



Alhambra

General Plan

Vision 2040 - A Community Mosaic

Implementation Actions

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IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

This document contains the implementation actions developed to carry out the General Plan goals and policies. This stand-alone document was developed concurrently with the 2018 General Plan but is not part of the General Plan. Since it is maintained outside of the Plan, the City has flexibility to prioritize and amend strategies as needed. The implementation actions document is a working tool that serves to prioritize activities the City should initiate or maintain to ensure the vision of the General Plan is achieved.

The implementation actions will be referenced by City staff on an ongoing basis and review and update of the actions should be included in the City's annual progress report required by Government Code Section 65700. The General Plan implementation actions can be consulted in conjunction with the City Council's annual priority-setting efforts, including the Strategic Plan, Capital Improvements Program, objectives, and budget. Actions can be



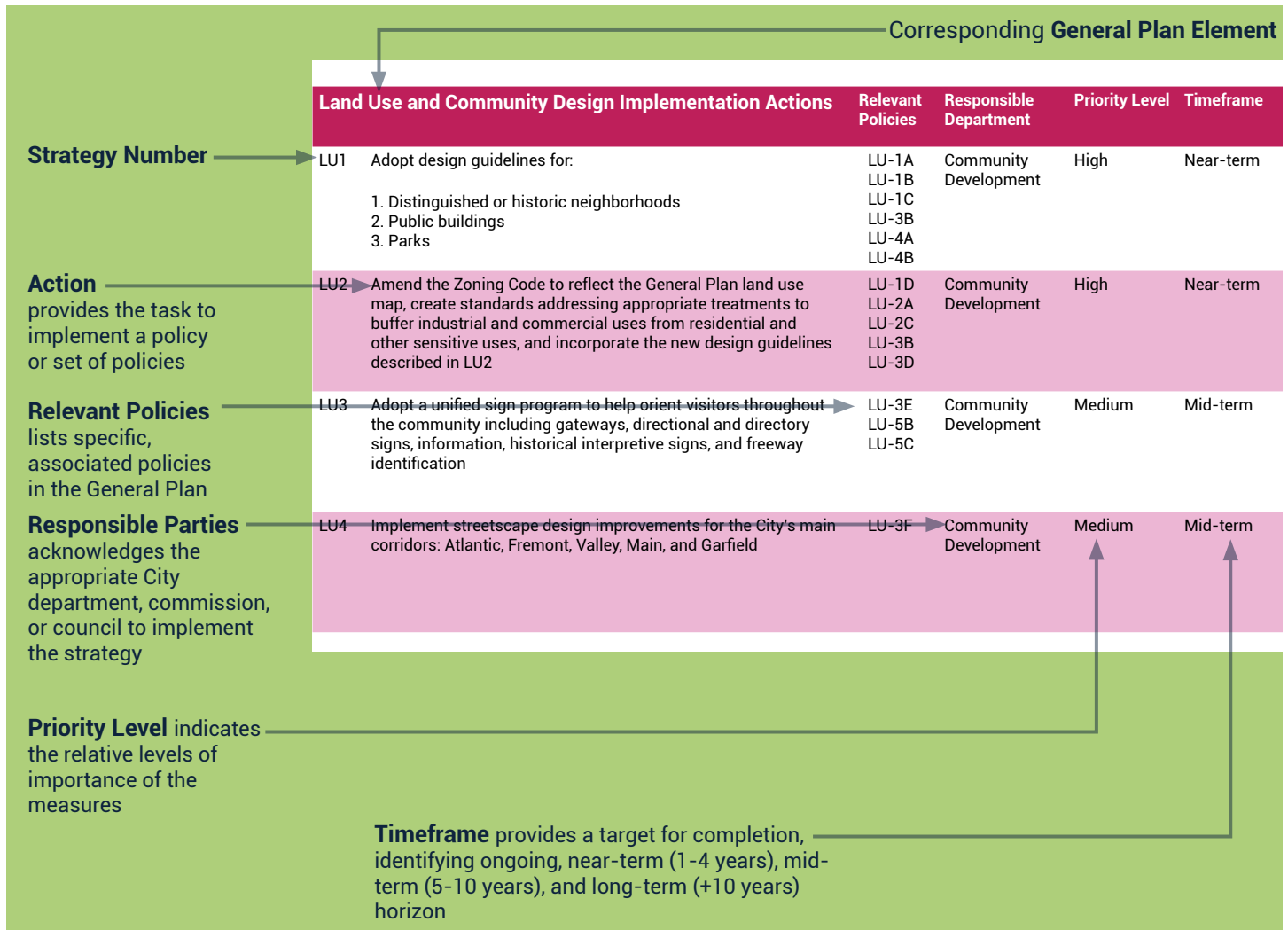
added, removed, adjusted, or re-prioritized as appropriate over the life of the General Plan.

