## **Altadena Coalition of** Neighborhood Associations (ACONA) Let's keep Altadena "The best neighborhood in LA County!" Nov 29, 2023



### Agenda for Tonight's Meeting 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

7:00 PM – 7:02 PM Quick introductions and welcome

7:02 PM – 7:07 PM ACONA Question/Concern Round Up Nic Arnzen, Altadena Town Council Council and ACONA Planning

7:07 PM – 7:17 Enforcement Questions by ACONA Captain Williams, Altadena Sheriffs

7:17 PM – 7:37 PM Traffic Safety and Mobility Committee - Dorothy Wong, Altadena Town Council

7:37 PM – 7:57 PM Update on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety in Altadena - Julian Garcia, PE Public Works LA County

7:57 PM – 8:17 PM West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Adrine Arakelian ,LA County Planning

8:17 PM – 8:30 PM Q&A

## Your ACONA Team

- Elliot Gold
- Nina Ehlig
- Ellen Walton
- Nic Arnzen
- Captain Jabari Williams

- Holly Rundberg
- Carlotta Martin
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## 7:02 PM – 7:07 PM ACONA COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

### Nic Arnzen, Altadena Town Council

Since you asked...

### Devil's Gate Reservoir Update

This project was implemented to provide a sustainable maintenance regime at Devil's Gate Dam to protect downstream communities from flooding.

#### Nov 14 Annual Work Completed

Sediment Management Plan has a more detailed explanation of work that occurs in the reservoir during the storm season (Page 2) <u>https://pw.lacounty.gov/swe/devilsgate/docs/Devils-Gate-</u> <u>Reservoir-Annual-Maintenance-Plan.pdf</u>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact LA County Public Works at: devilsgateproject@pw.lacounty.gov or call the project hotline at (626)-458-2507.

https://pw.lacounty.gov/swe/devilsgate/

### Supervisor Barger's motion for a 120 Day review of pop-up vendors in limited Unincorporated regions including Altadena

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works, in collaboration with County Counsel and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, to report back in writing within 120 days with a draft ordinance for the regulation of the placement of stationary equipment, mobile carts, or any other activities that obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or create interference with visibility or sight line, or other impacts to the safe operation and maintenance of public rights of way within the unincorporated communities of Altadena, La Crescenta, Charter Oak, and Castaic.



#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING YOUR RATES Altadena/Kinneloa Mesa

Los Angeles County Public Works provides trash collection and recycling services to residents in unincorporated areas across the County. Public Works is committed to providing high quality and cost-effective services to customers while accounting for increases in fuel and labor costs, landfill fees, and keeping organic waste out of landfills. Public Works has authorized an annual rate adjustment to address these cost increases.

Effective July 1, 2023, the monthly basic trash collection rate in your community will increase from \$32.58 to \$34.31. The higher rate will not be reflected on the invoices until October, which will include the difference for this quarter's rates.

Senior discounts and rates for additional services will also be adjusted. A rate sheet for these services will be with your next invoice and available for download on Public Works' website. Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Ángeles proporciona servicios de recolección y reciclaje de basura a los residentes en áreas no incorporadas por el Condado. Obras Públicas se compromete a proporcionar servicios de alta calidad y costo efectivo a los clientes mientras se tiene en cuenta los aumentos en los costos de combustibles y laborales, las tarifas de los vertederos y la eliminación de los desechos orgánicos en los vertederos. Obras Públicas ha autorizado un ajuste anual de la tarifa para satisfacer estos aumentos.

A partir del 1 de julio de 2023, la tarifa básica mensual de recolección de basura en su comunidad aumentará de \$32.58 a \$34.31. La tarifa más alta no se reflejará en las cuentas hasta octubre, que incluirá la diferencia de las tarifas de este trimestre.

También se ajustarán los descuentos y las tarifas de servicios adicionales para personas mayores. Una hoja de tarifas para estos servicios se encontrará con su próxima cuenta y estará disponible para descargar en el sitio web de Obras Públicas.



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### Altadena/Kinneloa Mesa

MULCH/COMPOST GIVEAWAY AND SHREDDING EVENT

EVENTO GRATUITO DE ABONO/ MANTILLO Y TRITURACIÓN

### December 9, 2023

7 a.m.–11 a.m.

