

OVERVIEW

The currently adopted General Plan was largely last updated in 1995, with the topic of Circulation updated in 2008 and the topic of Housing last updated in 2014. The City is proposing to comprehensively update its General Plan to address and reflect changes in state law, new economic considerations, and ongoing fiscal challenges.

To help the community better understand and evaluate potential changes to General Plan, the following lists table presents the proposed goals and policies in the Draft General Plan alongside the most relevant goals and policies from the currently adopted General Plan. The matrix also provides a simplified reason for change. This matrix does not document every goal and policy that is in the currently adopted General Plan --- goals or policies were not carried forward if they were deemed out-of-date, redundant, or unnecessary.

It is important to note that the following proposed goals and policies are draft in nature and are intended solely for the purposes of public review and discussion as a part of the General Plan update process.

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GENERAL PLAN TOPICS AND STRUCTURE

Required Topics or Elements

State law requires that all general plans address the following seven topics: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, and safety. The topic of environmental justice is also required for those jurisdictions that contain disadvantaged communities, but Fountain Valley does not contain such communities and is therefore not required to address this topic. For jurisdictions outside the San Joaquin Valley, the topic of air quality is optional. Under the previous Measure M program requirements, all jurisdictions in Orange County were also required to include a specific focus on the topic of growth management. This requirement was eliminated with the passage of Measure M2 in 2019.

General Plan Structure

While many jurisdictions address each topic as an individual element, state law also allows jurisdictions to combine the required and/or optional topics into any form, including consolidated elements. The current General Plan consists of 11 chapters, including nine elements, an introduction, and a glossary. The proposed General Plan recommends consolidating the topics into five elements: land use, circulation and mobility, housing, open space and conservation, and public facilities and safety. The intent is to make the updated General Plan simpler and easier to use by grouping similar topics into fewer elements.

OVERARCHING THEMES OF GOAL AND POLICY UPDATES

Below is a brief listing of the overarching nature of proposed changes to the currently adopted General Plan.

Land Use

- Address compatibility and fiscal impacts more directly
- Support the revised Land Use Plan and overall Vision
- Updated economic development policies

Circulation and Mobility

- Address new state law (AB 1358) regarding complete streets
- Reflect changes on how the City measures and mitigates transportation impacts under CEQA (i.e., LOS vs VMT per SB 743)

Housing

- Address state requirements to more explicitly promoting a greater variety of housing options and remove constraints on the production of housing
- Essentially unchanged otherwise based on consistency with state law

Open Space and Conservation

- More explicitly support ways to enhance recreational opportunities and preserve historical resources

Public Facilities and Safety

- Address new state requirements (SB 379) related to climate adaptation and resiliency
- More explicitly addressed high quality public education and facilities

LAND USE ELEMENT

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<p>Goal LU-1. An arrangement of compatible land uses that protects and maintains attractive and safe neighborhoods while promoting dynamic activity centers and preserving conventional commercial and industrial uses.</p>	<p>Expanded to reflect GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.1 Maintain and enhance high quality development throughout the City.</p>
<p>Policy LU-1.1 Land use compatibility and viability. Require that new development is located, scaled, buffered, and designed to minimize negative impacts on existing conforming uses and adjacent neighborhoods. Require that new residential developments are located, scaled, buffered, and designed so as to not hinder the economic viability and continuity of areas planned for nonresidential uses.</p>	<p>Consolidated and made more explicit</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.3.1 Ensure that development within Special Study Areas is compatible with adjacent development.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.3.2 Ensure that development within Special Study Areas does not adversely impact City facilities and services.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.4.2 Review school site development plans to ensure appropriate and compatible reuse and/or development.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.5.1 Protect and enhance existing well maintained neighborhood areas.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.6.1 Promote residential, commercial and industrial development which achieves harmony without monotony in the built environment.</p>
<p>Policy LU-1.2 Land Use Plan consistency. Consider proposed development that is consistent with the Land Use Plan (i.e., it does not require a change in Land Use Designations), to be generally compatible and consistent with surrounding land uses and a community’s identity. Other policies in the General Plan and development standards in the Development Code may require additional site, building, and landscape design treatment to ensure compatibility.</p>	<p>Expanded to reflect GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.1.2 Encourage variety, quality, consistency and innovation in land use practice.</p>
<p>Policy LU-1.3 Mix of land uses. Maintain a balanced mix of high quality residential, retail, employment, industrial, open space, and public facility land uses to ensure a range of living options, fiscal sustainability, and convenient access to shops, restaurants, services, and well-paid and highly skilled jobs.</p>	<p>Expanded to reflect GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.1.2 Encourage variety, quality, consistency and innovation in land use practice.</p>

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Policy LU-1.4 Mixed-use activity centers. Encourage and facilitate the creation and maintenance of dynamic activity centers throughout the city that incorporate a mix of uses and public gathering space that promote a sense of place and community identity.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	Land Use Policy 2.1.1 Maintain and continue to enhance high-quality mixed-use developments throughout the City.
Policy LU-1.5 Reuse of public land. Prioritize the reuse of land that is owned by non-city public agencies for public uses such as civic buildings, parks, or recreation facilities.	Expanded to include more types of facilities	Land Use Goal 2.4 Orderly transition of land use on surplus school sites.
Policy LU-1.6 School planning. Coordinate with school districts on facility improvements, expansion, and contraction planning and activities.	Streamlined	Land Use Policy 2.4.1 Work in concert with local school districts to monitor closing of school sites to ensure the adequacy of school facilities. Land Use Policy 2.4.2 Review school site development plans to ensure appropriate and compatible reuse and/or development.
Policy LU-1.7 New elementary school. Coordinate with school districts and development applicants to plan and provide expanded or new elementary school facilities near the Southpark and Crossings properties.	Expanded to support Land Use Plan & Housing Element	Land Use Policy 2.4.1 Work in concert with local school districts to monitor closing of school sites to ensure the adequacy of school facilities. Land Use Policy 2.4.2 Review school site development plans to ensure appropriate and compatible reuse and/or development.
Goal LU-2. A balanced mix of land uses and development types that result in fiscal sustainability and support continuously improving public facilities and services.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	Land Use Goal 2.12 Enhance the City's economic base and business environment.
Policy LU-2.1 Fiscal impacts. Require proposed new development to demonstrate that it can and will be adequately served by public facilities without negatively impacting existing capacities and levels of service. Require new development and changes in use requiring discretionary City approval to be fiscally neutral or beneficial.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	Land Use Policy 2.1.3 Promote quality commercial and industrial development.
Policy LU-2.2 Fair share contributions. Require new development to pay its fair share of the cost for on- and off-site capital improvements.	Streamlined	Growth Management Policy 10.2.2.a It is the policy of the City that all new development pay its share of regional traffic mitigation. The City will impose an impact mitigation fee for improvements within its boundaries and to work with other jurisdictions through Inter-Jurisdictional Planning Forums to determine minimally acceptable impact fee levels for applications within the GMA.