As strategies are implemented, they will be removed from this document. As priorities change, the actions and strategies will be updated. As the City works toward achieving the vision of the General Plan, new strategies may be added to continue to guide the City into the future.

Using the Implementation Strategies

This document is a working checklist of action items and next steps for City staff and local decision makers to ensure that the General Plan vision is realized. The implementation strategy charts for each chapter of the General Plan consist of an action item, its relationship to corresponding General Plan policies, identification of responsible departments, and the time frame for completion. Figure 1 offers a guide for understanding the implementation charts.

Figure 1
Implementation Action Chart Guide





The Relationship Among Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions

The following outlines the relationship among goals, policies, and implementation actions.

Guided by the City's vision, each chapter of the General Plan contains goals, related policies, and implementation actions that help achieve the associated goal.

GOALS

Goals are statements of the desired future conditions regarding a particular topic in the community, toward which effort and use of resources are or will be directed.

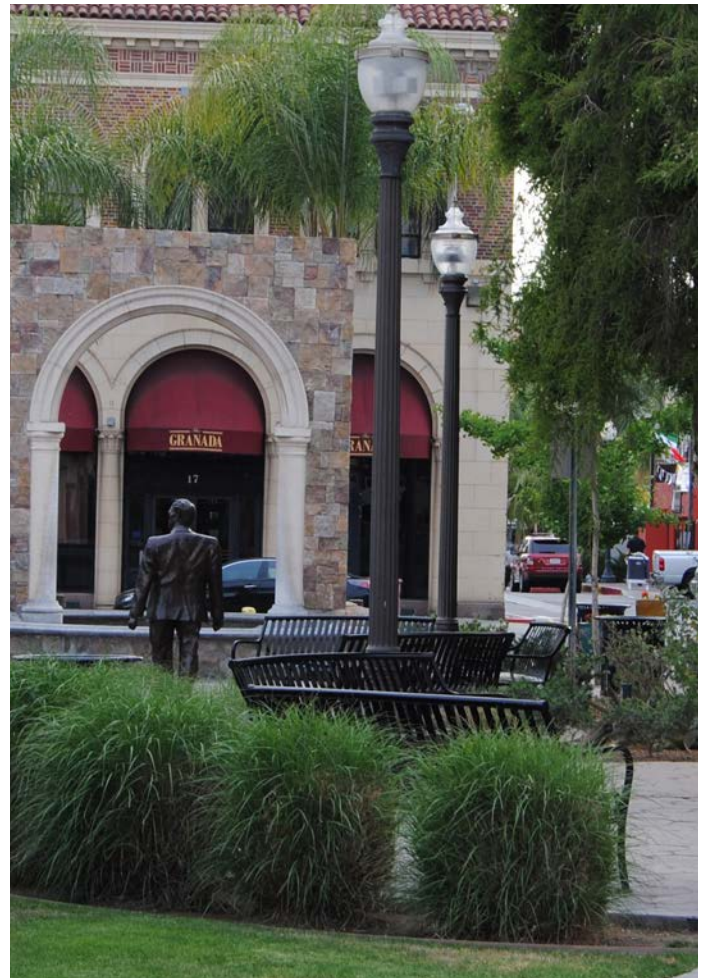
POLICIES

Policies are statements that guide decision-making and specify an intended level of commitment on a subject.

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Implementation actions are presented as a checklist of strategies for City staff and local decision makers to carry out the goals and policies of the General Plan.

The spectrum of public and private funding options for the measures outlined in the General Plan is ever evolving. The programs listed herein represent the 2018 status of those options that are most relevant to the General Plan. These funding sources could quickly become out-of-date. Therefore, it is important to evaluate the status of a given program before seeking funding, as availability and application processes are updated periodically.



