



2023 General Plan Progress Report

Planning Commission Meeting – March 21, 2024

Implementation, Monitoring & Reporting

Implementation and monitoring of General Plan Elements

- State law annual reporting
- Accountability
- Guide Planning Commission and City Council on developing policy, establishing priorities and providing direction to staff

Staff is before you today to satisfy the reporting requirement



Understanding Housing Markets and Housing Production

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2023 Homeless Emergency Declaration

Goals and Components of the Declaration

- Adopted on January 10, 2023 and ended on February 29, 2024
- Established a declared local emergency related to homelessness
- Focused on reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness and improving housing access and affordability
- Modified the application of Long Beach Municipal Code Titles 18, 21 and 22, as well as Community Development's administrative procedures.



Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness Update 20

City Council Meeting – February 6, 2024

Housing Development: 6th RHNA Cycle

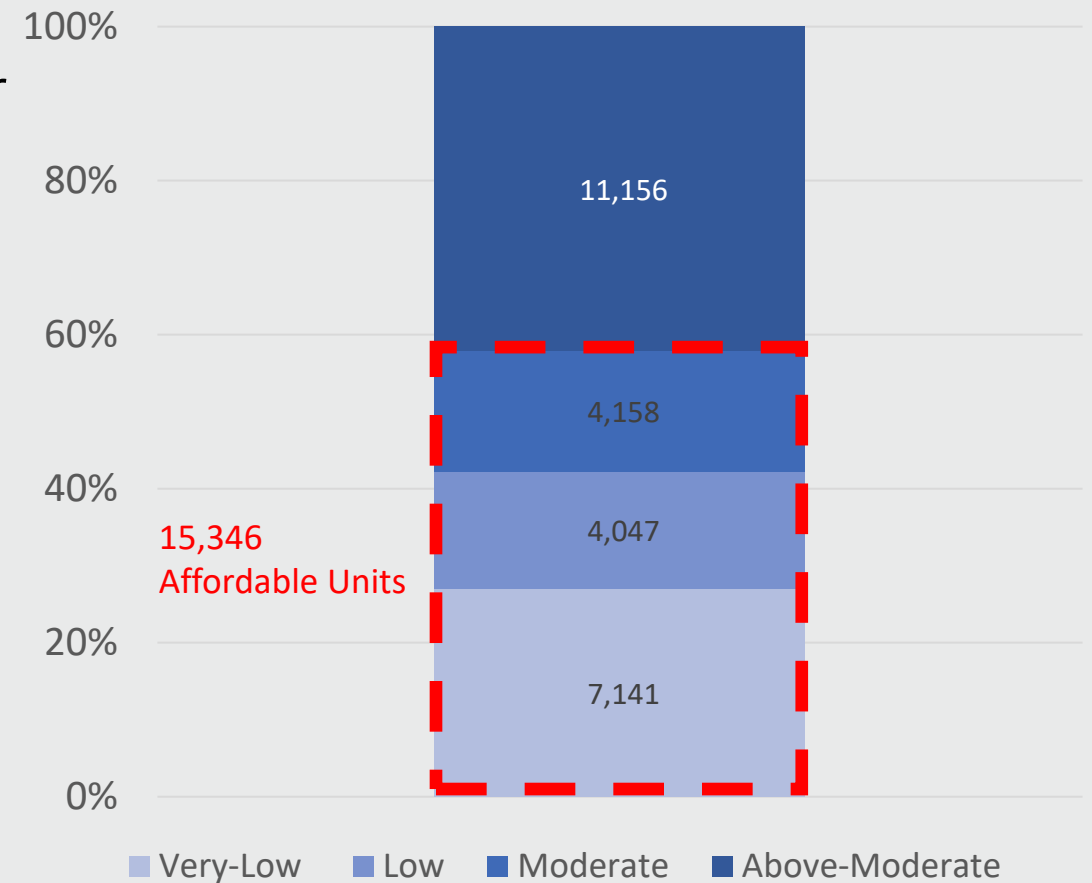
The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) quantifies the need for housing within each jurisdiction during specified planning periods. RHNA establishes a target number of new housing units for the region at different affordability levels. The new **6th cycle** RHNA Allocation Plan covers the planning period from October 2021 to October 2029.