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<p>Policy LU-2.3 Mixed-use development. Require new development in areas planned for mixed use to incorporate high-quality and innovative design with walkable environments, human-scale, gathering spaces, and vibrant businesses that competitively attract consumers and consumer spending in the evolving retail sales and services market.</p>	<p>Expanded to reflect GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.1.1 Maintain and continue to enhance high-quality mixed-use developments throughout the City.</p>
<p>Policy LU-2.4 Crossings Specific Plan. Stay engaged with property owners, developers, brokers, and other stakeholders to facilitate development that makes progress toward the vision of the Crossings Specific Plan.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.3 Maximize benefits of future development of Special Study Area</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.3.1 Ensure that development within Special Study Areas is compatible with adjacent development.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.3.2 Ensure that development within Special Study Areas does not adversely impact City facilities and services.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.3.3 Ensure that Special Study Areas reach their maximum development potential.</p>
<p>Policy LU-2.5 Reduced commuting. Attract and retain businesses that provide jobs suited to the labor force residing in Fountain Valley. Additionally, support and assist the development of housing affordable to the workforce commuting into Fountain Valley.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Air Quality Goal 8.2 Maintain or improve the balance between jobs and housing in order to create a more efficient urban form, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and reduce traffic congestion.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy 8.2.2 Promote the opportunities for human resource development.</p> <p>Growth Management Policy 10.2.7 Jobs and Housing Policy. Recognizing the constraints of existing physical development characteristics, it is the policy of the City to strive towards an achievement of balanced land use whereby residential, non-residential and public land uses are proportionally balanced.</p>
<p>Goal LU-3. Neighborhoods, places, and buildings that are well maintained, demonstrate pride and reinvestment, and reinforce a sense of community.</p>	<p>Expanded to reflect GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.5 Protect and enhance the City’s existing positive visual attributes.</p>
<p>Policy LU-3.1 Pride and identity. Enhance the sense of identity and increase the feeling of pride among residents, business owners, employees, and visitors by encouraging excellent physical design and continual property maintenance and improvements.</p>	<p>Expanded to reflect GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.5.1 Protect and enhance existing well maintained neighborhood areas.</p>

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<p>Policy LU-3.2 Scale and character. Ensure that all new development is compatible with the scale and character of the surrounding neighborhoods in Fountain Valley.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.6.2 Encourage planning and design which is people oriented, sensitive to the needs of visitors and residents and functionally efficient for its purpose.</p>
<p>Policy LU-3.3 Quality of life uses. Protect and improve public parks, trails, open space areas, public plazas, historical assets, and public facilities that define and enhance the City’s quality of life.</p>	<p>Expanded to include more types of amenities</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.5.2 Protect and enhance existing parks and open space areas.</p>
<p>Policy LU-3.4 Building design. Nonresidential buildings and related improvements should exhibit authentic and enduring design. Although no specific architectural style is required, the City prefers that designs for individual buildings stay true to a single architectural style and discourage franchise architecture. Buildings shall present fully finished facades on all sides visible from freeways or streets.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.6 Improve architectural quality of development within Fountain Valley.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.6.1 Promote residential, commercial and industrial development which achieves harmony without monotony in the built environment.</p> <p>Land Use Goal 2.8 Well designed commercial and industrial development.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.8.1 Work with commercial center owners and tenants to improve the appearance and character of these developments.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.9.4 Buildings shall present fully finished facades on all sides visible from freeways or streets.</p>
<p>Policy LU-3.5 Corridor design. Buildings, streetscapes, landscaping, and associated improvements along the City’s arterial streets should be attractive and promote a cohesive sense of place.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.9 Attractive streetscapes throughout the City.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.9.1 Encourage landscaping to enhance streetscapes.</p>
<p>Policy LU-3.6 Parking design. Require surface and structured parking lots to be safe and convenient for all users. Parking areas shall also be attractive, particularly when visible from the public realm, with landscaping providing visual relief, buffering, and shade for vehicles and pedestrians.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.11 Safe and attractive parking facilities throughout the City.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.11.1 Minimize the visual impacts of commercial and industrial surface parking.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.11.2 Improve the appearance and convenience of rear parking lots in commercial districts.</p>

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Goal LU-4. Economic development thinking integrated throughout the municipal organization in a way that sustains long-term economic growth and attracts private investment.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	Land Use Goal 2.12 Enhance the City’s economic base and business environment.
Policy LU-4.1 Economic development objectives. Invest in economic development through the City’s economic development program to maintain and enhance the attractiveness of Fountain Valley for private investment, to increase local job opportunities for residents, and to facilitate growth in the local economy that contributes to and enhances Fountain Valley’s premier quality of life.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	--
Policy LU-4.2 Economic development thinking. Integrate economic development thinking throughout city government by providing economic development training for key city staff, discussing economic and fiscal implications in staff reports for land use cases, and regularly communicating the City’s economic development efforts and successes.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	--
Policy LU-4.3 Strategic action plan. Adopt and periodically update an economic development strategic plan that states the City’s vision for economic development, identifies objectives for the time frame of the strategy, establishes strategies and action plans, and that may also identify target sectors, partnerships, and marketing and communications.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	Land Use Policy 2.12.2 Encourage the development of an Economic Marketing Plan.
Policy LU-4.4 Existing businesses. Partner with the Orange County Small Business Development Center, the Service Core of Retired Executives, the Orange County Workforce Development Board, and other economic development services providers and funding sources to assist existing business and business startups to be more profitable and to thrive and grow locally.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	Land Use Policy 2.12.1 Assist in the preservation, improvement and intensification of existing commercial development.
Policy LU-4.5 Marketing and communications. Maintain regular public communications of the City’s economic development efforts and successes, maintain regular communications with existing businesses and economic development stakeholders, and, consistent with the adopted economic development strategic plan, investing in communications to market Fountain Valley as a location for new businesses and private investment.	Expanded to reflect GP Vision	Land Use Policy 2.12.2 Encourage and promote the entire City through a concentrated, proactive outreach program.

