

General Plan Implementation Review Committee

Planning and Development Department

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Overview of Today's Meeting

- Review Any Outstanding Questions
- Action on Current Motions
 - Discussion/debate will be limited to 2 minutes per item.
- Add on Motions
 - Majority of committee must be willing to accept additional motions.
- Report Discussion



Motions



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Motion Number	Chapter	Action	Category	Committee Member who Made the Motion	Committee Member who Seconded the Motion	Motion
1	4		Fiscal Analysis	Jeff Roberts	Gary Giannetta	Motion asking staff to provide a list of additional flexibility opportunities for us in in doing Traffic Information Studies.
2	4		Execution of Policy	Gary Giannetta	Sal Gonzales	To have the Development and Resource Management Department schedule meetings with members of the development community to resolve conflicts between the General Plan and the Development Code and make needed revisions to the Development Code when needed.
3	5		Fiscal Analysis	Darius Assemi	Jeff Roberts	Motion that one hundred percent of the Park Impact Fee be credited for parks and trails built within new development. If the developer chooses not to build a these amenities, one-hundred percent of the Park Impact Fee must be spent on park and trail amenities in that development region.
4	5		Rec. General Plan Update	Mariah Thompson	Daniel Brannick	Motion to create a no net loss policy for park land in the city of Fresno so that when park land is converted into other uses or land that is previously held as being available for park land is converted to other uses such as housing, that the city identifies similar acreage per park land.
5	5		Rec. General Plan Update	Mariah Thompson	Grecia Elenes	Motion for the city to include a policy to promote retrofitting, pre-existing water basins, recharge basins that are currently being used as park space.



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6	5		Fiscal Analysis	Mariah Thompson	Cary Catalano	Motion to remove policy POSS-2-d for siting parks next to freeways.
7	5		Fiscal Analysis	Mariah Thompson	Keith Bergthold	Motion to create a policy that explicitly states that the city will actively seek ATP funding and State Park funding.
8	5		Fiscal Analysis	Grecia Elenes	Mariah Thompson	Motion to develop strategies that would mitigate environmentally harmful impacts of brownfield/potentially toxic sites and other environmentally burdensome land uses on existing park and open spaces. (ex. Green barrier) <i>POSS-1-f — Healthy Communities and Poorly Placed Parks. Strategies to improve existing parks near unhealthy uses (i.e. industrial facilities or freeways) should be developed with the surrounding community that would improve health impacts for those using the park. Similarly, parks on top of landfills will be discussed with the community to identify what solutions nearby residents would like to see come out of toxic green spaces.</i>
9	6	Withdrawn	Fiscal Analysis	Patience Milrod	Joe White	Motion that the Report of this Committee recommend to the City Council that it require that a Master Fiscal Impact Study be completed prior to, and preferably in conjunction with, adoption of a new General Plan, or any amendment, update, or revision of the 2014 City of Fresno General Plan.



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10	6		Fiscal Analysis	Patience Milrod	Grecia Elenes	Motion: that the Report of this Committee recommend to the City Council that it require as a condition of entitlement approvals that any new development be water-neutral—that it be both water-efficient, and that it fund or develop facilities to offset its water use. Any impact fees must
11	7		Rec. General Plan Update	Patience Milrod	Unknown (needs a second)	Motion to amend the Greenhouse Gas Emissions narrative (General Plan, Section 7.3, pages 7-15 – 7-17) to reflect new scientific understanding of climate change impacts on the San Joaquin Valley, including effect on electricity supply, air quality, and temperature/extreme weather events.
12	7		Fiscal Analysis	Patience Milrod	Grecia Elenes	Motion to amend the City’s Climate Action Plan to update metrics and significant-impact levels based on most-recent science.
13	7		Fiscal Analysis	Patience Milrod	Mariah Thompson	Motion to amend RC-4-b to read as follows: Conditions of Approval. Develop and incorporate air quality maintenance requirements, compatible with Air Quality Attainment and Maintenance Plans, as conditions of approval for General Plan amendments, community plans, Specific Plans, neighborhood plans, Concept Plans, and development proposals, requiring that average water and electricity consumption and air quality impacts of proposed single-family residential developments be equivalent to or less than water and electricity consumption and air quality impacts of the average multi-family home in Fresno.