6th Cycle Targets

Housing Unit Allocation:

- SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) Region: 1,341,827 units
- Los Angeles County: 812,060 units
- **City of Long Beach: 26,502 units**

Long Beach RHNA Housing Unit Allocation



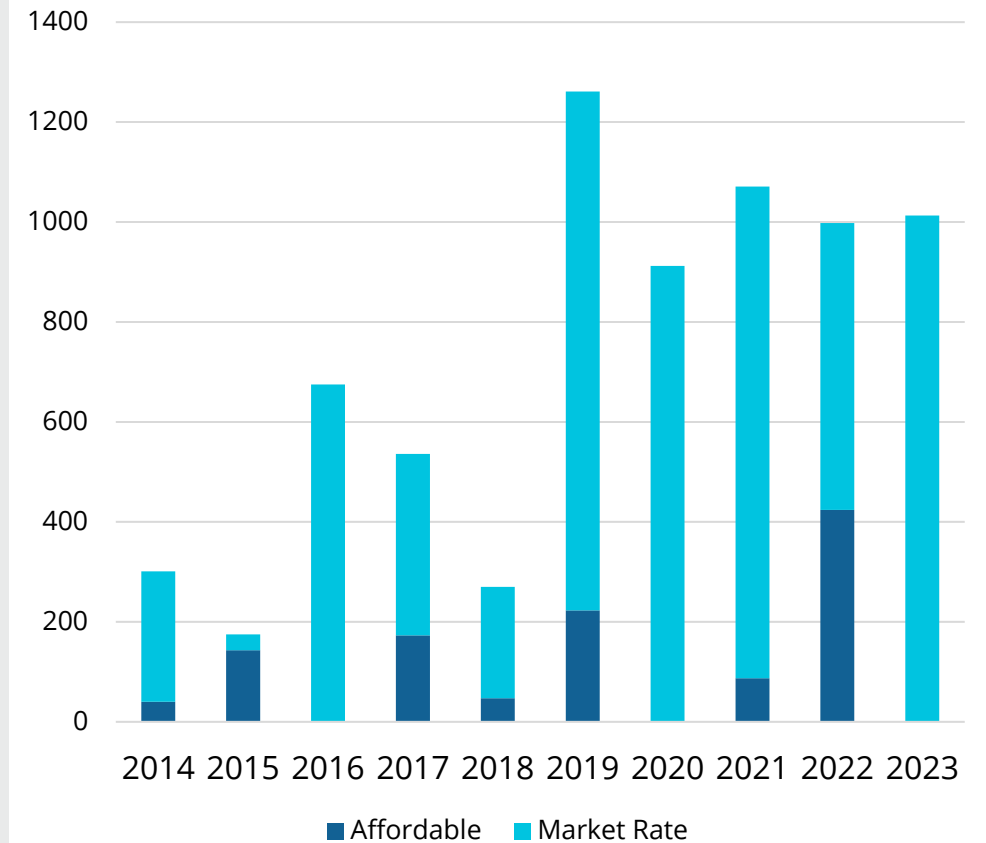
Housing Development: 6th RHNA Cycle

In 2023 thanks in part to the Emergency Declaration, the City entitled 3,039 housing units, of which 671 are designated affordable. 1,013 new units were permitted, **with ADUs making up 2/3^{rds} of all permits**

2023 Activity

	Applications Submitted (# of Units)			Applications Approved (# of Units)		
	Affordable	Market-Rate	Total	Affordable	Market-Rate	Total
Entitlements	392	3,100	3,492	671	2,368	657
Building Permits	163	1,369	1,532	0	1,013	1,013

Total Building Permits Issued for New Residential Units Long Beach by Year



Progress on Meeting RHNA Targets

Long Beach Annual RHNA Targets

Income Level	Total Annual RHNA Target (2021-2029)	Total units remaining to meet RHNA Target	Average Annual RHNA Target	% of RHNA met by # of permitted units (2021-2023)
Very Low-	7,141	6,871	893	4%
Low-	4,047	3,806	506	6%
Moderate-	4,158	4,158	520	0%
Sub-total Affordable	15,346	14,835	1,919	3%
Above-Moderate	11,156	8,953	1,394	20%
TOTAL	26,502	23,788	13,313	10%

Through the second full year of the 6th RHNA Cycle, Long Beach permitted **3%** of its affordable housing unit RHNA target.

