



Summary of GPAC Feedback on the Public Services and Infrastructure Policy Options

At the September 25, 2024, General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting, the project team gave an overview of policy options for some topics that will be addressed in the Public Services Element and Infrastructure Element. The policy options do not represent the complete set of topics that will be covered in these Elements but focus on topics that the GPAC has previously discussed and indicated interest in. The community and GPAC will have the opportunity to review and comment on the complete draft Public Services and Infrastructure Elements as part of the Draft General Plan, which is anticipated to be published in Summer 2025.

A summary of the GPAC feedback on the policy options is below. The policy option topics included:

- Public Services Element
 - Childcare
 - Healthy Food Access
 - Seniors and Aging Adults
- Infrastructure Element
 - Infrastructure Improvements Prioritization

Childcare

- Clarify Policy Option A: “Support the provision of childcare programs and facilities to meet the needs of children of all abilities, incomes, and backgrounds.”
 - List agencies and/ organizations to collaborate with.
 - Add some concrete actions the City can take to support childcare provision, e.g. tax breaks.
 - Consider changing “support” to “incentivize.”
 - Include actions associated with this policy, e.g. waive permitting fees for childcare facilities.
- Allow developers to build spaces that could have a dual purpose in case a childcare facility is not needed at that building.
- Encourage facilities that accommodate both aging adults and childcare.
- Create an inventory of underutilized properties that could be used for childcare.
- Encourage childcare programs to support working families.

- Cater childcare policies to families of all incomes and provide further support for lower income families who cannot afford childcare, e.g. taxpayer subsidized childcare.
- Explore innovative childcare facilities and programs that integrate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) into early education and childcare.

Healthy Food Access

- Focus the goal on just healthy food access instead of all “community health amenities.”
- Better define healthy food in policy options.
- Add a policy to encourage schools to allocate a percentage of the food be purchased from local farms and increase the percentage each year.
- Encourage community gardens where people work collaboratively together to grow food.
- Support/incentivize Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs.
- Add a policy that addresses affordable water supply for community gardens and planting home vegetable/ fruit gardens.
- Identify potential locations for food pantry operations in Livermore.
- Add a policy that allows property owners to replace mature trees with fruit trees.
- Encourage healthy food retailers to be in locations that need better healthy food access, e.g. Northeast Livermore.
- Incentivize farmers markets to operate year-round by potentially providing funding to farmers market management companies.
- Explore potential facilities that can house farmers market in weather-proof stalls on public land.
- Explore policies that connect access to transit with access to healthy food (e.g. farmers market, local grocery stores, food pantries).
- Collaborate with other jurisdictions in the Tri-Valley area to encourage healthy food access in the region.

Seniors and Aging Adults

- Define “Age-friendly City” in Policy Option B according to World Health Organization (WHO).
- Clarify the specific design elements of “universal design” in Policy Option A: “Encourage universal design in new residential development.” E.g. encourage single-story townhomes and limited staircases for certain projects.
- Streamline the production of affordable senior housing.
 - Encourage ADUs in accordance with the Housing Element.
- Clarify Policy Option C to acknowledge that seniors may also have disabilities: “Collaborate with private, nonprofit, faith-based and public community service organizations to offer support for caregivers of seniors and people with disabilities.”

Infrastructure Improvements Prioritization

- Add “environmentally and climate sustainable” to the goal: “*Plan for infrastructure improvements using a fiscally sustainable and equitable approach.*”
- Include City-owned buildings as part of the City’s infrastructure.

- Add an action to create an inventory of City-owned buildings.
- Consider the future needs/expansion of City buildings when planning for infrastructure improvements.
- Need to make space available for non-profits to operate in Livermore.
- Prioritize infrastructure improvements that improve community safety.
- Add a policy that addresses agricultural resilience as agricultural is part of the city's infrastructure.
- Expand Policy Option A: "Prioritize infrastructure improvements in underserved communities" to prioritize sewer connection to vineyards.
- Prioritize infrastructure improvements in older neighborhoods.
- Increase the potable water supply through the use of recycled water.
- Specify the timeline for infrastructure improvement.