



Summary of GPAC Feedback on the Mobility Policy Options

At the October 9, 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 Mobility Element. The policy options do not represent the complete set of topics that will be covered in this Element 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 Mobility Element 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:

- Mobility Element
 - Vision Zero
 - Transit-Oriented Communities/Mobility Hubs
 - Connectivity Across Barriers
 - Transportation Technology and Innovation
 - Bicycle and Scooter Sharing
 - Facilitate Electric Vehicles

Vision Zero

- Support for bike lanes that separate bicyclists from high traffic areas.
- Implement bicycle improvements on East Avenue to increase bicycle safety.
- Support for Policy Option B, “Evaluate opportunities to reduce speed limits on residential streets.”
- Encourage redesigning older roads to be safer for cyclists.
- Educate roadway users about ways to improve roadway safety.

Transit-Oriented Communities/ Mobility Hubs

- Expand policy options from addressing traditional transit centers/ mobility hubs to include a range of other places including libraries, schools, parks, and other activity centers.
 - Consider keeping the language broad by using “any new emerging mobility center” or “a concentration of uses.”

- Partner with local tourist-serving businesses to offer mobility/transit passes to visitors.

Connectivity Across Barriers

- Support for policy options A through C:
 - Policy Option A: Facilitate connectivity across I-580 and SR 84 (Isabel Avenue) by improving linkages among interrelated activities across neighborhoods.
 - Policy Option B: Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity across I-580 through new and enhanced over and underpasses. Consider green passageways/linear parks and similar facilities, which also function to support wildlife movement across freeway barriers.
 - Policy Option C: Improve connectivity between and through neighborhoods, to and from activity centers, for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Okay to keep Policy Option D “Identify opportunities to convert the existing at-grade railroad crossings to grade separated crossings,” but converting existing at-grade railroad crossings should not be the priority.
- Consider partially removing barriers such as a sound wall for the development of walkways between blocks/neighborhoods.

Bicycle and Scooter Sharing Programs

- Include vehicle sharing in the policy options.
- Add a policy to support public scooter and bike charging stations and infrastructure.
- Balance between providing bicycle and scooter ride sharing with limiting area and location that the bikes and scooters are stored to prevent littering.
 - Limit bicycle rentals to Isabel and Midtown.
- Support for Policy Option E: Prohibit commercial shared micromobility services from the public right-of-way.

Facilitate Electric Vehicles

- Plan for publicly accessible infrastructure for electric bicycle and scooter charging.
- Should micromobility devices ever locate in Livermore, ensure that these devices are not left in the public right-of-way to avoid safety hazards.
- Support for the City proactively planning for micromobility so that the City can carefully manage its implementation.

Other

- Goal suggestion: “Achieve a system that accounts for emerging transportation technologies.”
- Consider emerging technologies like delivery drones and air taxis in the General Plan Update.