CIRCULATION AND MOBILITY ELEMENT

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<p>Goal CM-1. A safe and efficient network of streets that are adequate for residents, businesses, visitors, and emergency services.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Circulation Goal 3.2 Provide a circulation system which supports existing, approved, and planned and uses throughout the City while maintaining a desired level of service on all streets and at all intersections.</p> <p>Growth Management Goal 10.2 Ensure the provision of adequate transportation for existing and future residents of the City.</p>
<p>Policy CM-1.1 Level of service. Maintain a citywide level of service (LOS) not exceeding LOS D for intersections during the peak hours. Require new development projects to mitigate off-site traffic impacts to the maximum extent feasible to maintain the City’s LOS standard within three years of the issuance of the first building permit for a development project or within five years of the first grading permit, whichever occurs first.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Circulation Policy 3.2.1 Maintain a citywide level of service (LOS) not exceeding LOS “D” for intersections during the peak hours, unless the City determines an exception is warranted on an interim basis.</p> <p>Growth Management Policy 10.2.1 Level of Service (LOS) "D" is the target standard for intersections under sole control of the City. To achieve this, it is the policy of the City that within three years of the issuance of the first building permit for a development project or within five years of the first grading permit for said development, whichever occurs first, that the necessary improvements to transportation facilities to which the project contributes measurable traffic, are constructed and completed to attain Level of Service (LOS) "D" at the intersection under sole control of the City.</p>
<p>Policy CM-1.2 Local traffic mitigation fee. Regularly review and update the mitigation fee. Development contributing measurable impacts to intersections on the Deficient Intersection List and projects contributing cumulatively, or individually, 10 % or more of the traffic using any intersection will be assessed a mitigation fee determined by the City and other involved jurisdictions and administered as part of the City’s Capital Improvement Program.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Circulation Policy 3.3.2 Pursuant to Measure M, develop a Circulation Improvement Financing Program which enables circulation improvements to be funded by new development in a manner that maintains the specified performance standards.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.3.3 Require new development projects to mitigate off-site traffic impacts to the maximum extent feasible in order to maintain the City’s preferred level of service standard.</p> <p>Growth Management Policy 10.2.2 It is the policy of the City that all new development pay its share of regional traffic mitigation. The City will impose an impact mitigation fee for improvements within its boundaries and to work with other jurisdictions through Inter-</p>

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		Jurisdictional Planning Forums to determine minimally acceptable impact fee levels for applications within the GMA.
<p>Policy CM-1.3 Mitigation fees for projects outside the city. Coordinate with other jurisdictions to determine minimally acceptable impact fee levels for development applications’ fair share contribution, provided it is done so in a reciprocal manner.</p>	Generally consistent	<p>Circulation Goal 3.4.3 Work with adjacent cities to ensure that the traffic impacts of development projects in these cities do not adversely impact the City of Fountain Valley.</p>
<p>Policy CM-1.4 Measure M revenue. Prohibit Measure M sales tax revenues from replacing private developer funding that has been committed for any project.</p>	Generally consistent	<p>Growth Management Policy 10.2.2.b It is also a policy of the City that new Measure M sales tax revenues shall not be used to replace private developer funds which has been committed for any project.</p>
<p>Policy CM-1.5 Regional network. Support the development of regional transportation facilities that ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods between the city and outside areas, accommodating regional travel demands while minimizing impacts on Fountain Valley residents and businesses.</p>	Generally consistent	<p>Circulation Goal 3.4 Support development of regional transportation facilities which ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods from within the City to areas outside its boundaries, and which accommodate the regional travel demands of developing areas outside the City.</p>
<p>Policy CM-1.6 Interagency coordination. Coordinate with adjacent cities and agencies on long-term plans, proposed development projects, and capital improvements while minimizing adverse traffic impacts on Fountain Valley residents and businesses.</p>	Streamlined	<p>Land Use Policy 2.14.5 Participate in interjurisdictional planning forums to reduce cumulative regional traffic impacts, improve air quality and manage growth.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.1.3 Participate with other agencies in defining and implementing a Congestion Management Program for Fountain Valley which maintains compliance with Orange County’s Congestion Management Plan (CMP).</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.4.2 Maintain a proactive and assertive role with adjacent cities and regional, state, and federal agencies dealing with regional transportation issues affecting the City.</p>
<p>Policy CM-1.7 Traffic management. Utilize intelligent transportation systems and research changing trends in mobility to more efficiently and safely move people and vehicles while managing motor vehicle speeds.</p>	Streamlined	<p>Circulation Goal 3.5 Develop and encourage a transportation demand management (TDM) system to assist in mitigating traffic impacts and in maintaining a desired level of service on the circulation system. The TDM system will be in accordance with the TDM ordinance adopted by the City of Fountain Valley pursuant to the requirements of the County’s Measure M and the State’s Congestion Management Plan Act.</p>

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		<p>Circulation Policy 3.5.2 Require that proposals for major new non-residential development include submission of a TDM plan to the City.</p> <p>Growth Management Goal 10.1 Reduce traffic congestion.</p> <p>Growth Management Policy 10.2.6 Transportation Demand Management TDM. It is a policy of the City to promote traffic reduction strategies through TDM measures.</p>
<p>Policy CM-1.8 Truck routes. Plan and designate truck routes that support the effective transport of goods while minimizing the negative impacts on local circulation, neighborhoods, and noise-sensitive land uses.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Circulation Goal 3.6 Designate primary truck routes that sustain an effective transport of commodities while minimizing the negative impacts on local circulation and on noise-sensitive land uses.</p>
<p>Goal CM-2. A comprehensive and multimodal network of streets, bikeways, and pedestrian areas that facilitates the safe and efficient movement of people and goods while minimizing vehicle miles traveled.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.10 Safe and attractive pedestrian facilities.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.14.4 Achieve an Integrated, balanced, safe and efficient transportation system that accommodates the demand for movement of people, goods and services.</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.1 Provide a transportation system that supports the land use element of the General Plan and facilitates the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the City of Fountain Valley.</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.9 Provide a citywide system of safe, efficient and attractive bicycle and pedestrian routes for commuter, school and recreational use.</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.1 Multimodal and complete network. Plan, design, and maintain a citywide network of travelways for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Create safe, desirable, and convenient linkages between neighborhoods, recreational amenities, schools, and commercial, employment, and activity centers through complete facilities, amenities, and safety features.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.10.1 Provide pedestrian corridors for convenience and recreation.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.10.3 Provide for transit user safety and convenience.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.1.2 Promote the orderly completion of the planned circulation system through the improvement of substandard roadway segments and intersections, and the construction of missing roadway links and related facilities.</p>

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		<p>Circulation Goal 3.9.6 Require plans for bicycle and pedestrian facilities to give priority to providing continuity and closing gaps in the bikeway and sidewalk network.</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.9.9 Ensure accessibility of pedestrian facilities to the elderly and mobility impaired.</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.2 Regional network. Coordinate development of the City’s active transportation and transit network with adjacent jurisdictions, OCTA, and other appropriate agencies. Connect bicycle and pedestrian trails to local and regional trails in adjacent jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.10.3 Provide for transit user safety and convenience.</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.7 Maintain participation in a public transit system that provides mobility to all City residents and employees as a logical alternative to automobile travel.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.7.1 Coordinate with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to increase transit services and expand services through transit facility improvements.</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.9.2 Develop and adopt a Bikeway Plan that is consistent with the County of Orange Master Plan of Countywide Bikeways, and other adopted master plans, to assure that local bicycle routes will be compatible with routes of neighboring jurisdictions.</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.3 Design of new facilities. Balance accommodations for vehicles, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians in the design of new streets and streetscape improvements.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.10.2 Enhance pedestrian facilities in non-residential areas.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.7.2 Promote new development that is designed in a manner which facilitates provision or expansion of transit service, provides on-site commercial/recreational facilities to discourage midday travel, and provides on-site circulation.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.9.1 Develop citywide standards for construction and maintenance of bikeways and pedestrian walkways.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.9.5 Construct safe, separate and convenient paths for bicycles and pedestrians so as to encourage these alternative forms of transportation.</p>

