benches as pedestrian rest stops. All new projects should require an exterior lighting plan for permitting.
- * Directional and regulatory signage should be kept to a minimum.
- * Broadway parking and density is maximized with diagonal parking conversion of cross streets.
- * Greater Land Park receives a fully integrated approach to mobility planning, including traffic calming where appropriate, development of appropriate roundabouts, establishment of dedicated bus corridors and similar improvements all done in a way that enhances various forms of mobility, improves air quality and increases safety for all.

Built Environments:

Our built environment reflects the history, architectural diversity and quality of our past. Our diverse housing stock serves the sheltering and affordability needs from young families to seniors, providing for generational family continuity in the community. Infill and new development preserves the quality and custom home heritage of the neighborhood: Sacramento's primary architectural styles are honored (Spanish Colonial Revival, Art Deco / Modern, and Prairie).

Mass, heights, setbacks and materials are maintained. While auxiliary units are encouraged, duplexes and rental apartments continue to be positioned on corner lots and in commercial corridors respectively. The mix of neighborhoods in Great Land Park continue to provide a mix of housing meeting a wide range of affordability and density.

Issues & Recommendations

- * Creating Historic Districts or Corridor Plans within the area ensures the long-term stability and economic viability of eligible neighborhoods and commercial corridors, while reducing the risk and ambiguity for new growth and infill projects.
- * City-wide Preservation Standards & Guidelines should provide guidance to Public Works and SMUD limiting the placement of poles, power boxes, and signage that break the historic aesthetic of the neighborhoods.
- * Shared rideables should not be parked on residential streets nor in public plazas, but rather racked at bus stops or commercial center parking lots.
- * SHRA has eliminated Public Housing Villages in Upper Land Park replacing them with subsidized units within affordable market rate infill development throughout the city along established public transportation and mixed-use corridors.
- * Careful consideration is given to enhance R-3 (Three lots per parcel) in appropriate areas to enhance a wider variety of housing options in certain parts of Greater Land Park
- * Facilitate and encourage additional Student Housing in the Carleton Tract near City College.

Natural Environment:

William Land Park is an iconic area that is not only a local Land Park resource but also a Citywide and regional resource. Hence it needs a vision for the next 100 years. This historic and central park for Sacramento is broadly used by the greater city community. Its unique features include a destination experience for both families and schools. Fairytale Town, Funderland, Pony Rides and the Zoo combine to make a unique experience for children from throughout the Central Valley. Family and community picnics abound. Young adults jog and walk - day and night. Seniors golf. Dogs play. Multi-generations watch Shakespeare in the park's renovated amphitheater. It is a treasure to preserve.

The Del Rio Trail follows the old rail lines south to Freeport and provides walking and biking routes connecting South Sacramento to the City Center.

Issues & Recommendations

- * The Zoo relocation should create an opportunity to re-envision the park for the next 100 years. Alternative uses should all remain in the public sector and maximum facility utilization should be the goal. Shifting demographics should consider a blend of experiences for both seniors and children. Alternatives should serve our cultural diversity. Botanical and demonstration gardens, butterfly houses and aviaries, animal recovery facilities, natural history museums (downtown Effie Yeaw), a Senior Center /Indoor Reception Hall, and a destination restaurant like the NYC Tavern On the Green should all be considered.

- * William Land Park islands should be landscaped and signed as park entrances where appropriate. Support for funding and maintenance can be sought from the Land Park Community Association and similar groups throughout Greater Land Park.
- * All existing fountains, gardens and memorials should be preserved as part of the City's historic heritage
- * William Land Park Streets should receive night lighting with historic lamps and benches, then closed to traffic evenings and on weekends for strolling, skating, bicycling and festivals (think Golden Gate Park)
- * New age-appropriate recreational facilities should be provided (bocce courts, pickle ball) and park walking and running trails expanded..
- * Facilitate and encourage community gardens.