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14	10		Execution of Policy	Mariah Thompson	Grecia Elenes	Motion to have City explore strategies to encourage development of more fresh food options (grocery stores, farmers markets, etc.) such as development incentives, especially within known food deserts.
15	10		Execution of Policy	Mariah Thompson	Grecia Elenes	Motion to have City explore options for expanding the current Housing-Related Illness Assessment and Testing (blood lead levels, etc.) and additional types of funding that could be used to expand that program to provide for more proactive rather than reactive testing.
16	10		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Mariah Thompson	Motion to include at the beginning of the chapter a section acknowledging the racial and socioeconomic injustices that have taken place in South Fresno communities resulting in the unhealthy community status that we often see.
17	10		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Mariah Thompson	Motion to include a policy where the city would provide a type of reparation for black residents where the city would apologize and amend for decades of enforcing and implementing discriminatory policies that destroyed black communities. (example: City of Asheville, NC) Language should also include how the city would move forward working with black residents.
18	10		Fiscal Analysis	Grecia Elenes	Cary Catalano	Motion to define heavy land uses as heavy industrial, light industrial, regional business park, and business park; and sensitive land uses as parks, schools, residential, and religious institutions. Also add that the determined distance shall be determined on evidence-based research that reduces cancer risks and other diseases the public is predisposed to by being within certain feet of certain facilities and accompanying heavy-duty vehicle fleet



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19	10		Fiscal Analysis	Grecia Elenes	Mariah Thompson	Motion creating an institutionalized process with where the city would work with the Department of Public Health and community to provide a climate change assessment whenever substantial land use decisions are being made.
20	10		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Daniel Brannick	Motion to include language to prioritize established neighborhoods and investing equitably.
21	10		Execution of Policy	Grecia Elenes	Mariah Thompson	Motion to identify incentives that would encourage farmers markets as a short-term food access solution, especially within known food deserts.
22	10		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Mariah Thompson	Motion to include language in which the City would work with the community to identify strategies of alleyway and street beautification and safety, especially those near schools.
23	10		Fiscal Analysis	Steve Brandau	Darius Assemi	Motion to revisit/revise the agriculture mitigation portion of the general plan.
24	10		Execution of Policy	Daniel Brannick	Mariah Thompson	Motion would be to update the Healthy Communities chapter to address and incorporate the cannabis ordinance as necessary.



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25	10		Execution of Policy	Mariah Thompson	Grecia Elenes	Motion that the city explore options for the creation of community kitchens in Fresno as a way to address both the issue about access to healthy food and also to assist small businesses and others that need commercial kitchens in order to prepare food for sale.
26	11		Fiscal Analysis	Don Simmons	Mariah Thompson	Motion to encourage the City to establish a designated ROC (Resident Owned Community) fund and seek State and Federal funding to assist mobile home park residents in home ownership. The establishment of the ROC fund, along with the reengagement of the Mobile Home Park Rental Committee, will provide greater resident stability in these parks.
27	11		Rec. General Plan Update	Mariah Thompson	Don Simmons	Motion to eliminate Program 25 from Housing Element related to policing.
28	11		Fiscal Analysis	Mariah Thompson	Cary Catalano	Motion to add a program to the Housing Element that actively tracks at-risks subsidized properties, including LHTC properties.
29	11		Fiscal Analysis	Darius Assemi	Sal Gonzales	Motion to have City study perimeter development and cost of development in SEDA and West of 99, including analysis of a Mello-Roos district and the fiscal impacts of VMT per home.



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30	11		Fiscal Analysis	Keith Bergthold	Daniel Brannick	EIFD: Pursue expanded Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) for the balance of the city's mixed-use zoned and BRT corridor areas, including Shaw Avenue, Ventura-Kings Canyon, Elm & California Avenues in SW Fresno, and the balance of Blackstone Avenue not already covered.
31	11		Fiscal Analysis	Keith Bergthold	Mariah Thompson	Senate Bill 743: Prioritize mitigation fund for affordable housing development in High Opportunity Areas as defined in the 2017 Housing Element Annual Report: https://www.fresno.gov/darm/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2018/03/HCDCpresentation32818.pdf
32	11	Approved (Unanimous)	Fiscal Analysis	Keith Bergthold	Joe White	Motion to conduct a Fiscal Impact Analyses to measure the variable financial sustainability impacts of General Plan Land Use and Development Policies on General Plan Implementation. Include a comparative economic and market analyses of various jurisdictional plan approvals, development policies, public infrastructure and service platforms, zoned land capacities, development product types, market demand and more in the proximate jurisdictions to Fresno.
33	11		Fiscal Analysis	Keith Bergthold	Mariah Thompson	Motion to include language requiring a minimum of one unit or 10% of project units, whichever is greater, as an affordable housing inclusion development requirement for all market-rate single-family and multiple-family housing projects of 5 units/lots or more built in the City of Fresno.
34	11		Fiscal Analysis	Matt Smith	Darius Assemi	Motion to have the City study the relationship of implementing VMT and the effect on RHNA goals.