#### 581 West Loma Alta Drive Altadena, CA 91001

#### Proof of residency required (California I.D. or Invoice/Statement)

#### **Receive FREE mulch and compost**

- Available first come , first serve
- Drive up and gather material in your own sturdy containers
- No plastic bags allowed

#### Shred documents for FREE

 Unlimited residential documents (business waste not accepted)

#### Se requiere comprobante de domicilio (Identificación de California o factura)

#### Reciba abono y mantillo GRATIS

- Disponible por orden de llegada
- Conduzca y recoja material en sus propios contenedores resistentes
- No se permitirán bolsas de plástico

#### Triturar documentos GRATIS

 Cantidad ilimitada de papeleo residencial (no se aceptan desechos comerciales) www.AltadenaWILD.org

Community Outreach Continues Over 5,500 Signatures on Petition of Opposition 60% Altadena, 20% Pasadena 414 Yard Signs Distributed Newsletter #4 posted online October 22

<u>Community Events Supported</u> Altadena Community Garden Picnic (Sept 30) Coming Up! Christmas Tree Lane Lighting & Arts/Crafts Festival (Dec 09)

AltadenaWILD has been granted 501(c)(3) status. <u>Donations are tax-deductible</u>l Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to AltadenaWILD, Inc., a grassroots, all-volunteer, community-based organization serving as a voice for the Altadena foothills.

We seek to raise \$70,000 to prepare a credible response to Environmental Impact Reports expected in 2024. Donations will help AW with legal, scientific and engineering analyses.

**Get the Facts – Donate – Sign the Petition** *Preservation Without Degradation* 

Enforcement Questions by ACONA Captain Williams, Altadena Sheriffs JAWillia@lasd.org

### 7:17 PM – 7:37 PM Traffic Safety and Mobility Committee

Dorothy Wong Altadena Town Council



The Altadena Town Council Safe Streets Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of each month via ZOOM.

JOIN THE NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 12/21 - 7PM RSVP: Bit.ly/altadena-safe-streets or via QR Code:



AltadenaTown Council.org/safe-streets

**Summer 2022** 

#### Altadena Train the Trainer Walking and Biking Assessment















Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.









7:20-7:40pm Update on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety in Altadena

Julian Garcia, PE LA County Public Works



### Update on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety in Altadena

November 29, 2023

### Objectives

- 1. Share summary of the Board Motion Report for the Altadena Safe Streets Board Motion.
- 2. Present and obtain input on the proposed quick-build improvements mentioned in the Board Motion Response.





#### January Board Motion Study Corridors

- Holliston Avenue (between Altadena Drive and New York Drive)
- Fair Oaks Avenue (between Loma Alta Drive and Altadena Drive)
- Mendocino Street (between Lake Avenue and Allen Avenue)



#### Holliston Avenue Improvements - Completed

- Installation of stop controls at intersection of Holliston Avenue and Altadena Drive.
- continental crosswalks and corresponding signage at all stop-controlled intersections along Holliston Avenue.
- Installation of raised reflective markers along existing centerline striping.
- Installation of edge striping to guide vehicles to reinforce the separation between the travel lanes and the parking lanes/shoulder areas.
- Installation of red curb and white edge lines near intersections and around curb returns to enhance visibility.
- Installation of enhanced reflective signage and pavement markings at stop-controlled intersections.



#### Fair Oaks Avenue Improvements - Completed

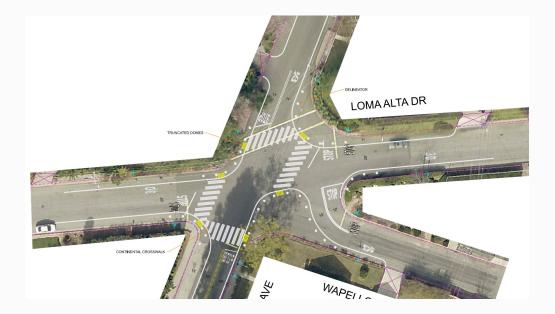
- Installation of stop controls at intersection of Fair Oaks Avenue and Palm Street.
- Expansion of project limits to include Palm Street from Fair Oaks Avenue to Glenrose Avenue.
- Installation of continental crosswalks and corresponding signage at all stop-controlled intersections along Fair Oaks Avenue.
- Installation of raised reflective markers along existing centerline striping.
- Installation of edge striping to guide vehicles to reinforce the separation between the travel lanes and the parking lanes/shoulder areas.
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#### Fair Oaks Avenue Improvements – Pending