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<p>Policy CM-2.4 Traffic calming. Use traffic calming measures in residential areas and activity centers to enhance the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, provided such measures are warranted, appropriate, and do not impede emergency response access and response.</p>	<p>Added to support enhanced multi-modal network</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.5 Site design. Require new development to incorporate amenities and pathways so that pedestrians and bicyclists can access the site and onsite businesses safely and conveniently from the public right-of-way and parking areas.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Circulation Policy 3.7.3 Require proposed developments to include transit facilities, such as park-and-ride sites, bus benches, shelters, pads or turn-outs, where appropriate, in their improvement plans or as needed in proximity to their development.</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.9.3 Maintain existing pedestrian facilities and require new development to provide pedestrian walkways between developments, schools and public facilities.</p> <p>Circulation Goal 3.9.4 Where appropriate, require proposed developments adjacent to proposed bikeway routes to include bicycle paths or lanes in their street improvement plans and to construct the bicycle paths or lanes as a condition of project approval.</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.6 Access management. Minimize access points and curb cuts along arterials and in the proximity of an intersection to improve traffic flow and safety for vehicles and bicycles. Eliminate and/or consolidate driveways when new development occurs or when traffic operation or safety warrants.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Circulation Policy 3.3.6 Require that driveway access points onto arterial roadways be limited in number and location in order to ensure the smooth and safe flow of vehicles and bicycles.</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.7 VMT reduction. Promote new development and transportation demand management (TDM) strategies that will reduce household and employment vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Prioritize the implementation of TDM strategies over the expansion of roadway capacity.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Circulation Policy 3.5.1 Pursue transportation management strategies that can maximize vehicle occupancy and minimize average trip length.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy 8.1.4 Cooperate with other jurisdictions in the South Coast Air Basin to reduce the number of vehicle trips, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and reduce traffic congestion.</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.8 First mile/last mile connectivity. Support strategies that strengthen first/last mile connectivity to enhance the viability and expand the use of public transit, both to improve quality of life and reduce traffic congestion in the city.</p>	<p>Added to support enhanced multi-modal network</p>	<p>--</p>

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<p>Policy CM-2.9 Safe routes to schools and parks. Facilitate the implementation of safe routes to schools and parks by partnering with the school districts, residents, property owners, and community stakeholders.</p>	<p>Added to support enhanced multi-modal network</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.10 Transit service and stops. Coordinate with OCTA to increase frequency of bus service and install, improve, and maintain safe, clean, comfortable, well-lit, and rider-friendly transit stops that are well marked and visible to motorists.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Circulation Policy 3.7.7 Encourage the provision of safe, attractive and clearly identifiable transit stops throughout the community.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.7.8 Develop design standards that promote access to transit facilities.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.7.9 Encourage accessible and efficient public transit for persons with impaired mobility.</p>
<p>Policy CM-2.11 Parking strategies. Support shared parking and other strategies to ensure projects are appropriately parked and will not negatively impact adjacent neighborhoods, without increasing development costs and creating large, underutilized parking areas.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Circulation Goal 3.10 Provide sufficient, well-designed and convenient on-street parking facilities throughout the City.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.10.1 Develop and implement a Parking Management Plan or other program that identifies parking requirements.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.10.2 Consolidate parking, where appropriate, to eliminate the number of ingress and egress points onto arterials.</p> <p>Circulation Policy 3.10.3 Consider the use of public/private joint-ventures to provide funding sources for parking facilities.</p>

HOUSING ELEMENT

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Goal H-1. Promote and encourage the development of a variety of housing opportunities to accommodate current and projected households.	No change	Housing Goal 9.2 Promote and encourage the development of a variety of housing opportunities to accommodate current and projected households.
Policy H-1.1 Promote the construction of additional dwelling units to accommodate Fountain Valley’s share of regional housing needs in accordance with adopted land use policies.	No change	Housing Policy 9.2.a Promote the construction of additional dwelling units to accommodate Fountain Valley's share of regional housing needs in accordance with adopted land use policies.
Policy H-1.2 Provide a variety of housing opportunities for all income levels through different land uses and densities.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy H-1.3 Coordinate new residential development with the provision of infrastructure and public services.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy H-1.4 Locate higher density residential development close to public transportation.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Goal H-2. Assist in the provision of housing affordable to lower income households.	No change	Housing Goal 9.2 Assist in the provision of housing affordable to lower income households.
Policy H-2.1 Promote infill housing development through the adaptive reuse of underutilized parcels.	No change	Housing Policy 9.2.b Promote in fill housing development on vacant land within existing neighborhoods and recycling of underutilized non-residential parcels.
Policy H-2.2 Promote and encourage the use of innovative construction methods, design standards, lot configurations, and energy conservation techniques that will facilitate the production of quality, affordable, and attractive new housing which varies in type, design, form of ownership, and size, and is compatible with abutting development.	No change	Housing Policy 9.2.c Promote and encourage the use of innovative construction methods, design standards, lot configurations, and energy conservation techniques which will facilitate the production of quality, affordable and attractive new housing which varies in type, design, form of ownership, and size, and is compatible with abutting development.
Policy H-2.3 Encourage new housing construction for rental and ownership housing in a mixture of price ranges.	No change	Housing Policy 9.2.d Encourage new housing construction for homeownership in a mixture of price ranges.
Policy H-2.4 Promote development of compatible mixed-use projects with residential components at higher densities within commercial designations.	Revised to satisfy state law	Housing Policy 9.2.e Promote development of compatible mixed-use projects with residential components at medium to high densities within commercial designations, where determined appropriate.

