

Oakland General Plan Update 2045

Safety Element
Discussion Group 3



OAKLAND2045
GENERAL PLAN

October 19, 2022

Agenda

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Ground Rules

- One Mic, One Speaker- Please allow one person to speak at a time
- Use “I” Statements- use “I feel, I think, I believe” instead of generalizing
- Challenge the idea, not the person
- Assume best intentions
- Expect unfinished business- not everything will be or can be addressed in this meeting, but all feedback is noted

General Plan Background

Phase 1 Elements address social determinants



HOUSING

Adopted 2014

Addresses housing needs, at all income levels (2023-2031)

- Protect tenants and keep people in their homes
- Preserve existing stock of affordable housing
- Produce more affordable housing – lower-income
- Where housing should go



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

New Requirement

- Addresses needs of most impacted and vulnerable communities
- Includes air quality and pollution; safe and sanitary housing; healthy food access; physical activity; investment prioritization; civic engagement



INDUSTRIAL LANDS Study

- Evaluate feasibility of various industrial sectors, including longevity of the Port of Oakland, and quality of life and environmental justice considerations.

EJ and Safety Element Timeline

SPRING 2022	SUMMER 2022	FALL 2022	WINTER 2022 AND SPRING 2023
LAYING THE GROUNDWORK	CO-CREATION	REVIEW	REFINEMENT AND ADOPTION
<p>Collect and uplift known issues, key data, proposed solutions, goals and policies from current and past community-led planning initiatives and plans adopted by the City.</p> <p>HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES (2017) EAST OAKLAND NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE (2019) WEST OAKLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (2019) 2030 EQUITABLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (2020)</p>	<p>Review existing Safety goals/policies: What is working well? Where are there gaps? Where is improvement needed?</p>	<p>Develop Draft Safety Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Programs</p> <p>Assess Impacts and Tradeoffs</p>	 <p>Public Draft Release in January 2023</p>
<p>ONGOING GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>FOCUSED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: FOCUS GROUPS, NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOPS, CULTURAL EVENTS, POP-UPS</p>			

All Community Events and Public Meetings:

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General Plan Update Phase 2 Elements



OPEN SPACE,
CONSERVATION
& RECREATION
(OSCAR)



NOISE



LAND USE
&
TRANSPORTATION



INFRASTRUCTURE
& FACILITIES
New Element

The General Plan Elements developed and adopted in the second phase of this process are an opportunity to refine and add detail to policies related to public safety. For example, by focusing on:

Land use patterns that promote foot traffic and “eyes on the street” (in the LUTE)

Design principles and strategies in new residential or commercial projects, streets, or parks/public spaces (In LUTE or OSCAR)

Prioritizing projects, such as restorative justice centers, using equity criteria (In Infrastructure and Facilities)



**Safety Element:
Public Safety**



Public Safety Topics

Safety Element

PRIMARY FOCUS ON...

- Natural Hazards
 - Earthquakes
 - Wildfire
 - Flooding
- Humanmade Hazards
 - Airport Hazards
 - Hazardous Materials
- Climate Change
- Emergency Preparedness

Components of public safety can include:

- Public health and prevention
- Youth development and education
- Institutional transformation
- Economic opportunity and housing security
- **Built environment and community spaces**

What role does land use planning and programming have in helping Oakland become a city that supports principles of restorative justice and neighborhood environments that feel safe?

Public Safety and the General Plan

- **Community Design:** How can the City support the design of environments and neighborhoods that make people feel safer?
 - **Building design**
 - **Streetscape design**
 - **Open space/public spaces**
- **Land Use and City Services:** How should the City use land use and planning to create neighborhoods that make people feel safer and advance restorative justice?
 - **Types of land uses (institutions, parks, community facilities, etc.)**
 - **Services targeted to certain areas (commercial corridor services, community ambassadors in parks, etc.)**

Community Design

- Could include:
- Lighting
- Natural surveillance (from storefronts, homes, etc.)
- Addressing areas of concealment
- Vegetation
- Securement of private areas like dumpsters
- Pedestrian crossings
- Access control (where people or vehicles can travel)
- Activity
- Wayfinding



STREET SAFETY

» There is a need to provide community-driven safe transportation planning. Safety was one of the primary concerns residents shared through the engagement process. Between 2013 and 2017, 18 people were killed due to traffic violence and 151 people were severely injured. Residents cited a range of improvements that would make them feel safer on the streets, including protected bike lanes, ADA compliant sidewalks, traffic calming, more shade and seating at transit stops, and safe spaces for youth to skate or bicycle. Because perceptions of safety vary by community, the City is beginning to respond to community-specific safety concerns rather than following traditional street repaving and redesign practices.