Climate Change and Public Health

The residents of Greater Land Park have a high degree of civic involvement and generally support initiatives to solve our common municipal challenges. Climate change and air quality are major concerns in the realm of public health and quality of life. It is hot here in Sacramento and getting warmer. After halting years of agricultural rice burning, we are now faced with intolerable smoke from wildfires. These fires have been largely caused by the rural power lines engulfed by forest growth. Facing the challenges and benefits of digital shopping, we are inundated with plastics and packing waste. Homelessness challenges our public health. To mitigate the effects of these challenges, and to make our community more healthy, enjoyable and livable we urge City government to take the following actions:

Issues & Recommendations

- * Phase out all 2 cycle gas engines for use by City Maintenance workers, private property owners, and yard maintenance services, replacing them with subsidized electric mowers and blowers by 2025 through City incentive programs and increased ordinance enforcement.
- * Use LED low energy bulbs in city street lights rated 3000 kelvins or less per AMA recommendations for public health and to maintain the aesthetic integrity (soft light) of our classic historic lamps
- * Set and enforce professional, healthy tree-trimming practices to protect our urban forest from the uniformed and harmful practices of property owners, and SMUD and PGE line maintenance crews.
- * Homeless shelters, permanent housing, and health services should be provided, while working with State and Federal solutions to end the continuing causes that create an ongoing problem (consumer financial protection, controlling healthcare costs, and maintaining employment opportunities). Local retired military bases should be rezoned to allow for low cost sheltering in proximity with existing medical clinics and County service centers (see San Diego model). Shuttles and delivery can fulfill this sector's modest consumer needs.

- * Consider a moratorium on the residential rollout of the next generation 5G cell service until the FCC or EU completes the Health Safety Review recommended by over 180 scientists in 36 countries.
- * Drive-thru business service is discouraged, limiting engine idle and social isolation.

Civic Engagement with Municipal Government

According to the 2017 General City Survey of Satisfaction and Livability, District #4 had the highest rate of return of the Survey. 30% of the population had attended public meetings. 50% had advocated for a public issue. Only 37% had confidence in City government planning, management and enforcement. In general, we feel that the City needs to continually improve the quality of its timely information sharing on issues, options and input opportunities from its residents.

Issues & Recommendations

- * Notices and timelines are critical to allow for neighborhood associations to inform and poll their residents in order to provide informed input.
- * Examples of desired input format should be provided
- * Protocols and sideboards should be defined
- * Resources and priorities should be identified
- * Positions and pilot programs should be sought
- * Baseline performance data should be shared
- * Post-project performance should be measured

Big Ideas

1. Broadway is transformed by vital development into a mixed-use, multi-cultural, live-work center representing the creative eclectic quality of the city center “fringe”. The Tower District is enhanced and protected.
2. Land Park neighborhood becomes the first recognized Historic District defined by its neighborhood uniform integrity bordered by its iconic Park, Cemetery, College and Tower theater plaza. Single-family residence zoning R1 is maintained with ADU’s and R2 Duplexes permitted. R2A zoning is expanded within two blocks on either side of Broadway and along Riverside Blvd and parts of Freeport Blvd for the construction of mid-range townhomes.
3. William Land Park maintains its position as Sacramento’s Central Park, revitalized by the update of the educational and recreational experience of the transformed Zoo properties.
4. The Cityscape is transformed through under-grounding utilities, redesigning night lighting and sign systems replaced by digital information sharing.
5. Develop a process that produces meaningful working relationships between community leaders and elected officials assuring that concerns, ideas and preferences are sought before projects or programs are considered by the City Council.

Calendar

- 6/20-7/30 Collaboration period with Greater Land Park neighboring sub-areas (Sierra-Curtis, SLPA, Hollywood Park, Upper Land Park, Carleton, Little Pocket, Mangan Park, Foothill Park) and Stakeholders (Greater Broadway Business Assoc, Sacramento Zoo Board, Botanical Garden Organization)
- 8/13 City of Sacramento Community Planning Workshop – Greater Land Park. 5:30-7:30 pm, Cal Middle School, 1600 Vallejo Way.
- 8/25 Final community input into Greater Land Park Community Plan document.
- 9/1-9/10 Greater Land Park Community Plan submitted to the City of Sacramento General Plan document.