An example of open space in downtown Alhambra that preserves the unique characteristics of the area



Land Use & Community Design Implementation Actions		Relevant Policies	Responsible Department	Priority Level	Timeframe
LU1	<p>Adopt design guidelines for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distinguished or historic neighborhoods 2. Public buildings 3. Parks 	LU-1A LU-1B LU-1C LU-3B LU-4A LU-4B R-6C	Community Development	High	Near-term
LU2	Amend the Zoning Code to reflect the General Plan land use map, create standards addressing appropriate treatments to buffer industrial and commercial uses from residential and other sensitive uses, revise standard notification procedures for development projects, and incorporate the new design guidelines described in LU1	LU-1D LU-2A LU-2C LU-3B LU-3C R-6C	Community Development	High	Near-term
LU3	Adopt a unified sign program to help orient visitors throughout the community including gateways, directional and directory signs, information, historical interpretive signs, and freeway identification	LU-3C LU-3D LU-5B LU-5C	Community Development	Medium	Mid-term
LU4	Implement streetscape design improvements for the City's main corridors: Atlantic, Fremont, Valley, Main, and Garfield	LU-3D	Community Development, Public Works	Medium	Mid-term
LU5	Work with the surrounding community on a potential Specific Plan for the East Main corridor, addressing uses, heights, and design guidelines.	LU-1A LU-1C LU-1D LU-2A LU-2B LU-2C	Community Development	High	Near-term



Mobility Implementation Actions		Relevant Policies	Responsible Department	Priority Level	Timeframe
M1	Research and, if feasible, apply for regional, state, and federal grant funding to improve the City's circulation infrastructure, including improving the operation of the traffic signal system and improvements that encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation, including walking, bicycling, and transit	M-1C M-2B M-2D M-4A	Public Works	High	Ongoing
M2	Consider adoption of a bikeway system with input from the community, and adopt a bikeway system that prioritizes rider safety, to provide safe and efficient connectivity for bicyclists throughout the City and consider integration with bikeway systems from neighboring cities	M-2C M-2F	Public Works	High	Near-term
M3	Investigate the possibility of providing regional shuttle service in conjunction with other cities to nearby transit stops that would improve connectivity to other transit systems such as the Mission station on the Gold Line in South Pasadena and the Metrolink station and Silver Line bus rapid transit station at Cal State LA	M-2C	Public Works	High	Near-term
M4	Provide bike parking or bike-share system near the most active bus stops as part of implementation of recommended bicycle parking locations from the draft bicycle plan	M-2C M-2E	Public Works	Medium	Near-term
M5	Add transit information displays for routes/destination at major stops and consider implementation of digital signs providing real-time information at major transit stops (on Atlantic Boulevard, at Main Street and Valley Boulevard)	M-2E	Public Works	Medium	Mid-term
M6	Add wayfinding signs and local area maps at major bus stops to orient pedestrians/bicyclists to points of interest	M-2E LU-3C	Public Works	Medium	Mid-term
M7	At the Atlantic/Huntington-Garfield intersection, implement the following improvements where feasible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Enhance crosswalks by installing high-visibility/internal crosswalk designs including stripes » Widen sidewalks where feasible to increase safety and comfort for pedestrians and transit users waiting at bus stops » Add transit waiting shelters at the west and east stops on Huntington (partnering with the City of South Pasadena on improvements, as applicable) along with sidewalk widening » Consider bicycle box waiting areas at the related approaches if bicycle route improvements guide bicyclists to this intersection 	M-2D	Public Works	Medium	Mid-term
M8	At the Atlantic/Main and Atlantic/Valley intersections, implement the following improvements where feasible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Provide passenger waiting shelters and widened sidewalks (property acquisition will likely be necessary) at north and south bus stops at the Atlantic/Main intersection » Provide passenger waiting shelters at north bus stops at Atlantic/Valley intersection 	M-2D	Public Works	Medium	Mid-term
M9	Where feasible, implement street re-design features as discussed in the Mobility chapter at Atlantic/Main, Main/First, and Main/Fremont intersections	M-4A	Community Development, Public Works	Medium	Mid-term