Creating environments that make East Oaklanders feel safe and secure means exploring alternative forms of enforcement and designing neighborhoods around safety. This vision includes utilizing community-driven forms of enforcement (e.g. community watch programs) with trusted community leaders and familiar faces, improving street lighting, and investing in night life to facilitate “eyes on the street”.

“We need more community services and interventions that do not involve police for non-emergency situations.”

– (73RD AVE SURVEY RESPONSE)

“We need to reimagine public safety. We need community-led safety coalitions that focus on mental health and housing”

– MS. BURTON (73RD AVE SURVEY RESPONSE)

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Community Design



Tree canopy maintained above storefront

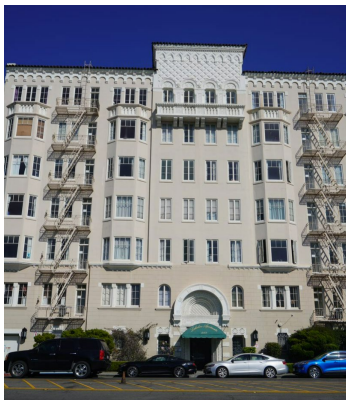


Clearly marked transitional zones



Activated alleyways or recesses

Community Design: Frontage



Land Use and City Services

- Could include:
 - **Planning for “complete” neighborhoods and additional space for community facilities**
 - **Incentivizing certain types of community spaces or beneficial uses**
 - **Collaborating with community partners or entities as part of other City services**



Restore Oakland on International Boulevard

Land Use and City Services

Recommendations from Public Safety Taskforce Report with land use or services implications:

#60: Create a civilian Community Ambassadors program to respond to non-violent, non-mental-health incidents in Oakland's public spaces, namely public parks, facilities, streets/sidewalks; and 2.) to respond to non-emergency calls focused on residents' and business corridors' quality of life challenges.

#67: Restorative Justice Transformative Justice (RJTJ)web of support made up of RJTJ centers, community organizations, service providers, school restorative justice hubs and community healing spaces.

Land Use and City Services

Recommendations from Public Safety Taskforce Report with land use or services implications:

#70: Invest in programs, services and spaces that specifically support youth as restorative and transformative justice leaders & peacekeepers

#78: Reduce hotspots for crime and revitalize commercial corridors by rehabilitating small business storefronts, increasing street lighting, and hiring local residents to improve sidewalk cleanliness in neighborhoods most impacted by crime.

Land Use and City Services

Recommendations from Public Safety Taskforce Report with land use or services implications:

#79: Hire local Black and brown residents to **transform unused surplus land and vacant lots into safe spaces** for community-led space activation including urban greening, community gardens, pop-up markets for small businesses, public showcases for local artists, and recreational opportunities for youth and families

#83: Ensure all neighborhoods that experience food insecurity have **access to affordable, nutritious, and fresh food options**

#95: Establish coordinated Public Works Street Safety/Custodial Steward Teams to serve as alternate targeted **commercial district** safety ambassador patrols

Discussion

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Community Design

- Are there formal or informal gathering areas where neighbors tend to congregate? What do you notice about those gathering areas that draws you to or away from them?
- Thinking of your neighborhood, what are the areas that you avoid, if any? Are they certain streets, vacant lots, alleys, or areas of infrastructure (railroads, freeway crossings, bridges, etc.)? Why do you avoid them? What would make you take or avoid those routes?
- Thinking of residential neighborhoods or neighborhoods with a mix of businesses and residences, what types of frontages of buildings do you feel would help you feel safe?
- In what ways does the presence of vehicles (parked, moving, or abandoned) affect your feeling of personal safety in your neighborhood?

Land Use and City Services

- What kinds of land uses, businesses, or institutions do you want to see in or near your neighborhood that would help your neighborhood feel safe? (Hospitals, schools, fire stations, public parks, recreation/senior centers/daycare, health clinics, etc.?)
- What city services do you think the City could provide at the neighborhood level that would help provide restorative justice opportunities?



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