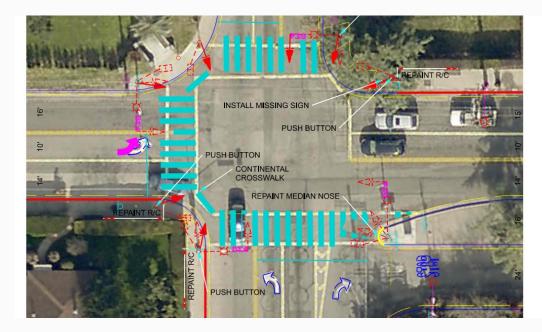
- Intersection reconfiguration at Fair Oaks Avenue and Loma Alta Drive.
- Intersection upgrades at Fair Oaks Avenue and Altadena Drive.
- Sidewalk Feasibility Study along Fair Oaks Avenue.





Fair Oaks Avenue at Loma Alta Drive





Fair Oaks Avenue at Altadena Drive



#### **Mendocino Street Improvements - Ongoing**

- Installation of continental crosswalks and corresponding signage at stop-controlled intersections along Mendocino Street.
- Installation of raised reflective markers along existing centerline striping.
- Installation of edge striping to guide vehicles to reinforce the separation between the travel lanes and the parking lanes/shoulder areas.
- Installation of red curb and white edge lines near intersections and around curb returns to enhance visibility.
- Installation of enhanced reflective signage and pavement markings at stop-controlled intersections.

#### Mendocino Street Improvements - Pending

• Installation of bicycle facilities along Mendocino Street.



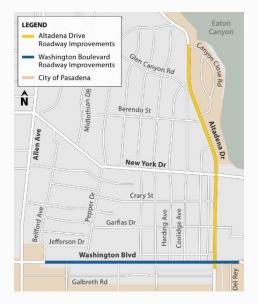
#### **Other Current/Upcoming Traffic Safety Projects**

- Multi-Way Stop Controls at Windsor Avenue and Figueroa Street
- Multi-Way Stop Controls at Woodbury Road and Santa Rosa Avenue
- Multi-Way Stop Controls at Lake Avenue and Mount Curve Avenue
- Multi-Way Stop Controls at Lake Avenue at Concha Street
- Multi-Way Stop Controls at Ventura St and Tola Avenue
- Speed Cushions on Mar Vista between Mendocino Street and New York Drive
- Speed Cushions on Casitas Avenue between Figueroa Drive and Woodbury Road
- Speed Cushions on Sinaloa Avenue between New York Drive and Oakwood Street
- Speed Cushions on Calaveras Street between Marengo Avenue and Santa Anita Avenue



#### Altadena Drive and Washington Boulevard Roadway Improvement Project

- Los Angeles County Public Works, in collaboration with the City of Pasadena will be reconstructing approximately 2 miles of roadway on Altadena Drive and Washington Boulevard.
  - Repair and reconstruction of damaged curbs, sidewalks, gutters, driveway aprons and curb ramps
  - Modification of traffic signals
  - Storm drain extension
  - Resurface the roadway
  - Tree root pruning and replacement
- Construction to begin in Summer2024 and continue through Summer 2025.
- AltadenaWashingtonImprovements.com





### Next Steps

### **QUESTIONS?**



### Contact Us

Julian Garcia, PE Principal Engineer jugarcia@pw.lacounty.gov

Contact Public Works: (626) 458-5100 https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contact/



## West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

## Adrine Arakelian LA County Planning



# West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

11/29/2023

Community Studies – East wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov



## Agenda

- Planning Overview
- West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Overview
- Community Overview
- Visioning Workshop Responses
- Preliminary Land Use and Zoning Strategies Overview
- Q&A



## Planning Overview

#### **Los Angeles County Planning**

- LA County Planning facilitates the planning and permit processes for private property in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.
- LA County Planning includes multiple Divisions, related to Development Services, Land Use Regulation and Enforcement, and Long-Range Planning.
- Long-range planning, includes Area and Community Plans and helps guide how communities might change over time.



#### **General Plan & Area Plans**

#### LA County General Plan

- Lays out values and vision countywide for healthy, livable, and sustainable communities.
- Established the Planning Areas Framework.

#### West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan:

• Builds on General Plan goals, priorities, and programs at a more local scale area for diverse housing, jobs, and services.