Quality of Life Implementation Actions		Relevant Policies	Responsible Department	Priority Level	Timeframe
QL1	Collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce to promote local business endeavors and general economic developing in the City	QL-1A QL-2A QL-3A QL-5A	Community Development	Medium	Ongoing
QL2	Promote arts and cultural amenities to residents and visitors through marketing, publicity, and social media	QL-8B	Community Development	Medium	Ongoing
QL3	Periodically meet with Alhambra Unified School District representatives to assess enrollment status and determine whether conversion of school site to a recreational use would be beneficial to the City	QL-6C QL-9C	Community Development, Parks & Recreation	Low	Ongoing
QL4	Investigate and work with local entities to determine the feasibility of a regional park at the I-710 stub	QL-6A QL-6B QL-6C	Community Development, Parks & Recreation	Medium	Near-term
QL5	Investigate incentive programs for: » Office development projects in target employment areas » Hotel development projects in targeted opportunity sites	QL-1A QL-1B QL-3A QL-3B	Community Development	Low	Mid-term
QL6	Create a "vacant lot" task force of staff members of the Parks & Recreation Department to examine ways to allow privately and publicly owned vacant parcels to be converted to pocket parks	QL-6E QL-6G	Community Development, Parks & Recreation	High	Near-term
QL7	Update City truck routes to avoid residential areas, including low-income and minority neighborhoods	QL-12B	Public Works	Medium	Ongoing
QL8	Investigate the feasibility and utility of conducting a healthy needs assessment	QL-12D	Community Development	Medium	Mid-term
QL9	Investigate the feasibility and utility of alternative uses for the golf course at Almansor Park	QL-6J	Parks & Recreation	Medium	Ongoing
QL10	Explore opportunities and funding sources to add trees to the City's main transit corridors	LU-3D R-4B	Public Works	High	Ongoing



Resources Implementation Actions		Relevant Policies	Responsible Department	Priority Level	Timeframe
R1	Update the Alhambra Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years	R-1A R-1C	Public Utilities	High	Every 5 years (as required)
R2	Consider a small-cell solar ordinance for residential and commercial uses	R-3C	Community Development	Low	Near-term
R3	Require health risk assessments and, as necessary, appropriate mitigation, including but not limited to planting trees and creating green spaces, for sensitive land uses proposed near generators of toxic air contaminants (Table 12 in the General Plan)	R-4B	Community Development	Medium	Near-term (ongoing)
R4	Consider adoption of a historic preservation ordinance aimed at the protection of buildings, structures, and archaeological sites that are more than 50 years old and have demonstrated cultural, historical, and/or architectural significance, as well as undertaking a City-wide historic resources survey and formation of a historic resources commission.	R-6A R-6C R-6F	Community Development	High	Near-term
R5	Consider creation of incentive programs (such as the Mills Act program) for the preservation of identified historic properties	R-6A	Community Development	High	Near-term
R6	Investigate private and public foundation grants following the guidance of the Office Historic Preservation's <i>Incentives for Historic of Preservation</i> . Grants would assist in funding historic preservation activities in the City, such as cultural resources surveys and the rehabilitation of City-owned historic properties	R-6A	Community Development	Medium	Near-term



Services and Infrastructure Implementation Actions		Relevant Policies	Responsible Department	Priority Level	Timeframe
S11	Undertake periodic library visioning exercises to gauge community library needs and appropriately reapply resources	SI-4A SI-4B SI-4C SI-4D SI-5A SI-5B	Library	Medium	Mid-term
S12	Track and report the status of Police Department facilities to the City Council	SI-6E	Police	High	Ongoing
S13	Update the Alhambra UWMP regularly (same as Implementation Action R2)	SI-9A SI-9B SI-9C	Utilities	High	Every 5 years (as required)