Going forward, the City will need to significantly expand affordable incentives in order to permit the necessary number of units at the scale required by RHNA

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Items outside of Local Government Control

- State and federal regulations (construction, labor, immigration, banking/lending and other laws)
- Workforce development programs
- **Distribution of federal tax credits (LIHTC)**
- **State affordable housing funds**
- State planning and zoning laws
- CEQA
- HUD and other agency budgets
- Macroeconomic conditions
- Interest rates
- Construction and materials costs and/or shortages
- Migration patterns
- Insurance and underwriting criteria
- Major Building code changes
- Wages and labor force participation
- A global pandemic

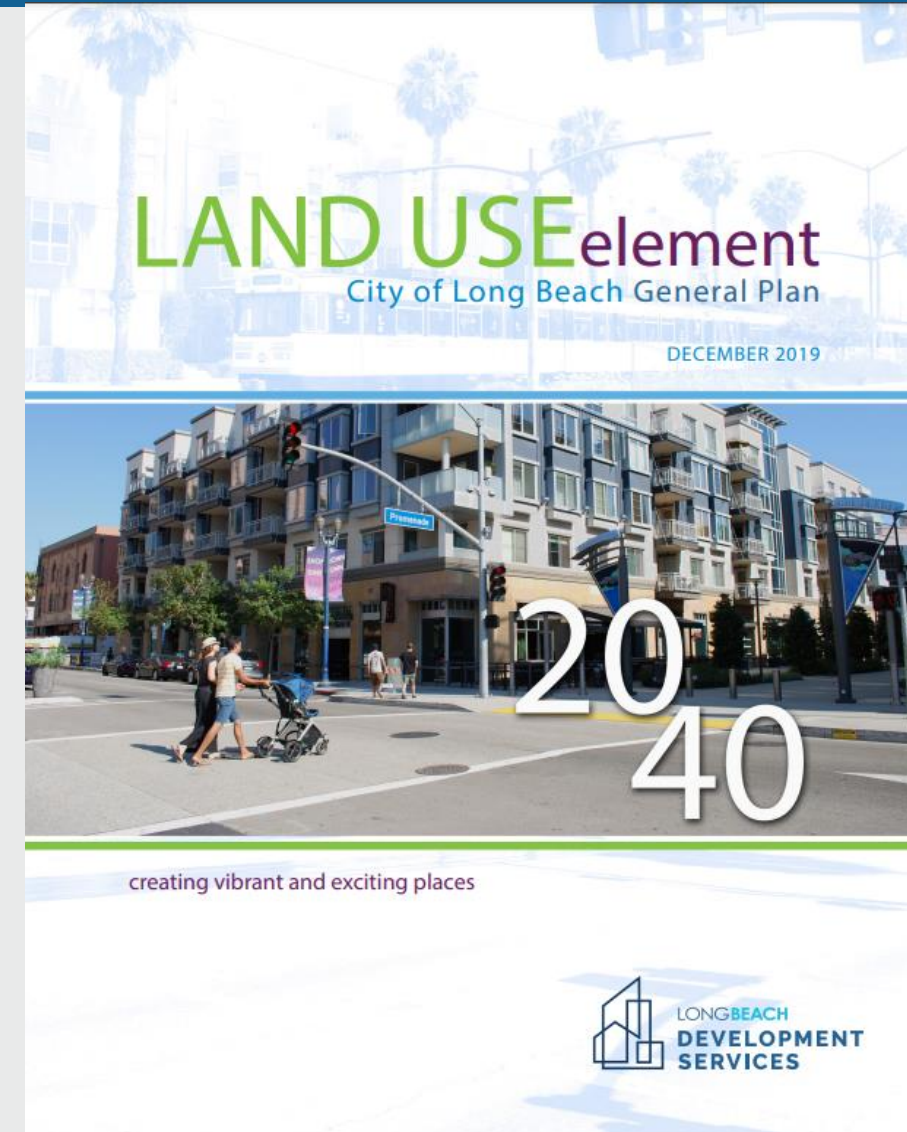
Housing policy milestones for the City of Long Beach

2023 Updates in Summary

- Enhanced Density Bonus
 - First three projects approved using EDB
 - Certified ordinance in the Coastal Zone
- Micro-Unit Pilot Program
 - Largest project approved so far- 141 units, 16 affordable
- Zoning Initiatives
 - Religious Facility Overlay
 - Zone In: WestLB, City Core, UPLAN, Bixby
- Inclusionary Housing Policy
 - 111 affordable units covenanted as part of 5 mixed-income developments
 - Exploring expanding policy citywide in 2024
- Community Land Trust
 - \$800,000 city grant made available to serve as seed funding
 - Contract awarded in September 2023 to Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs

LUE Plan Goals

- Goal No. 1: Implement Sustainable Planning and Development Practices
- Goal No. 2: Strengthen the City's Fiscal Health by Stimulating Continuous Economic and Job Growth
- Goal No. 3: Accommodate Strategic Growth and Change
- Goal No. 4: Support Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement
- Goal No. 5: Diversify Housing Opportunities
- Goal No. 6: Ensure a Fair and Equitable Land Use Plan
- Goal No. 7: Provide Reliable Public Facilities and Infrastructure to Encourage Investment
- Goal No. 8: Increase Access to, Amount of and Distribution of Green and Open Space
- Goal No. 9: Preserve, Protect, Restore and Reconnect with Natural Resources



Noise Element Implementation

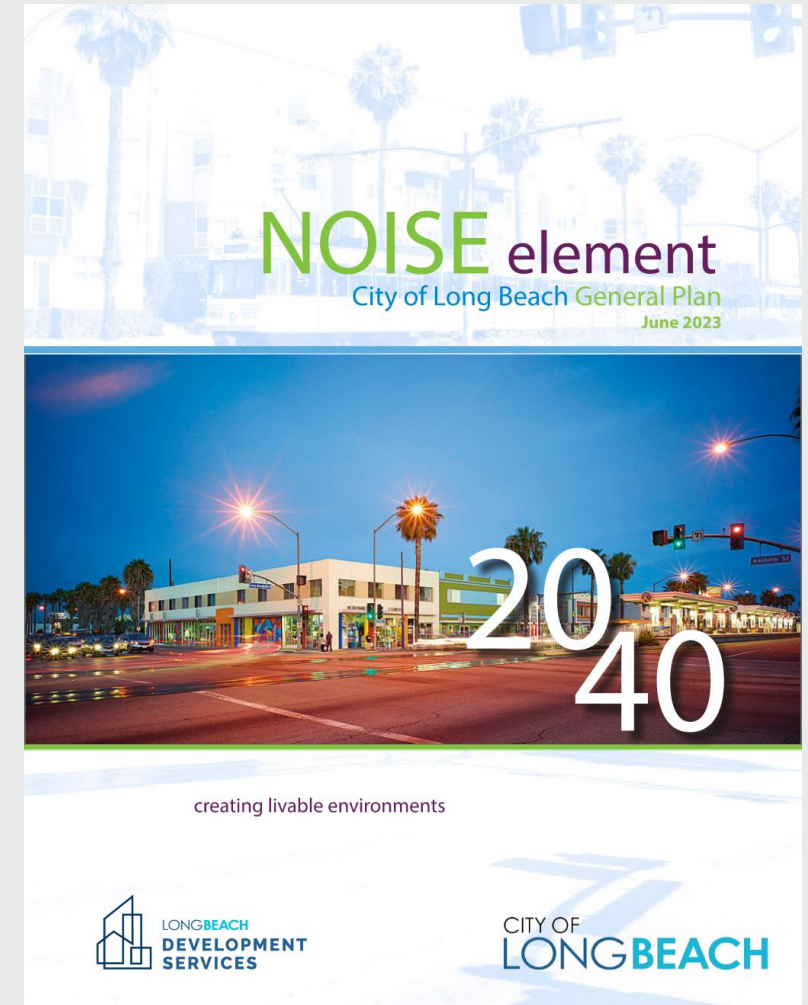
City Council adopted the updated Noise Element on June 6, 2023

Provides Strategies and Policies based on:

- PlaceType Characteristics Land Use Compatibility
- Mobility
- Construction
- Special Events
- Environmental Justice and Social Equity
- Noise Management

Amended the Noise Ordinance Chapter 8.80:

- Mixed Use added as a land use type
- Designated staff of all departments with noise regulation responsibilities



Climate Action & Sustainability Initiatives

Implementation of Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP)