#### **Community Involvement**

- Community involvement is vital through all phases of the project, from visioning to project adoption.
- <u>Planning is a process</u>. Planners are facilitators tasked with helping communities realize their desired community vision, and for finding ways for the community to meet that vision.
  - Visioning Process: Where are we going? This is the destination.
  - Area Plan Process: *How do we get there?* This is the roadmap.



## West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

#### West San Gabriel Valley Communities

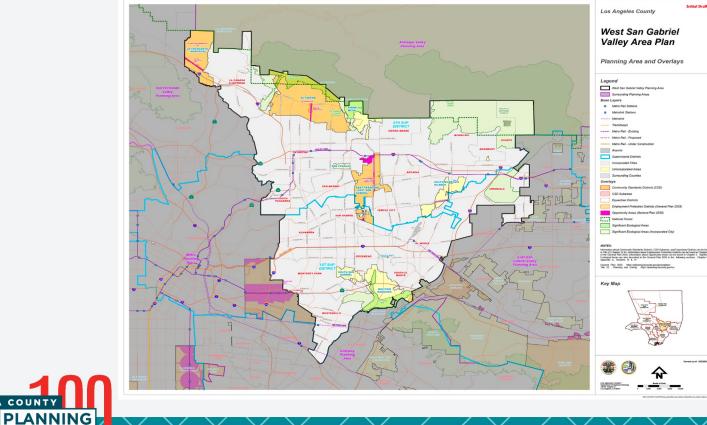
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- La Crescenta Montrose
- Altadena

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- Kinneloa Mesa
- San Pasqual
- East Pasadena East San Gabriel
- South El Monte Island
- South Monrovia Islands
- South San Gabriel
- Whittier Narrows

#### **Project Area- West San Gabriel Valley**



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#### **Area Plan Project Components**

- Area Plan (Land Use Planning and Policy Document)
- Area Plan ordinance (Updates to LA County Code Title 22)

- Area-specific technical/topic studies
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Community engagement and stakeholder outreach

#### **Planning Process**

- 1. Visioning
- 2. Reports/Studies/Map Analysis
- 3. Environmental Document Scoping Meeting
- 4. Plan Drafting
- 5. Draft Dialogue(s) stakeholder meetings/workgroups
- 6. Plan Editing

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- 7. Public Review Draft Area Plan and Draft EIR
- 8. Public Hearings

(Community Outreach is constant throughout the project)

#### **Plan Elements**

- Land Use
- Mobility

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- Conservation and Open Space
- Public Services and Open Space

- Economic Development
- Historic Preservation

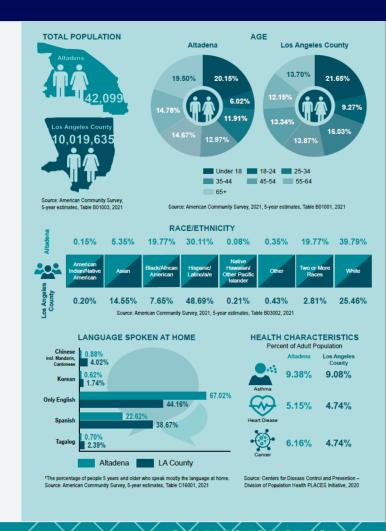
## Altadena

#### **Demographic & Health Profile**

- Community Size: 8.5 square-mile area
- Population: 43,344

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- Population Density: 5,061 people/square mile
- Total Housing Units: 7,375 Housing Units
- Single and Multi-Family Housing: 90% - Single-family -(County Avg: 54.6%) 9% - Multi-family - (County Avg: 43.7%)



### **Altadena Characteristics**

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- Scenic Qualities. San Gabriel Mountains dramatic backdrop. Significant ridgelines protected.
- **Natural Resources**. Ridges, slopes and canyons; Significant Ecological Areas; Riparian areas rivers/water channels; Vegetation and wildlife.
- **Open Space & Trails.** Angeles National Forest, Arroyo Seco/Hahamonga, Eaton Canyon; trails to canyons.
- **Transportation**. I-210 runs south through Pasadena. Transit options limited.
- Lake Avenue & Commercial Areas. Lake Avenue as main-street, with other commercial corridors Fair Oaks, Lincoln, Washington, Woodbury, Allen
- Historic Resources & Equestrian District. Historic and cultural resources foster a distinct identity for Altadena's built environment and communities.