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35	12	Approved (Unanimous)	Fiscal Analysis	Nick Yovino	Cary Catalano	Create a separate section in the annual city of Fresno budget titled "general plan implementation". It shall include work program efforts (prioritized over multiple years) and proper funding for all city departments that implement respective goals, objectives, policies, and programs of the general plan. Capital improvement program projects and infrastructure expenditures related to the implementation of the general plan shall also be included in this budget section. When this section is presented during the annual budget adoption process, a current fiscal year general plan implementation progress report shall also be presented. The report must include a construction (new/rehabilitation/reuse) activity summary for both infill and new growth areas...and an evaluation of how this activity relates to general plan projections and goals. The fiscal impacts of this activity shall also be presented and evaluated.



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36	12		Rec. General Plan Update	Nick Yovino	Sal Gonzales	Advocate state legislation mandating a “regional planning and cooperation element” in all city and county general plans. The state office of planning and research (OPR) shall define the regional areas and develop guidelines for the element that will include: - A requirement to jointly develop a methodology to formulate a mutually acceptable range and timeline of projected population growth and needed housing units for each jurisdiction and the defined region. This will include affordable housing units fairly allocated to every jurisdiction. - A requirement to jointly formulate and adopt some common goals, objectives, policies, and programs which could cooperatively be implemented and measured. These can be related to coordinating concurrent sphere of influence line adjustments, reducing air pollution, preserving farmland, promoting sustainable new growth, revitalizing older neighborhoods, connected multimodal transportation, programing and sharing costs for capital improvement and infrastructure projects, and providing more cost effective/efficient public safety and other services. - A requirement for joint board(s) of supervisor and mayor/city council public meetings to discuss and act on the above...and other issues of common interest. A requirement for OPR to conduct a periodic joint review of local government general plans by defined regional area. The review shall include a report on element compliance. Reports shall be submitted to affected mayors, city councils, county boards of supervisors, the state legislature, and the governor.



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37	12		Fiscal Analysis	Nick Yovino	Keith Bergthold	Establish a centralized operation for the processing of development entitlement and construction permit applications within the planning and development department. This operation would continually house a consolidated staff from all city departments reviewing projects for acceptance, and complete processing. It would include a full time member of the city attorney's office and be led by a single manager. Staff in this centralized operation from other city departments would still apply project comments and requirements from their respective departments.
38	10		Execution of Policy	Mariah Thompson	New Motion - needs a second	No later than June 30, 2021, create the previously-enacted Food Policy Council or equivalent; the FPC to address each of the following issues (previously raised as separate motions 14, 21 and 25)
39	7		Execution of Policy	Mariah Thompson	New Motion - needs a second	Motion that the City of Fresno is to commit to public and community-based process to identify infrastructure shortfalls SB 244.
40	9		Execution of Policy	Mariah Thompson	New Motion - needs a second	Motion that the City must adopt tools to measure decibel levels to determine noise pollution
41	3		Execution of Policy	Mariah Thompson	New Motion - needs a second	Motion that no later than June 30, 2021, resurrect the previously-enacted Mobile home Park Rent Review and Stabilization Committee (particularly important right now to protect vulnerable affordable housing stock, and also as a model for the County of Fresno).



Break



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42	8		Execution of Policy	Don Simmons	New Motion - needs a second	Motion to provide direction to the HPC and Planning Dept. staff for HPC to prioritize the adoption of Historic Districts on the HPC monthly agendas and recommend at least one new historic district per calendar year during the duration of this specific plan, using the previously prioritized district list (by the HPC). This list identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chinatown Historic District o Yosemite Ave. Historic District o Hitching Posts Thematic Historic District o Modernist/MCM Thematic Historic District o Adoline/Palm Historic District o Fulton/Downtown Historic District and other districts.
43	8		Execution of Policy	Don Simmons	New Motion - needs a second	Motion to develop protocols for the nominations to the HPC by Council members and the mayor to allow for greater representation of under-represented communities for service on the HPC.
44	8		Execution of Policy	Don Simmons	New Motion - needs a second	Motion to strengthen the powers and responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Maintenance "Strike Team" which is composed of members of FFD, FPD, Code Enforcement and HPC. This team should provide a bi-monthly report to the Director of Planning as well as City Council to provide information on which designated historic properties, (listed and heritage) are in danger of demolition by neglect.



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45	8		Execution of Policy	Don Simmons	New Motion - needs a second	Motion to provide greater visibility of the list of designated historic properties (listed, heritage and potential) at the permitting counter for all proposed new buildings and developments within the city sphere of influence.
46	32		Rec. General Plan Update	Mariah Thompson	New Motion - needs a second	Motion that the City will form working groups of Environmental Justice advocates and community members to ensure robust compliance with SB 1000 (community engagement in support of an Environmental Justice Element)—definitely in connection with the next General Plan Update, but also in the event that this Committee’s recommendations result in amendment sooner than the Update of 2 or more General Plan elements.
47	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Daniel Brannick	Unknown (needs a second)	Motion to recommend that any comprehensive updates to General Plan should include an update to the Mobility and Transportation Element which addresses TNCs, ridesharing, and shared transportation.
48	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommending implementing policy (4-26): Funding transportation improvements will be consistent with existing plans like the General Plan, ATP, Community and Specific plans, and the RTP/SCS.