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Public Comment re the 2040 General Plan Update and Central City Community Plan

Environmental Justice and Historic Preservation

- Housing preservation and historic preservation: avoiding loss of historic housing stock.
- Historic resources in poor neighborhoods are deserving of the same protection as historic resources in wealthy neighborhoods.
- Despite common misperceptions about historic districts, most of Sacramento’s historic districts are not located in wealthy neighborhoods—some are poor, some are economically integrated with a mixture of wealthy, middle class & poor; could the features found in historic neighborhoods inform citywide environmental justice reform?
- Current zoning identifies wealthy neighborhoods and poor neighborhoods & communities of color as zoned for higher density than comparable neighborhoods in wealthy parts of city.
- When compared on a citywide basis, many identified EJ factors (life expectancy, pollution) are identified with high risks for EJ factors.
- Affordable/mixed income housing in historic buildings (federal tax credit, state tax credit, local incentives, promotion of reuse to avoid CEQA triggers)
- Mitigating effects of rezoning on underserved communities
 - In wealthy communities, preservation can help limit concerns about inappropriate growth and neighborhood change.
 - In poor communities, preservation can help limit demolition of historic housing stock & facilitate reuse while providing sufficient room on vacant lots for new, denser construction.
 - In both cases, a major objective of the General Plan is a greater number of mixed-density neighborhoods (more like Midtown & Oak Park) throughout the city, increasing overall housing stock, population density, and walkability, without losing aspects of the neighborhood that make them livable and appealing, regardless of income levels.

Sustainability and Historic Preservation: The city’s Climate Action Plan

- The Greenest Building: embodied energy of existing buildings represents significant energy investment; demolition & new construction means new “green building” is still a massive deficit. Emphasizing construction on vacant lots instead of existing buildings is the greener approach.
- Historic neighborhoods & close-in eligible but not listed neighborhoods were often built to “streetcar suburb” standards, and are thus inherently more transit-oriented than newer neighborhoods; these neighborhoods are also already more likely to use transit or other means compared to farther-out neighborhoods.
- Policies encouraging energy efficient historic rehabs (discussed as potential elements of the HDP) can maximize returns in historic districts to limit GHGs. Preservation incentive programs are also sustainability incentives.

Concept Paper: Arden Way Streetscape

Issue:

Arden way is one of the most heavily traveled routes into North Sacramento. It is the way most of North Sacramento connects to amenities such as Arden Fair Mall and shopping in the Arden Arcade area, but only by automobile. It's hard to imagine a road that is less pedestrian and bicycle friendly than Arden Way between Del Paso Blvd and the Business 80 overpass. With the Addition of 128 new affordable housing units being built by Community Housing Works at the intersection of Royal Oaks and Arden Way and the proposed Arden Gateway project being built by SKK and Grupe at Arden Fair, we feel it is time to discuss making substantial improvements to Arden Way between Business 80 and Del Paso Boulevard.

What we propose is a streetscape project with the following goals.

Goal:

- Make Arden way into either a 2 or 4-lane road with trees and landscaping planted in an island where the center turn lane is currently situated.
- Create a protected bicycle lane
- Update sidewalks to the current size standard to make the corridor more pedestrian friendly.
- Move overhead utilities underground
- Street Diet as needed to achieve these goals.

Request:

1. Ask the City of Sacramento to diligently and expediently study the feasibility as well as possible funding sources for a full streetscape of Arden Way
2. Include the possibility of this streetscape in the update to the North Sacramento general plan.

Concept Paper: North Sacramento Gateway – A Reimagining of Highway 160

Issue:

Each year, cut-thru traffic in Woodlake grows. Continued development in Point West, Expo Parkway, and Natomas will exacerbate this problem.

Previous attempts to divert traffic from the residential area have had minimal success.

This concept paper proposes that the City of Sacramento should diligently study the concept of converting HW 160 into a general-purpose roadway with all-way, signal-controlled intersections at Northgate Boulevard, Del Paso Blvd, and Royal Oaks/Expo Parkway. The working name for the new roadway can be the **North Sacramento Gateway**.

Goal:

- Preserve and enhance vitality of Woodlake.
- Better connect the amenities in Woodlake, like robust transit and parks, with the proposed residential development on the other side of HW 160.
- Improve safety along the HW 160 corridor.
- Improve travel experience for vehicle drivers from the areas surrounding Woodlake.
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian access to and from the area.
- Improve flood safety.
- Improve development potential for the North Sacramento Gateway corridor, unlocking multiple vacant parcels for infill development near the heart of the City.

Discussion:

HW 160 is one of the oldest freeways in America. Conceived before World War II and constructed during the 1940s, it was designed to bypass Del Paso Boulevard and deliver travelers quickly to what was then the edge of town. Most would argue that it was a bad idea from the beginning. Today, it has outlived its design purpose and serves few current needs.