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Policy H-2.5 Continue to utilize planned unit developments and specific plans to allow and promote a variety of lot sizes and housing types in new development.	No change	Housing Policy 9.2.f Continue to utilize Planned Community districts or Specific Plans to allow and promote a variety of lot sizes and housing types in new development.
Goal H-3. Address and, where possible, remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing, including housing for people at all income levels, as well as housing for people with disabilities.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy H-3.1 Encourage regulatory incentives that streamline the development and maintenance of housing, with additional incentives for affordable housing.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy H-3.2 Adopt new City requirements with the intent of reducing costs for housing. When new City requirements would increase costs, seek alternative options, and provide exemptions for affordable housing.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy H-3.3 Implement the City’s Development Code to permit the development of single room occupancy units, accessory dwelling units, and transitional, supportive, and emergency housing (including low barrier navigation centers) in specified zones.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Goal H-4. Encourage the maintenance and rehabilitation of the City’s existing housing stock.	No change	Housing Goal 9.1 Encourage the maintenance and rehabilitation of the City's existing housing stock.
Policy H-4.1 Concentrate proactive code enforcement and rehabilitation efforts in areas with deteriorated housing conditions.	No change	Housing Policy 9.1.a Concentrate proactive code enforcement and rehabilitation efforts in areas with deteriorated housing conditions.
Policy H-4.2 Encourage private efforts to rehabilitate the existing housing stock.	No change	Housing Policy 9.1.b Encourage private efforts to rehabilitate the existing housing stock.
Policy H-4.3 Provide rehabilitation assistance to ensure maintenance of the older housing stock.	No change	Housing Policy 9.1.c Provide rehabilitation assistance to ensure maintenance of the older housing stock.
Policy H-4.4 Continue to enforce health, safety, and development codes to eliminate conditions that are detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare of residents.	No change	Housing Policy 9.1.d Continue to enforce health, safety and zoning codes to eliminate conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and general welfare of residents.
Policy H-4.5 Provide public services and improvements that enhance and create neighborhood stability.	No change	Housing Policy 9.1.e Provide public services and improvements that enhance and create neighborhood stability.

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Goal H-5. Conserve and support affordable housing opportunities in the City.	No change	Housing Goal 9.3 Conserve and support affordable housing opportunities in the City.
Policy H-5.1 Promote and expand affordable home ownership opportunities for lower and moderate income households in the City.	No change	Housing Policy 9.3.a Promote and expand affordable home ownership opportunities for lower and moderate-income households in the City.
Policy H-5.2 Pursue available housing funds provided by federal, state, private, and/or local sources to preserve affordable housing.	No change	Housing Policy 9.3.b Pursue available housing funds provided by Federal, State, private and/or local sources to preserve affordable housing.
Policy H-5.3 Continue to support innovative public, private, and non-profit housing development organizations' efforts in the provision of affordable housing, particularly for special needs groups.	No change	Housing Policy 9.3.c Continue to support innovative public, private and non-profit housing development organizations' efforts in the provision of affordable housing, particularly for special needs groups.
Policy H-5.4 Address the long and short-term needs of those who are experiencing homelessness through continued support of local private and non-profit groups that provide shelter and services.	No change	Housing Policy 9.3.d Address the long and short term needs of those who are homeless through continued support of local private and non-profit groups which provide shelter and services.
Policy H-5.5 Conserve the existing stock of affordable rental housing. Limit the proportion of multifamily housing units permitted to convert to owner-occupied status.	No change	Housing Policy 9.3.e Conserve the existing stock of rental housing. Limit the proportion of multifamily housing units permitted to convert to owner-occupied status.
Policy H-5.6 Provide regulatory incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing.	No change	Housing Policy 9.3.f Provide regulatory incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing.
Goal H-6. Promote housing opportunities for all persons regardless of race, age, religion, sex, marital status, disability status, ancestry, national origin, or color.	No change	Housing Goal 9.4 Promote housing opportunities for all persons regardless of race, age, religion, sex, marital status, disability status, ancestry, national origin, or color.
Policy H-6.1 Promote fair housing practices throughout the City.	No change	Housing Policy 9.4.a Promote fair housing practices throughout the City.
Policy H-6.2 Promote a variety of housing types to meet the special needs of persons with disabilities, elderly households, and others who may need assisted living.	No change	Housing Policy 9.4.b Promote a variety of housing types to meet the special needs of persons with disabilities, elderly households and others who may need assisted living.
Policy H-6.3 Minimize the displacement of lower income and special needs households.	No change	Housing Policy 9.4.c Minimize the displacement of lower income and special needs households whenever possible and, where necessary ensure that displacement is carried out in an equitable manner.

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Policy H-6.4 Continue to require compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards in all new residential developments and continue to enforce the building code provisions requiring accessible design.	No change	Housing Policy 9.4.d Continue to require compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards in all new housing projects and continue to enforce the building code provisions requiring accessible design.
Policy H-6.5 Continue working with various organizations and agencies that assist those with special needs, such as persons experiencing homelessness, persons with disabilities, low income households, and elderly persons.	No change	Housing Policy 9.4.e Continue working with various organizations and agencies that provide assistance to persons with special needs such as the homeless, persons with disabilities, low income households and elderly persons.
Policy H-6.6 Monitor, on an annual basis, the effectiveness of current City regulations that permit emergency shelters/homeless services and adjust development standards, incentives, and approval processes, as appropriate, to ensure existing policies continue to provide opportunities for homeless and transitional housing in Fountain Valley.	No change	Housing Policy 9.4.f The City of Fountain Valley will monitor on an annual basis the effectiveness of current zoning that permits emergency shelters/homeless services and adjust development standards, incentives and approval processes, as appropriate, to ensure existing policies continue to provide opportunities for homeless and transitional housing in Fountain Valley.

OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT

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<p>Goal OSC-1. An integrated system of parks and recreation facilities and programming that enable residents of all ages and abilities to be healthy and use their leisure time in a rewarding, relaxing, and creative manner.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Parks Goal 4.1 Provide park and recreation opportunities that enable residents of all ages to use their leisure time in a rewarding, relaxing and creative manner.</p> <p>Land Use Policy 2.14.7 Provide for sufficient park, recreation, and community service opportunities throughout Fountain Valley to meet the needs of existing and future residents and workers.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-1.1 Parks standards. Require new residential development to provide or pay fees equivalent to a ratio of three acres of park lands and recreation facilities for every 1,000 residents added.</p>	<p>Added to support GP Vision</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy OSC-1.2 Maintain and improve existing parks. Maintain and improve neighborhood and community parks, as well as special facilities such as sports fields and bicycle, hiking, or nature trails.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Parks Policy 4.1.3 Rehabilitate and upgrade existing park facilities.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-1.3 Accessibility and interests. Design and program parks and recreational facilities for people of all ages and abilities. Monitor the needs and interests of the surrounding neighborhoods and overall community to improve and adapt park facilities and programming.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Parks Policy 4.1.2 Continue to develop neighborhood and community parks as well as special facilities such as interpretive nature parks, and bicycle or hiking trails.</p> <p>Parks Policy 4.1.7 Ensure that neighborhood parks meet the particular needs of the residents they serve.</p> <p>Parks Policy 4.1.9 Provide family-oriented activities and community oriented opportunities to the citizens of Fountain Valley.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-1.4 Mile Square Park. Coordinate with the County to maximize the amount of programmed and unprogrammed recreational and open space, year-round activities, and special events are available to all residents of Fountain Valley.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Parks Goal 4.2 Maximize the recreational and open space opportunities afforded by Mile Square Park within the City.</p> <p>Parks Policy 4.2.1 The City will work with the County and the federal government to ensure that Mile Square Park will remain an important recreation amenity for the community.</p> <p>Parks Policy 4.2.2 The City shall review and coordinate concerns with the County of Orange, the Department of the Interior and other applicable agencies and organizations regarding the operation of Mile Square Park's year-round activities as well as special events.</p>