- Office of Climate Action and Sustainability full staffed nine (9) budgeted positions created to implement and govern LB CAP
- Adopted FY24 Budget Allocations:
 - \$17 million in park improvements
 - \$500,000 for tree planting
 - \$7.5 million to Urban Forest Management Plan, Water Quality Direct Install Program Pilot for rainwater capture, water capture education and rebates, trash capture projects, green pervious alleys, and stormwater management projects
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Open Space Element out for bid
- Align rezoning efforts with transit-oriented development
- Adopted of expedited and streamlined Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) permitting process

Downtown Plan Update (PD-30)

- **Consistency with the Mayor's 100-day Plan**

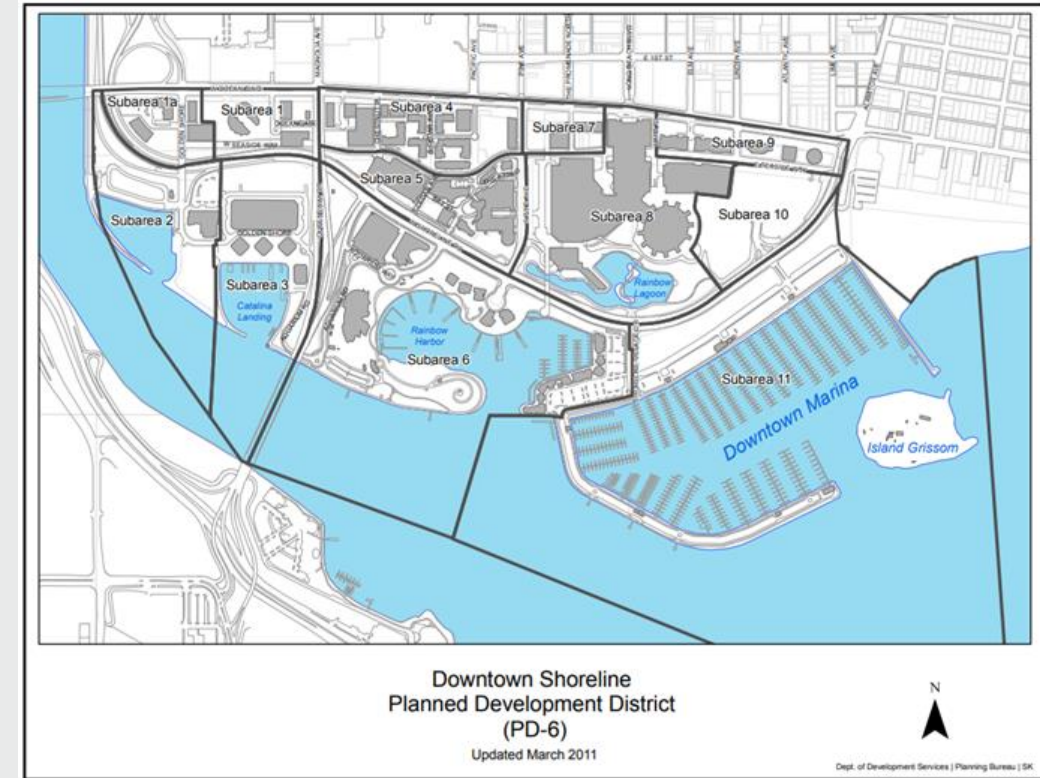
- **Seven Goals**

1. Promote investment and housing growth, with a focus on affordable housing and preventing displacement.
2. Modernize regulations to comply with the State's design standard requirements.
3. Streamline California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance.
4. Align the Downtown Plan with recent policy changes in the Land Use Element (LUE), Housing Element and other city planning efforts.
5. Adopt a Specific Plan consistent with State law, standards and best practices.
6. Provide regulations suitable for the smaller or irregular land use sites within Downtown.
7. Create development regulations that are specific to Downtown, comprehensive, easy to administer and understandable by the public.

- **Currently in preliminary stages**

Long Beach Shoreline Visioning (PD-6 Update)

- Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6)
- December 2022, Council passed a motion to award a contract to PlaceWorks, Inc.
- The intent of the PD-6 Downtown Shoreline Vision Plan is to provide a framework to guide and control the development of the Downtown Shoreline
- April 19, 2023: Stakeholder kickoff meeting with PD-30 Plan Update.
- Since May 2023, outreach has completed ranging from Pop-Events to Community Stakeholder events.
- PD-6 Downtown Shoreline Vision Plan is slated for 2024



Implementing 2 new Specific Plans

- Over the last few years there has been four key implementations for the Globe Master Specific Plan(GMSP).
- Southeast Area Specific Plan (SEASP) updates include 1,300 new housing units approved and Bixby Village Center new commercial center.