Health and Safety Implementation Actions		Relevant Policies	Responsible Department	Priority Level	Timeframe
HS1	Continue to inform the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Health and Hazardous Materials Division about new major users of hazardous materials	HS-4A HS-4B HS-4C HS-4D HS-4E	Fire	High	Ongoing
HS2	As necessary, maintain and update the City's emergency response organization	HS-5A HS-5B	Fire	High	Ongoing
HS3	Maintain unified response with Area C cities and the state-wide Master Mutual Aid Agreement, and develop partnerships with other emergency relief organizations	HS-5A	Fire	High	Ongoing
HS4	Ensure that periodic emergency drills at dependent care and high-occupancy facilities are conducted by the facility with its employees to assure preparedness for major disasters	HS-2F	Fire	High	Mid-term
HS5	Conduct a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment of vulnerable populations, structures, and functions	HS-10A	Community Development	Medium	Mid-term
HS6	Develop a heat response plan that includes identification of cooling centers and promotion of urban heat mitigation strategies	HS-10B	Fire, Parks & Recreation	Medium	Mid-term
HS7	Incorporate newly identified adaptation measures into planning documents, including the Hazard Inventory and Hazard Mitigation Plan, as appropriate	HS-10B	Community Development	Medium	Mid-term
HS8	Coordinate adaptation planning with other planning documents, including future General Plan/land use code updates	HS-10C	Community Development	Medium	Ongoing
HS9	Collaborate with community-based organizations (e.g., health care providers, public health advocates, fire prevention organizations) to disseminate public preparedness and emergency response information related to climate change	HS-10D	All	Medium	Ongoing
HS10	Require developers to submit to a radon gas survey to the City prior to development of any occupiable building in the boundaries of any area identified in the General Plan as having moderate potential for indoor radon levels above 4.0 pCi.L. and if radon gas hazards are identified at the site, the radon gas survey shall provide recommendations to prepare the site for development to avoid these hazards, in accordance with EPA guidelines for minimizing impacts associated with radon gas exposure	HS-1A	Community Development	Medium	Ongoing
HS11	Coordinate with project proponents and land owners to ensure participation in the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources' (DOGGR) Well Review Program and mitigate financial and environmental impacts from the abandonment or reabandonment of known wells in the City. Continue to maintain participation with DOGGR's Well Review Program to minimize the potential for unidentified well discovery during future development construction activities	HS-1A	Community Development	Medium	Ongoing



Funding Resources and Financing Programs

One of the main barriers to an implementation plan is lack of funding. This section identifies potential funding sources that the City could pursue to offset the financial cost of implementing the General Plan actions. The implementation actions that will likely require the most financial assistance are the construction of the linear park over railroad trench along Mission Boulevard and transportation-related improvements such as street redesign features, increased bike lanes, and transit-shuttle service.

The City can, in part, provide funding for various measures outlined in this General Plan. This can be accomplished through the City's annual budgeting and Capital Improvement Program process, which provides an opportunity for citizen input and guides decision-makers as they set priorities. The City can also partner with such organizations as the Southern California Association of Governments, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the County of Los Angeles, community-based organizations, and private companies for joint programs.

The following page provides information regarding various funding sources for large projects.





Potential Funding Sources

Source	Agency/Organization	Type	Applicability
Livability Grant Program	U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration	Resources, training, grant funding	Local governments for projects for accessible, livable, and sustainable communities
Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program	U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration	Capital assistance	Local governments for new buses and intermodal transit centers
Bus Livability Discretionary Grants Program	U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration	Capital assistance	Local governments for projects that increase transportation options, provide access to jobs and affordable housing, encourage economic development, and improve accessibility to transportation for the public
Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program	Caltrans	Grant	Transportation planning efforts that promote sustainability and support the following overarching objectives: sustainability, preservation, mobility, safety, innovation, economy, health, and equity
Infrastructure State Revolving Fund Program	California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank	Low-cost financing	Public agencies for a wide variety of infrastructure projects
Call for Projects and Transportation Improvement Program	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Funding	Local jurisdictions, transit operators, and other public agencies for regionally significant projects including signal synchronization, transportation demand management, bicycle improvements, pedestrian improvements, and transit
Safe Routes to School Programs	Caltrans supported by federal funds	Funding	Infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that make walking and biking to school safer for children
Active Transportation Program	California Transportation Commission	Funding	Encourages increased use of active modes of transportation such as walking and biking
The Trust for Public Land	The Trust for Public Land (non-profit)	Funding	Creation of parks in cities
Rails to Trails Grant Program	Rails to Trails Conservancy (non-profit)	Grant	Support for organizations and local governments that are implementing projects to build and improve rail-oriented trails
Land and Water Conservation Fund	California Department of Parks and Recreation	Funding	Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas, and cultural areas for recreational use