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Policy OSC-1.5 School reuse. When considering proposals to convert school property to private development, prioritize the retention of a comparable amount of public open space as part of the future use.	Generally consistent	Land Use Goal 2.4 Orderly transition of land use on surplus school sites.
Policy OSC-1.6 Multipurpose open space. Maximize the use of public utility easements, flood control channels, school grounds, and other quasi-public areas for recreational uses and playfields.	Added to enhance recreational opportunities	--
Policy OSC-1.7 Trail linkages. Establish and maintain pedestrian and bicycle trails as linkages between open space and recreation facilities within the community.	Generally consistent	Parks Policy 4.1.8 Provide for pedestrian and bicycle trails as linkages between open space and recreation facilities within the community.
Policy OSC-1.8 Public plazas. In large mixed-use developments, require publicly-accessible open space areas that can be used for activities such as outdoor performances, farmers markets, outdoor dining, and community gathering.	Added to enhance mixed-use areas and publicly accessible spaces	--
Goal OSC-2. Natural, historic, and cultural resources that are protected and enhanced as sources of community pride and identity.	Streamlined	<p>Parks Goal 4.3 Conserve, protect and enhance the natural resources in Fountain Valley.</p> <p>Conservation Goal 5.1 Conserve, protect and enhance the natural resources in Fountain Valley to ensure their optimal use and support to the benefit of all present and future citizens of the City.</p> <p>Conservation Goal 5.4 Conservation of Fountain Valley's biological resources.</p>
Policy OSC-2.1 Urban forest. Maintain and enhance a diverse and healthy urban forest on public and private lands to beautify the City, retain its status as a Tree City USA, expand shade for pedestrians and parking areas, reduce the urban heat island effect, and improve air quality.	Added to support preservation of natural amenities	--
Policy OSC-2.2 Tree preservation. Replace dead, missing, or removed trees on public property and encourage and facilitate tree replacement and preservation on private property. If replacement is not possible, for every tree not replaced, plant two new trees on public property that is close to the unreplaced tree.	Streamlined	Parks Policy 4.1.5 The City shall coordinate with community groups and neighborhoods in developing a tree replacement program for those existing trees which must be removed along public and private streets.

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		<p>Parks Policy 4.1.6 Dead and missing trees will be replaced and additional trees will be added where possible.</p> <p>Conservation Policy 5.4.2 The City shall coordinate with community groups and neighborhoods in developing a tree replacement program for those existing trees which must be removed along public and private streets.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-2.3 National and state historic resources. Preserve historical sites and buildings of state or national significance in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Rehabilitation.</p>	<p>Added to support preservation of historic amenities</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy OSC-2.4 Local historic resources. Encourage property owners to maintain the historic integrity of the site by (listed in order of preference): preservation, adaptive reuse, or memorialization. If the local historic resource cannot remain in place, relocate appropriate structures to Heritage Park if feasible.</p>	<p>Added to support preservation of historic amenities</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy OSC-2.5 Heritage Park. Maintain and enhance Heritage Park as a community resource to commemorate and celebrate the community’s history.</p>	<p>Added to support preservation of historic amenities</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy OSC-2.6 Biological resources. Coordinate with the County to maintain and enhance the Mile Square Park Urban Nature Center and to minimize negative impacts from programming, activities, and improvements on biological resources at Mile Square Park.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Parks Policy 4.3.1 Ensure the optimal use and support of the natural resources in the City for the benefit of all present and future citizens of the City.</p> <p>Conservation Policy 5.1.1 Develop an environmental mitigation monitoring program to address the natural resources found in Fountain Valley.</p> <p>Conservation Policy 5.4.1 Conserve and enhance biological resources by facilitating development in a manner which reflects the characteristics, sensitivities and constraints of these resources.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-2.7 Tribal cultural resources. Ensure compliance with statutory tribal notification and consultation requirements and CEQA</p>	<p>Added to support preservation of</p>	<p>--</p>

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mitigation measures as part of planning, permitting, and construction activities.	cultural amenities	
Policy OSC-2.8 Public education. Support public education efforts for residents and visitors about the unique historic, natural, and cultural resources in Fountain Valley.	Added to support preservation of historic and cultural amenities	--
Goal OSC-3. Air, water, and energy resources that are protected from pollution and overuse.	Streamlined	<p>Goal 5.2 Protect Fountain Valley's existing and future water resources.</p> <p>Goal 5.5 Energy conservation.</p> <p>Goal 8.1 Air quality which meets the standards set by the State and Federal governments.</p>
Policy OSC-3.1 Regional air quality. Support regional efforts to monitor and reduce air pollution and collaborate with other agencies to improve air quality at the emission source.	Streamlined	<p>Air Quality Policy 8.1.1 Coordinate with other jurisdictions in Orange County and the surrounding area to establish parallel air quality plans and implementation programs.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy 8.1.2 Achieve conformance with mandated pollution reduction plans, congestion management plans, and transportation demand management plans.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy 8.1.4 Cooperate with other jurisdictions in the South Coast Air Basin to reduce the number of vehicle trips, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and reduce traffic congestion.</p>
Policy OSC-3.2 Alternative fueled vehicles. Support and facilitate the expansion of infrastructure for alternatively fueled public and private automobiles and trucks to reduce vehicle emissions and improve local and regional air quality.	Added to support emerging technologies and promote clean air	--

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<p>Policy OSC-3.3 Energy and water conservation. Encourage new development and substantial rehabilitation projects to exceed energy and water conservation and reduction standards set in the City’s Municipal Code and the California Building Code.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Conservation Policy 5.2.1 Conserve scarce water resources.</p> <p>Conservation Policy 5.5.1 Facilitate the conservation of scarce energy resources.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy 8.1.5 Reduce polluting emissions through reduced energy consumption.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-3.4 Turf replacement. Continue to encourage and facilitate the replacement of turf grass with native and drought-tolerant plants and/or artificial turf to reduce the use of water for irrigation.</p>	<p>Added to support water conservation</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy OSC-3.5 Groundwater quality and supply. Support regional efforts to improve the quality and quantity of groundwater sources available to the City.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Conservation Policy 5.2.2 Work with federal, State and County governments and agencies to maintain and improve the quality and quantity of local and regional groundwater resources available to the City.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-3.6 Stormwater pollution. Minimize non-point source pollutants and stormwater runoff to comply with and, where feasible, exceed regional, state, and federal standards.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Conservation Goal 5.7 Reduce urban run-off from new and existing development</p>
<p>Policy OSC-3.7 Low impact techniques. Encourage the use of low impact development techniques that retain or mimic natural features for stormwater management.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Conservation Policy 5.7.3 Continue to implement urban runoff reduction program consistent with regional and federal requirements, which includes requiring and encouraging the following examples of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in all developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase permeable areas, install filtration controls (including grass lined swales and gravel beds), and divert flow to these permeable areas to allow more percolation of runoff into the ground; - Use natural drainage, detention ponds, or infiltration pits to collect and filter runoff; - Prevent rainfall from entering material and waste storage areas and pollution-laden surfaces; and - Require new development and significant redevelopment to utilize site preparation, grading, and other BMPs that provide erosion and sediment control to prevent construction-related contaminants from leaving the site and polluting waterways.