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### Altadena Community Plan

- WSGVAP will update and incorporate Altadena Community Plan (CP)
- CP Land Use Policy map will be converted to equivalent in General Plan
- Altadena Community Plan adopted in 1986
- Altadena Community Plan Goals and Vision:
  - o Preserve residential character of community
  - o Revitalize commercial and industrial areas
  - o Lake Avenue as the mixed-use main street a distinct, vibrant, heart of Altadena
  - Maintain and improve light industrial along Woodbury Rd.
- Questions What's working? What needs revision/reassessing? What's missing?

## Altadena Visioning Workshop Responses & Feedback

#### **Community Values:**

- 1. Access to nature for passive and active recreation and beauty.
- 2. Preserved natural areas, including mountains, ridges, and dark skies, and the beauty of the landscape.
- 3. A place for wildlife.
- Neighborhoods as places friendly and neighborly places to informally gather and socialize.
- 5. Vibrant communities and commercial areas with safe walking to local shops.



#### **Major Themes for Change:**

- 1. Make Altadena Safe for Walking and Riding
- 2. Provide a Variety of Context-Sensitive Housing Types
- 3. Maintain Community Character and Uniqueness of Altadena
- 4. Walkable and Vibrant Commercial Districts
- 5. Protect Open Space
- 6. Equitable Altadena More resources and investments for West Altadena



#### <u>Assets:</u>

- 1. Access to Natural Areas and Open Space
- 2.Local Identity
- **3.Community Facilities**
- 4. Active Community-Based Organizations:
- **5.Historic and Distinct Sites**



#### **Opportunities for Improvement:**

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- 1. Improved Access to Parks and Open Space:
  - More parks and playgrounds in south and west Altadena and on east/west streets.
  - Need to consistently close the Cheney Gate trail to cars evenings/weekends.

#### 2. Improved Infrastructure and Services:

- o Need better infrastructure and investment in south and west Altadena
- o Safe streets for walking and biking and climate resilient infrastructure
- 3. Retail and Commercial Use Improvements:
  - Underutilized and vacant commercial land and adapted to housing and mixed use.
  - Many liquor stores should serve as more neighborhood corner stores.
  - Reduced parking requirements and by-right outdoor dining.

#### Additional Issues/Needs:1.

- 1. Nature Preservation & Hazard Safety:
  - $\,\circ\,$  Safeguard local trees. Preserve night skies. Avoid developing in sensitive areas.
  - o Reduce development potential in High Fire Hazard areas.
- 2. Housing & Equity:
  - $\,\circ\,$  Access to affordable housing options. Missing middle housing. .
  - o Require green space, community space in multi-family developments.
  - $\,\circ\,$  Safe streets and biking, especially in West Altadena.
- 3. Community Engagement:
  - o Need more community engagement for public and private development projects.

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 $\circ\,$  Should involve the community early in the process.



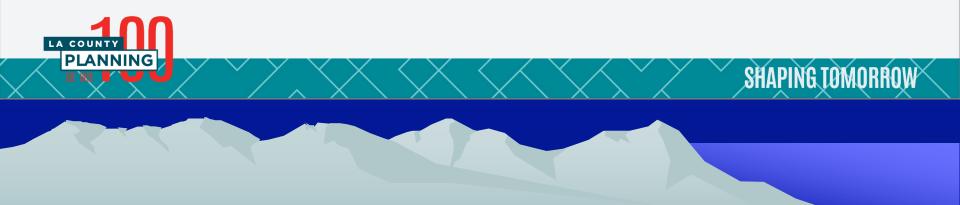
## Preliminary Land Use Strategies

### **Objectives**

The Area Plan should support the following objectives:

- Protect People and the Environment
- Increase Housing Diversity
- Promote Economic Stability
- Enrich Community Culture
- Increase Active Transportation (Walking & Biking)

These objectives are prioritized by adopted plans, elements, and strategies, including the LA County General Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Action Plan, Housing Element, and Safety Element.