Sacramento wasn't alone in building these follies. Urban planners of the 1940s and 50s built lots of these bypasses. Over the years, many cities have either removed the roads entirely—SR480, the Embarcadero Freeway in San Francisco— or converted them into multi-purposes roadways—SR275 in West Sacramento. No one mourns their loss. Indeed, the communities that have made the switch have prospered.

Substantial development has occurred on and around the site of the former Red Lion hotel at Expo Parkway. These include several medical facilities and a senior housing facility.

There is also a plan for more multifamily residential at that site. Currently, none of these uses has pedestrian or bicycle access to regional transit, which is all across 160 on the Arden Way and Del Paso Blvd. The value of better pedestrian and bicycle access cannot be stressed strongly enough.

Ultimately, transportation engineers will need to determine how best to achieve the transition from State Highway to multimodal boulevard. This concept paper proposes numerous ideas for consideration as part of that transition, including:

Addition of traffic separated pedestrian and bicycle corridor:

A wide, separated corridor for bicycles and pedestrians could be added down the center of the North Sacramento Gateway. It would seamlessly merge with the American River Parkway trails and hopefully push through to Point West. Users could enter/exit the corridor at any intersection.

Northgate Boulevard all-direction intersection:

Northgate Boulevard could have a 4-way intersection to the North Sacramento Gateway, rather than the current two-way access. This could also achieve the long-hoped-for Northgate Weatherization Project that would elevate Northgate Boulevard out of the flood plain. This would involve removing the dirt berms currently under this road. This will improve flood safety by removing these large water flow impediments.

This part of the project is key as it will give Natomas traffic a much shorter path to Point West and Expo Parkway, reducing if not eliminating Woodlake cut-thru from these areas.

Del Paso Boulevard all-direction intersection:

Today, Del Paso Boulevard traffic can only move to and from Downtown. This project would give all-direction ingress and egress from Del Paso to the North Sacramento Gateway. This will give travelers a short-cut around Woodlake to replace the current short-cut thru Woodlake. It would also encourage the employees at the many businesses on the other side of 160 to frequent Del Paso Blvd for coffee, lunch, happy hour, and dinner.

Royal Oaks/Expo Parkway all-direction intersection:

These two roads could be directly connected at one intersection across the North Sacramento Gateway. By giving travelers convenient access to the North Sacramento Gateway and the all-direction intersections at Del Paso and Northgate, it becomes much more efficient to not traverse Woodlake.

Canterbury Road for overcrossing pedestrian and bike only:

As proposed, there will no longer be vehicle access from Canterbury Road to the North Sacramento Gateway. The existing overcrossing will be converted for bicycle and pedestrian use only. Globe Avenue could also be connected to Canterbury Road for better traffic dispersion within Woodlake. Should the land between the current HW 160

and Lochbrae ever be developed, the community could ask for an extension of the Canterbury bike way along the creek to Police and Sheriff Memorial.

Royal Oaks overcrossing removal:

As this would no longer be useful, it could be removed. It could also be left and converted, if possible, to a second pedestrian and bicycle crossing.

Tribute Road/Fee Drive all-direction intersection

We also propose that the city study the viability of adding one more intersection at Tribute Road/Fee Drive. While having little impact on Woodlake traffic, this addition would improve the economic prospects of the Erickson Industrial Park and reduce volumes at the Expo/Royal Oaks intersection.

Driveways:

Commercial properties along the North Sacramento Gateway could be given driveway access rather than the current frontage road arrangements. The space used by the frontage roads could be used to expand the future road where necessary.

Request:

1. Ask the City of Sacramento to diligently and expediently analyze conversion of HW 160 to general purpose roadway, complete with modern features and uses;
2. Discuss the possible roadway conversion in the update to the General Plan and North Sacramento Community Plan.

- POSSIBLE PROJECTS
- CLOSE CANTEBERRY TO VEHICULAR ACCESS
 - ARCADE CREEK BIKE (CLASS 1) TRAIL
 - MORE ^{BIKE} CONNECTIVITY TO TITUS GRID
~~MORE RT~~
 - WOODLAKE GREEN BELT PARK DEVELOPMENT (ICE HOUSE SLOUGH)
 - AESTHETICALLY PLEASING SOUNDWALL ON 160 HWY.
 - DEVELOP ON VACANT LOT AT 160/APP INTERSECTION
 - MORE SIDEWALKS!!! (SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES)



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