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<p>Policy OSC-3.8 Renewable energy. Promote the use of renewable energy sources to serve public and private sector development to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and increase resiliency during prolonged and excessively high temperatures.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Conservation Policy 5.5.2 The City will encourage the use of alternate energy sources, including passive solar, in industrial, commercial and residential development.</p>
<p>Policy OSC-3.9 Public education. Provide and support public education efforts for residents and businesses about the importance of and proper practices to comply with air and water quality regulations.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Conservation Policy 5.7.6 Continue to provide public education information and outreach materials regarding proper materials handling practices to assist residents and businesses in complying with surface water quality regulations and to increase awareness of potential impacts of the environment resulting from improper containment or disposal practices.</p>

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SAFETY ELEMENT

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GOAL PFS-1. Reliable and cost-effective infrastructure systems and services that adequately serve residents and businesses.	Generally consistent	Land Use Goal 2.14 Manage growth and development to insure the maintenance or improvement of the existing quality of life in Fountain Valley.
Policy PFS-1.1 Water supply and distribution. Coordinate with Orange County Water District and Metropolitan Water District of Orange County to maintain high water quality and ensure adequate water supply for personal, business and institutional use, as well as landscaping and fire protection.	Generally consistent	Conservation Policy 5.2.2 Work with federal, State and County governments and agencies to maintain and improve the quality and quantity of local and regional groundwater resources available to the City.
Policy PFS-1.2 Approval beyond projected supplies. Approve new development with more than 100 units or 25,000 square feet of nonresidential building space only if either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the projected water demand of the proposed development can be accommodated by the remaining projected supplies in the latest adopted UWMP, or - the proposed development provides a separate water supply assessment that is approved by the Director of Public Works and demonstrates that there is an adequate 25-year water supply that will serve the proposed project and not diminish the water supply of existing residents and businesses in Fountain Valley. 	Added to reduce impact of growth on existing water supplies and avoid significant and unavoidable impact in EIR	--
Policy PFS-1.3 Irrigation. Encourage the use of water-efficient and recycled water irrigation systems.	Added to support water conservation	--
Policy PFS-1.4 Sewer system. Provide and maintain wastewater collection facilities that adequately serve existing land uses and future development projects. Coordinate with the Orange County Sanitation District to maintain adequate and efficient wastewater collection and treatment facilities.	Generally consistent	Land Use Policy 2.14.2 Work with water services, sewer and flood control agencies to ensure the adequate maintenance of infrastructure facilities and provision for future maintenance and possible replacement or repair of such facilities.

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<p>Policy PFS-1.5 Stormwater drainage. Provide and maintain stormwater collection facilities to adequately protect residents and businesses from flood hazards, upgrading existing facilities to current standards whenever financially feasible. Coordinate with the Orange County Flood Control District to maintain and enhance the capacity of regional stormwater drainage facilities.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.15 Reduce or eliminate urban and storm water run-off to protect water quality, biological habitats, and beneficial uses of downstream receiving waters.</p> <p>Conservation Policy 5.7.5 Coordinate with appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies on development projects and construction activities affecting waterways and drainages.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.3.4 Minimize the adverse effects of urbanization upon drainage and flood control facilities.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-1.6 Electricity and natural gas. Coordinate with Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company to ensure the safe, reliable, and cost-effective delivery of electricity and natural gas to homes, businesses, and institutions.</p>	<p>Added to comply with state GP requirements</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy PFS-1.7 Waste management. A waste management system that meets or exceeds state recycling and waste diversion mandates while providing cost-effective disposal of waste for residents, businesses, and institutions.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.14.6 Insure proper disposal of solid waste.</p> <p>Conservation Policy 5.6.1 While maintaining its current recycling policies, the City shall adopt additional incentives, regulations and procedures to further specify local recycling requirements and evaluate the potential for developing a recycling and/or composting center.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-1.8 Telecommunications. Partner with service providers to ensure access to a wide range of state-of-the-art telecommunication systems and services for homes, businesses, institutions, and public spaces.</p>	<p>Added to enhance quality of life and economic competitiveness</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Goal PFS-2. Minimized risk of injury, loss of life, property damage, and economic and social disruption caused by human-generated and natural hazards.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Public Safety Goal 6.1 Minimize hazards to public health, safety and welfare resulting from natural and man-made hazards.</p> <p>Public Safety Goal 6.2 Minimize hazards to public health, safety and welfare resulting from geotechnical hazards.</p> <p>Public Safety Goal 6.3 Minimize risk and damage from flood hazards within the City.</p> <p>Public Safety Goal 6.4 Minimize fire losses and damage within the City.</p>

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<p>Policy PFS-2.1 Disaster planning and coordination. Improve the City's ability to prepare for and respond to large-scale disasters through coordination and sharing data, experience, and strategies with other emergency management agencies and the private sector in state or regional efforts on disaster planning, preparedness, and response.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Public Safety Policy 6.1.1 Improve the City's ability to respond to large scale emergencies.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.2.2 Coordinate and cooperate with other agencies within the County to assist in the mitigation of geologic and seismic hazards.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.3.2 The City shall cooperate with local, State and Federal flood control agencies to reduce the potential for flood damage in the City of Fountain Valley.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-2.2 Local hazard mitigation plan implementation. Require adherence to the goals, objectives and actions in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and subsequent amendments to reduce and mitigate damages from hazards in the city.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Circulation Goal 3.4.5 Identify safe and expedient travel routes for emergency evacuation of the City.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.1.2 The City shall update, on a regular basis, the multi-hazard functional plan to ensure that emergency response and evacuation routes are accessible throughout the entire City.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.1.3 Educate and coordinate preparation of private sector emergency plans.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-2.3 Seismic retrofits. Encourage seismically vulnerable structures to be retrofitted to withstand seismic hazards based on the latest building code.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Public Safety Policy 6.2.3 Develop a program to identify and rehabilitate seismically vulnerable structures within the City.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-2.4 Stormwater drainage improvements. Support the Orange County Flood Control District's effort to collaborate with US Army Corps of Engineers to improve the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channel to reduce or eliminate the FEMA Flood Hazard Zone A in Fountain Valley.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Conservation Policy 5.7.4 Cooperate with surrounding jurisdictions and the County of Orange to provide adequate storm drainage facilities.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-2.5 Flood levees. Prohibit construction near levees that would adversely affect the integrity of a levee or would impede maintenance, inspection, or planned levee expansion.</p>	<p>Added to support community resiliency</p>	<p>--</p>

