



Staff Report

TO: Town of Loomis Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Anders Hauge, On-Call Planning Consultant
DATE: November 12, 2019
RE: Town of Loomis General Plan Update Status

Recommendation

Review presentation materials, participate in the presentation to the Council, receive the community's input, and provide direction to the Town staff.

Issue Statement and Discussion

The Town staff is in the early stages of preparing the twenty-year planning horizon General Plan Update, 2020 to 2040. The Town Staff will make a presentation on the status of the update, review the accomplishments, review the next steps in the process, and review the approach to community outreach. Please see the attached presentation.

CEQA Requirements

No CEQA required

Financial and/or Policy Implications

Council direction may have financial or policy implications. If financial or policy implications are identified these will be brought to the Council for action at a future meeting.

Attachments

General Plan Update PowerPoint Presentation.

TOWN OF LOOMIS

General Plan Update Status November 12, 2019

COUNCIL DIRECTION

- The Loomis General Plan reflects the Town's Vision
- Maintain the Town's Vision, 2020 to 2040
- Minor Updates/Tweaks
- Only make necessary modifications
 - Comply with state law
 - Reflect current physical and economic conditions
 - Reflect changes in the Town since 2001
 - Resolve inconsistencies
- Focus on Land Use

STATE LAW CHANGES

- Environmental Justice
- Greenhouse Gases
- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)
- Housing Legislation
- General Plan Guidelines

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Town Council Opening Discussion
 - August 13- General Plan Update 2020 – Overview
- Planning Commission Education
 - August 27 - General Plan Update 2020 - Overview
 - September 24 - Land Use Element
 - October 22 - Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, Environmental Justice, Air Quality
- Workshop – Town Council and Planning Commission
 - October 8, 2019 – Housing and Community Development (HCD) and Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Presentation on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Public Outreach
 - August - Produced mail back form
 - August 23 - One on One meeting
 - October 1 - Town Talks on Land Use
 - October 15 – Leadership Loomis – General Plan Update
 - October - Established Town General Plan Web information
 - October – Activated General Plan Comment email

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Land Use Diagram GIS update
- Consultation with Placer County to prepare joint Housing Element
- Staff internal review of General Plan and documentation
 - Need for setting updates
 - Need for analysis
 - Internal consistency
 - Opportunities for clarification
 - Opportunities for narratives/vision

OBSERVATIONS

- Narrative/Vision/Expectations
 - Community has provided passionate statements about what the General Plan means
- The Town needs to capture and document these statements
- Provide the community with the documented statements during the Community Outreach process

IN-PROCESS

- Planning Commission Education
 - November -Town Attorney summary of State Housing Law Updates
 - December -Circulation Element
 - January or February -Housing Element
- Public Outreach
 - Maintain Town's website (on-going)
 - Receive hard copy and email comments
 - Available to present to groups
 - Available for one on one discussions
- Continuation of Staff internal review
 - Need for setting updates
 - Need for analysis
 - Internal consistency
 - Opportunities for clarification
 - Opportunities for narratives/vision

COMING UP

- Fall/Winter 2019
 - Consistency Evaluation and Information Gathering
- Fall 2019/Summer 2020
 - Agency and Community Input Leading to Council Policy Direction
 - Technical Studies
- Fall 2020/Spring 2021
 - Draft Documents (Plan, Ordinances, Standards)
 - Draft EIR
- Summer/Fall 2021
 - Circulation of DEIR
 - Final EIR
 - Decision Hearings

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Group meetings
- One on One Meetings
- Open Houses
- Workshops
- Committees

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Group meetings
 - Staff is available
 - Presentations
 - Facilitate discussions
- One on One meetings
 - Staff is available to meet with community members by appointment

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Open Houses
 - Public event
 - May be focused on one or more topics
 - Documentation from evaluation process and community input will be available
 - Technical studies will be available
- Information is presented at topical stations, examples are:
 - Land Use
 - Affordable Housing
 - VMT
- Staff and experts available to discuss with community
- Written comments only

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Workshops
 - Discuss conflicts and identify resolution
 - Discuss policy direction
- Meetings & Hearings
 - Planning Commission Meetings
 - Town Council Meetings
 - Joint Planning Commission and Town Council Meetings

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Committees
- Limited size to facilitate discussion (3 to 7 preferred/TBD)
- Assigned focused topics, examples include:
 - Affordable housing policy and land use
 - Focused land use areas
 - Circulation and VMT
 - Economic development

INVOLVED & INFORMED

- Information
 - <https://loomis.ca.gov/general-plan-update>
- Comment/Participate
 - Email: GPUUpdate@loomis.ca.gov
- Snail mail: Town of Loomis
P.O Box 1330
Loomis, CA 95650
- Drop off: Town of Loomis
3665 Taylor Road
Loomis, CA 95650

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