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49	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommendation implementing policy (4-26): Equitably distribute transportation funding from local, state, and federal sources to support safety infrastructure improvements in established neighborhoods that have seen the least amount of investment or need substantial improvements.
50	4	Withdrawn	Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommendation (4-33): Modify MT-2-j to include language around working with local non-profits and community groups to identify and support grant applications.
51	4	Withdrawn	Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommendation (4-36): Remove “ to the extent consistent with this General Plan, continue to” from MT-4-a.
52	4	Withdrawn	Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommendation (4-37) : Modify MT-4-k to include “ work with bike, pedestrian, or active travel advocacy groups or nonprofits to support educational programs for the public”



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53	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommendation (4-38): Modify MT-5-a to include “ in collaboration with communities or organizations working with communities to identify infrastructure improvements to pursue funding for” .
54	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Daniel Brannick	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommendation (4-47): Modify MT-11-c to incorporate guidance that truck routes should avoid sensitive receptors (housing, schools, parks religious institutions, etc.).
55	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommendation (4-46): Modify MT-11 to include language of “while reducing emissions” and set goals consistent with EO N-70-20 and create new implementing policy to support and require within a timeline consistent with the state to transition to zero-emission goods movement. This includes requiring infrastructure construction or at least an easy transition for new development, and actively seeking funds to support this transition. - Resource: CARB Freight Handbook



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56	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	<p>Recommendation: new objective: Transportation planning and funding will be aligned with our statewide climate goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing policies: actively seek funding to support infrastructure and capital improvements - Work with entities, including, non-profits, community groups, and financial institutions, to identify and competitively apply for funding sources and create educational programs to support a transition from diesel to cleaner alternatives like electric or hydrogen fuel cell. Programs will work to demystify this technology and the incentives that exist. - Ensure equitable distribution of these programs and general investments. - Create and adopt a plan to transition all the city's fleet to electric beginning with new purchases of vehicles. This includes the FAX system. - Freight facilities will install EV charging infrastructure to support their own fleets or electric freight trucks. New facilities will be required to incorporate this into their construction. Existing facilities will be required to as they renew or seek new permits. <p>For facilities who do not have the resources to transition, the City and other appropriate agencies should work with the company to identify funding sources.</p>



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57	4		Rec. General Plan Update	Darius Assemi	Jeff Roberts	Motion to have no sidewalk requirements but instead has connectivity to exterior trail systems.
58	7		Rec. General Plan Update	Unknown	Unknown (needs a second)	Update RC5 (Support State Goal to Reduce Statewide GHG Emissions) to be consistent with State law
59	7		Execution of Policy	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	RC-5 h: AB 617: Community Air Monitoring Program Implementation. Engage and actively play a role in the implementation of AB 617: Community Emission Reduction Plan strategies to ensure quantifiable emission reductions in the South Central Fresno area. The City of Fresno will collaborate and coordinate these efforts with the San Joaquin Valley Air District, the Community Steering Committee, and the California Air Resources Board, including signing onto enforceable commitments.



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60	7		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	Recommend that several of the proposed motions that amount to amendments to the General Plan be incorporated into a comprehensive General Plan update process that will include community outreach and special attention to climate resiliency and climate adaptation (per SB 379) and environmental justice (per SB 1000), and infrastructure needs in existing communities (per SB 244). A comprehensive approach will facilitate broader engagement and create a more efficient collaborative effort to comply with California state law.
61	7		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	RC-9-d: Healthy Agricultural Neighbors. Ensure healthy relationships between adjacent agricultural lands and established communities by protecting farmland from sprawl development while promoting regenerative, conservation farming and requiring effective protections of sensitive receptors (residential, schools, senior citizens facilities, day care, parks) from environmental impacts of agricultural operations including groundwater impacts, air quality impacts, pesticide exposure, odor, and dust through both land use requirements such as buffers and programs that require best practices.



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62	7		Rec. General Plan Update	Grecia Elenes	Unknown (needs a second)	RC-9-e: Farmland Conservation Program for Small and BIPOC Farmers. Establish a farmland conservation program to make agricultural lands accessible to small-scale farms and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers through ownership or long-term leasing of farmland and rangeland, prioritizing farm operations that protect air and water quality.
63	7		Execution of Policy	Daniel Brannick	New Motion - needs a second	Update the Resource Conservation Element to reflect adoption of, and ensure consistency with, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) prepared and adopted by the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NKGSA).



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