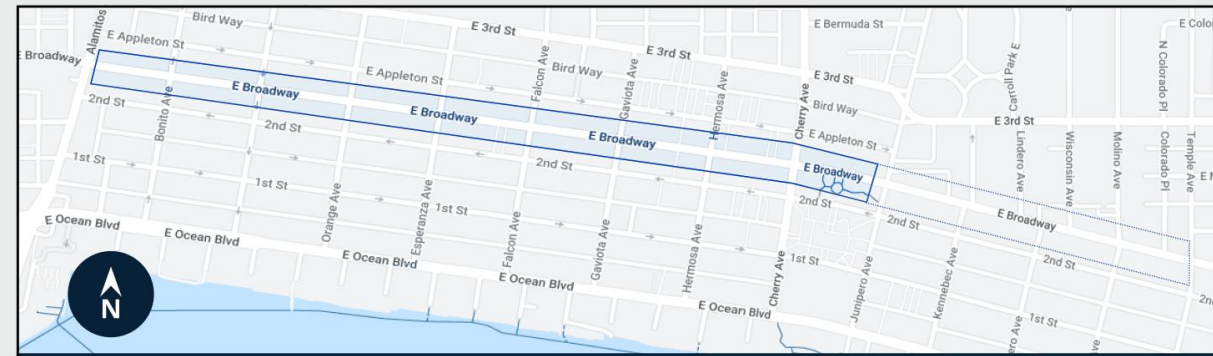
Victory Park/Santa Cruz Design Guidelines

- Last updated in the 1980s.
- Victory Park (est. 1889) is the 2nd oldest park in the City.
- Segments of the parks have been developed on a block-by-block basis as developments are erected.
- Goals:
 1. Identify types of allowed uses.
 2. Create a design vision included furnishings, landscaping, etc.
 3. Establish the look and feel of a linear park over time.



LGBTQ+ Cultural District

- Initiated June 2022, by then-Mayor and current Congressman Robert Garcia and cosponsored by Vice Mayor Cindy Allen, for City staff to work with community stakeholders to create a visioning process and feasibility plan for the LGBTQ+ Cultural District.
- Goals
 - Educate visitors about the cultural and historical significance of the LGBTQ+ community in the neighborhood
 - Support the LGBTQ+ businesses and institutions in the district
 - Invest in public improvements to ensure the LGBTQ+ community continues to thrive
- In June 2023, a Preliminary LGBTQ+ Cultural District Report was released.



Title 20 – Subdivision Ordinance Update

- **Adopted on December 19, 2023**
- **Applicable for properties outside of the Coastal Zone areas**
- **Amendments included revisions to:**
 - Comply with the Subdivision Map Act
 - Streamline minor map approvals (lot mergers, lot line adjustments, and parcel maps);
 - Improve procedural consistency and accuracy in processing subdivisions to include clear and unambiguous language and text
 - Update the design standards to align with the General Plan
 - Streamline the decision-making process allowing the Zoning Administrator to approve maps with up to 50 residential lots or maps for projects that include 100 percent affordable residential units
 - Update notice requirements
 - Introduce Chapter 20.18 related to Urban Lot Splits.

Zone In – Modernizing Zoning For All of Long Beach



- Zone In is a systematic effort to update the zoning regulations to implement the 2019 General Plan Land Use Element. The City has three major rezoning efforts underway: UPLAN in North Long Beach, City Core in Central Long Beach, and Bixby Knolls., and one adopted WestLB in West Long Beach. All four efforts seek to accommodate housing needs and improve access to commercial uses.
- New uses of land and development needs emerge in response to economic, social, and technological changes both locally and globally.

Zone In – WestLB

West Long Beach Rezoning

- In **June 2021** a one-year moratorium (urgency ordinance) was established at the behest of Council District 7 to allow for new neighborhood-serving zoning regulations to be adopted.
- City staff hosted a Zone In: WestLB Virtual Open House online with community members in May 2022 to provide an overview of Zone In and showcase initial ideas for the Willow and Santa Fe corridors.
- Following two years of engagement and technical analysis, the City of Long Beach completed efforts to rezone properties along West Willow Street and Santa Fe Avenue in West Long Beach! City Council adopted the new zoning districts at its May 2, 2023 meeting.