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GOAL	STRATEGIES
DIVERSE	<ul> <li>Employment, housing, retail, and recreation within walking distance</li> <li>Provide "missing middle" housing options</li> <li>Focus growth near transit and major intersections</li> </ul>



GOAL	STRATEGIES
WALKABLE	<ul> <li>Village centers at key intersections.</li> <li>Walk, roll, or take transit to daily goods and services.</li> <li>Open space connected to neighborhoods by greenways and walking paths.</li> </ul>







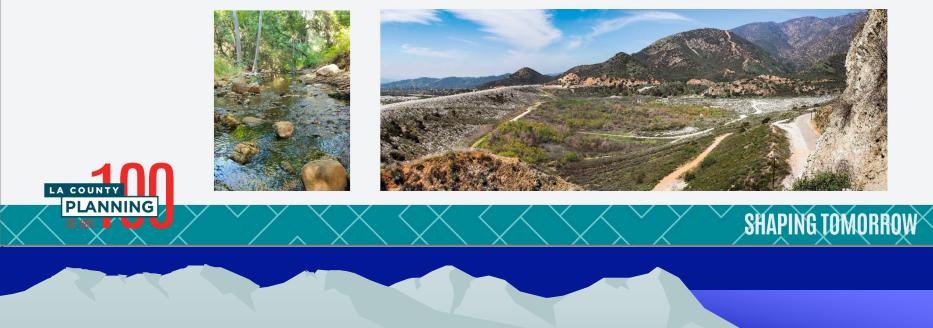
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GOAL	STRATEGIES
CONNECTED	<ul> <li>Foster community identity.</li> <li>Provide safe, enjoyable and convenient routes.</li> <li>Beautify the public realm.</li> <li>Encourage pedestrian activity.</li> </ul>

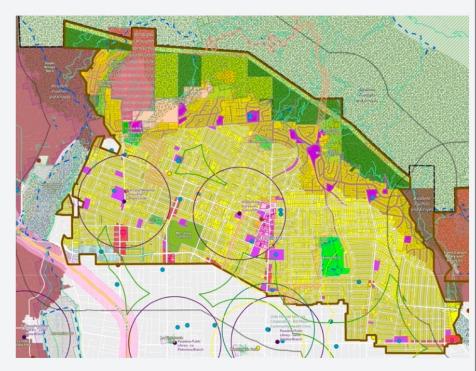


GOAL	STRATEGIES
CONSERVE ତ PRESERVE	<ul> <li>Maintain community character.</li> <li>Enhance local assets.</li> <li>Direct development away from hazard areas.</li> <li>Conserve natural resources and scenic hillsides.</li> </ul>



#### **Altadena Considerations**

- Housing Diversity. Expand housing options near transit and commercial nodes to address housing costs and diverse housing needs.
- **Pedestrian Connectivity.** Create safe, green pathways for pedestrians to access to existing community amenities.
- **Natural Resources.** The northern portion of the community includes parts of the Altadena Foothills and Arroyos Significant Ecological Area.

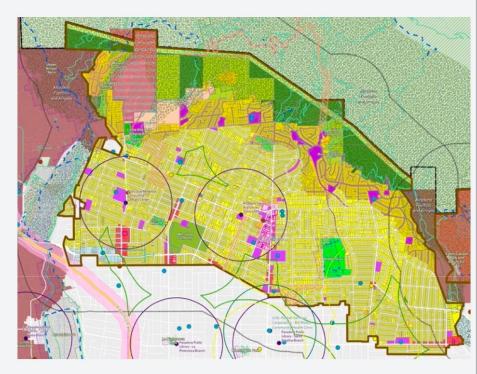


#### **Altadena Considerations**

- Access to Trails and Open Space. Proximity to trails and open spaces offers opportunities to connect to nature. Improve access from all areas of Altadena.
- **Transit Connectivity. T**ransit alternatives to connect to commercial centers, facilities, employment, and areas where walking is not feasible.
- Lake Avenue as Community Core and Commercial Vibrancy Community-wide. Diverse land uses, walkability, beautification, and economic development while fostering distinct local identity.

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# Next Steps

#### **Next Steps**

- Incorporate input from the visioning workshops.
- Identify areas to conserve, sustain, and grow based off feedback.
- Continue community outreach, including stakeholder groups.
- Ongoing work Area Plan's environmental review, ordinance, and historic preservation process.



#### **Contact Us**

LA County Planning, Community Studies - East (213) 974-6425 | <u>wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov</u>

West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Website: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/wsgvap/

Visit the Area Plan website for the latest updates, documents and events. You can also sign up for email updates on the Area Plan website.



# THANK YOU!

## Questions?

### **Next ACONA Meeting**

- January 23, 2024
- March 26, 2024
- May 28, 2024
- September 24, 2024
- November 30 2024 (A Wednesday)