

City of Chowchilla General Plan Amendments LEAP Grant

Community Outreach Meeting

November 15, 2022

General Public



Tonight's Agenda

- Introductions
- LEAP Purpose
- Survey
- Presentation
- Opportunity for Comments and Discussion



Introductions

- **Annalisa Perea, AICP:** QK Planner for City of Chowchilla
- **Mike Ratajski:** QK Planner/Public Outreach
- **Mark E. Hamilton:** Director of Community and Economic Development
- **Janae Lacey:** Community and Economic Development Specialist



What is the Purpose of LEAP?

- **LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING** Grant
- To make strategic updates to the General Plan Elements in order to:
 - accelerate housing production that aligns with state planning priorities
 - provide for transportation equity
 - meet climate goals such as hazard mitigation and climate adaption
- To bring Elements into conformance with updated State laws.



Community Survey

Please feel free to fill out the survey and drop it off at the door before you leave or hand it to one of our meeting facilitators.

We want
to hear
from you



Areas of Focus

- **Environmental Justice (Food Security, Homelessness, etc.)**
- **Public Safety**
- **Land Use**
- **Circulation**
- **Open Space & Conservation**

Environmental Justice

Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Fair treatment means that no population bears a disproportionate share of negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or from the execution of federal, state, and local laws; regulations; and policies.

Meaningful involvement requires effective access to decision makers for all, and the ability in all communities to make informed decisions and take positive actions to produce environmental justice for themselves.



What Are Some Areas of Environmental Justice Issues that Need to Be Addressed?

Air Pollution from
Vehicles

Air Pollution from
Businesses

Access to Health Care
& Emergency Services

Access to Healthy
Foods & Grocery
Stores

Concerns about
Housing Access

Lack of city
Infrastructure and
Facilities

Facilities that Support
Physical Activity

Concerns for Adequate
Public Engagement

Coordinate with Other
Jurisdictions to Reduce
Homelessness
OTHER?

What Are Some Areas of Public Safety that Need to Be Addressed?

Structure and
Grassland Fires

Flood Zones

Invasive Plant
Species
Eradication

Update Policies
for Police & Fire
Prevention

OTHER?



What is a Complete Neighborhood?

The term “**complete neighborhood**” is a neighborhood that accommodates a range of incomes where residents have safe and convenient access to the goods and services needed in daily life.

This includes a variety of housing options, grocery stores and other commercial services, public schools, open spaces and recreational facilities, affordable active transportation options, and civic amenities.

An important element of a complete neighborhood is that it is built at a **walkable and bikeable human scale** that reduces auto independence, and meets the needs of people of all ages, incomes, and abilities.



What Are Some Other Areas of the Land Use Element that Need to Be Addressed?

Complete
Neighborhoods

Prioritize Infill
Development within
the Existing
Developed Footprint

Encourage a Variety
of Residential
Densities

Promote
Opportunities for
Residential Mixed-
Use Development...

...to Support
Workforce and Low-
Income Housing

Encourage Accessory
Dwelling Units

Promote Mixed Use
in the City's
Downtown

Discourage Cul-de-
Sacs to Create
Walkable
Neighborhoods

OTHER?



SB 743 – Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

A means to measure traffic volumes that discourages suburban sprawl, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and encourages smart growth development, complete streets, and multimodal transportation.

California's new rules ask developers to project VMT created by their projects and, if they reach a certain level, provide for mitigations by taking steps that can include:

- improving access to transit and local amenities,
- incorporating affordable housing affordable housing and/or
- providing incentives to increase transit use.



What is a Complete Street?

A Complete Street is an approach to planning, designing, building, operating, and maintaining streets that enable safe access for all people who use them, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.



What Are Some Areas in the Circulation Element that Need to Be Addressed?

SB 743 - VMTs

Accessible Roads,
Trails, Sidewalks,
and Bikeways

Improve
Intersections as
Needed

AB 2097
Eliminate Minimum
Parking Standards

Larger Projects
Require Mitigation

Enhance Chowchilla
Area Transit

Complete Streets

Traffic Calming
Methods

OTHER?

What Are Some Areas of Open Space & Conservation that Need to Be Addressed?

Update City Park & Recreation Master Plan

Ensure Equitable Investments in City Parks and Access to Them

Increase access points to recreation areas and green spaces

Build and Maintain Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Bike Racks, Bike Paths to Green Space and Shade Trees

Improvements to Ash and Berenda Sloughs

Adopt Chowchilla Industrial Park Plant List

Continue to Implement Urban Forest Plan

OTHER?



Thank you!

Questions or Comments?