Zone In – City Core

City Core



- Zone In: City Core, previously known as the Anaheim Corridor Zoning Implementation Plan (ACZIP) covers the area bounded by Pacific Coast Highway, 10th Street, Magnolia and Ximeno Avenues. View the Zone In: City Core.
- In 2023, after a year of engagement, the City worked on finalizing draft zones.

Zone In – Bixby Knolls

Bixby Knolls

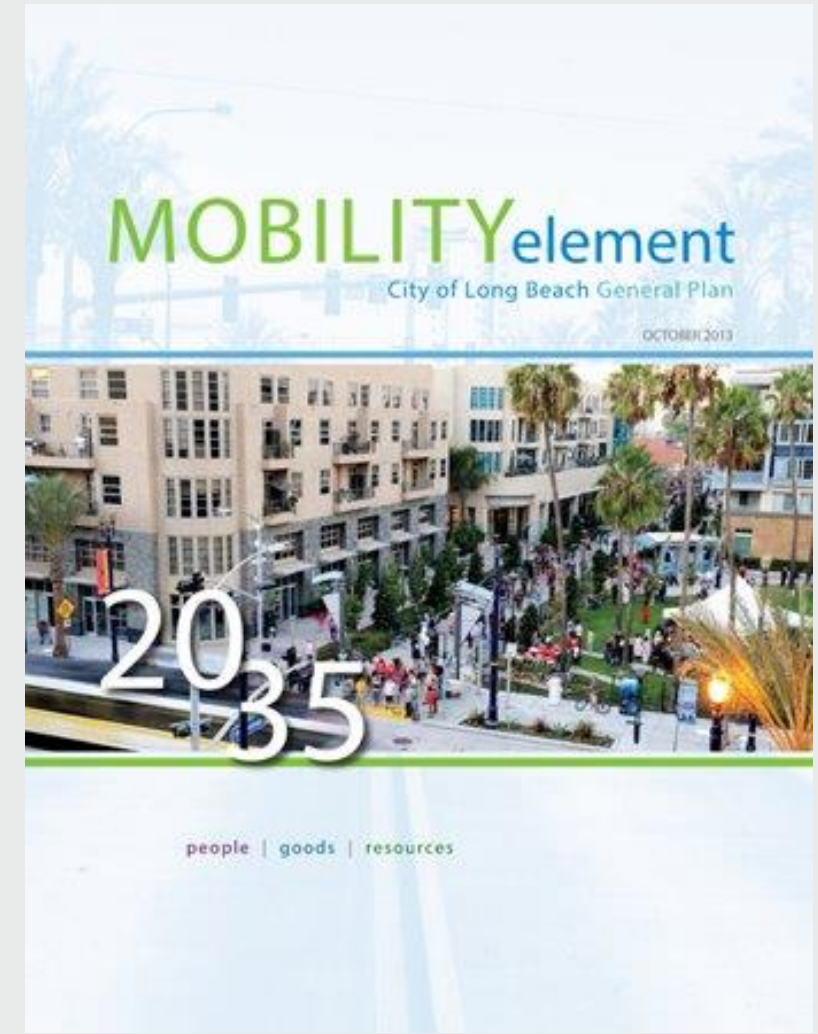
- Zone In: Bixby Knolls covers approximately 3.5 square miles.
- On July 26, 2023, staff held an Open House for the Zone IN: Bixby Knolls project.
- The project builds off previous Zone In efforts such as UPLAN and City Core.

Bixby Knolls Zoning Update Project Area



2035 Mobility Element of the General Plan

- Adopted October 15, 2013.
- Vision: A balanced mobility system that services the needs of all users of the public rights-of-way via complete streets and context-sensitive design principles
 - Balance multiple modes
 - Promote environmental sustainability principles
 - Shaped by extensive outreach to residents, property owners and other community stakeholders
- Guides a wide range of City planning documents and programming activities:
 - Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
 - Transportation-related plans
 - Project entitlement applications
 - Local and regional long-range planning documents.



Mobility Planning Framework Updates

- Mobility Element appendices:
 - TOD Pedestrian Master Plan (2016)
 - Bicycle Master Plan (2017)
 - CX3 Pedestrian Plan (2017)
- Land Use & Urban Design Elements (2019)
- Safe Streets Action Plan (2020)
- Long Beach Climate Action Plan
- UPLAN Mobility Plan





Thank you

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