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<p>Policy PFS-2.6 Critical and public facilities. Require that new critical and public facilities be located and designed to operate during and minimize their exposure and susceptibility to flooding, seismic and geological effects, and urban fires. Retrofit existing City facilities and encourage existing private facilities to be retrofitted so that they can remain operational during an emergency.</p>	<p>Added to support community resiliency</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy PFS-2.7 Underground utilities. Require that underground utilities be designed to withstand seismic forces, accommodate ground settlement, and hardened to fire risk.</p>	<p>Added to support community resiliency</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Goal PFS-3. High quality emergency services that establish a real and perceived sense of safety and security for residents, businesses, and visitors.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Public Safety Goal 6.6 A safe and secure environment for the City's residents, workers and visitors.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-3.1 Police and fire service. Maintain staffing, facilities, and training activities to effectively respond to emergency and general public service calls.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.14.1 Meet community needs in the City for public safety, law enforcement, and fire prevention by providing adequate resources for prevention, detection, investigation and response to calls for service.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.4.1 Increase the Fire Prevention Division's ability to provide service and effectiveness in delivering and administering programs to both the Department and the community.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.4.2 Enhance the City's fire protection capabilities.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.6.1 Enhance the City police protection capabilities.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.6.2 The City shall continue to encourage and expand community programs to assist police protection.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.6.3 The Police Department will continue to review development proposals to determine the impacts of such development on emergency services.</p>

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Policy PFS-3.2 Interagency support. Continue to participate in mutual aid system and automatic aid agreements to back up and supplement capabilities to respond to emergencies.	Added to support community resiliency	--
Policy PFS-3.3 Hazardous materials. Ensure that the use and storage of hazardous materials comply with applicable federal, state, county, and local laws and management plans to prevent and mitigate hazardous materials releases.	Streamlined	<p>Public Safety Policy 6.5 Effective management and disposal of hazardous waste on a Citywide level.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.5.1 Cooperate with Federal and State hazardous waste management plans to protect the health and welfare of the public, the environment and the economy of the City of Fountain Valley through comprehensive programs that ensure safe and responsible management of hazardous waste and materials.</p> <p>Public Safety Policy 6.5.2 Ensure the effective management and disposal of hazardous waste on a Citywide level.</p>
Goal PFS-4. A community that is able to withstand and recover from emergencies, natural disasters, and climate-related hazards.	Added to satisfy state law	Public Safety Goal 6.1 Minimize hazards to public health, safety and welfare resulting from natural and man-made hazards.
Policy PFS-4.1 Resiliency infrastructure. Establish and maintain a local system of public and private resilience hubs, cooling centers, and emergency shelters that provide safe places for residents during hazard events or emergency conditions.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy PFS-4.2 Expediting public services. Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to reestablish and expedite public services to assist affected residents and businesses and accelerate the short- and long-term recovery process after hazard events or emergency conditions.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy PFS-4.3 Vulnerable populations. Coordinate with and encourage the use of community-based networks to aid vulnerable populations in preparing for emergencies and provide assistance with evacuation and recovery.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Policy PFS-4.4 Water shortage contingency. Prepare for a reduced, long-term water supply resulting from more frequent and severe drought events, coordinating with water providers to implement	Added to satisfy state law	--

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extensive water conservation measures and ensure adequate water supplies.		
Policy PFS-4.5 Regional and local flood control. Collaborate with Orange County Flood Control District and evaluate the need to expand the capacity of local flood control facilities to minimize flood hazards based on changing weather conditions associated with climate change.	Generally consistent	Conservation Policy 5.7.4 Cooperate with surrounding jurisdictions and the County of Orange to provide adequate storm drainage facilities.
Policy PFS-4.6 Sustainable and resilient design. Require the development or rehabilitation of any public facility or capital improvement to incorporate site design and building practices that promote sustainability, energy efficiency, and resiliency. Encourage and facilitate such designs and practices in the development and rehabilitation of private buildings and facilities.	Added to satisfy state law	--
Goal PFS-5. Protect the public health and welfare by eliminating existing noise problems and preventing significant degradation of the acoustic environment.	No change	Noise Goal 7.1 Protect the public health and welfare by eliminating existing noise problems and preventing significant degradation of the future acoustic environment.
Policy PFS-5.1 Land use compatibility. Approve development and require mitigation measures to ensure existing and future land use compatibility as shown in the City’s Noise Control Ordinance, the land use and noise compatibility matrix, and state interior and exterior noise standards.	Streamlined	<p>Noise Policy 7.1.1 Incorporate noise considerations into land use planning decisions.</p> <p>A. Establish acceptable limits of noise for various land uses throughout the community. The City adopts the noise standards presented in Figure 7-9 which identify interior and exterior noise standards in relation to specific land uses; particularly residential areas, schools, hospitals, open space preserves and parks. The standards specify the maximum noise levels allowable for new developments impacted by noise sources operating in public or quasi-public property.</p> <p>B. The City may require an environmental and noise impact evaluation for projects if determined necessary by the Environmental Review Committee. Should noise abatement be necessary, the City shall require the implementation of mitigation measures based on a detailed technical study prepared by a qualified acoustical engineer.</p> <p>C. The City shall consider establishing a periodic noise monitoring program to identify progress in achieving noise abatement and to</p>

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		<p>perform necessary updating of the noise element and community noise standards.</p> <p>D. The City shall minimize potential transportation noise through proper design of street circulation, coordination of routing, and other traffic control measures.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-5.2 New residential. When new residential development is proposed adjacent to land designated for industrial or commercial uses, require the proposed development to assess potential noise impacts and fund feasible noise-related mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Added to prevent acoustic conflicts</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy PFS-5.3 New nonresidential. When new nonresidential development is proposed adjacent to land designated for residential uses, require the proposed development to assess potential noise impacts and fund feasible noise-related mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Noise Policy 7.1.1 Incorporate noise considerations into land use planning decisions.</p> <p>A. Establish acceptable limits of noise for various land uses throughout the community. The City adopts the noise standards presented in Figure 7-9 which identify interior and exterior noise standards in relation to specific land uses; particularly residential areas, schools, hospitals, open space preserves and parks. The standards specify the maximum noise levels allowable for new developments impacted by noise sources operating in public or quasi-public property.</p> <p>B. The City may require an environmental and noise impact evaluation for projects if determined necessary by the Environmental Review Committee. Should noise abatement be necessary, the City shall require the implementation of mitigation measures based on a detailed technical study prepared by a qualified acoustical engineer.</p> <p>C. The City shall consider establishing a periodic noise monitoring program to identify progress in achieving noise abatement and to perform necessary updating of the noise element and community noise standards.</p> <p>D. The City shall minimize potential transportation noise through proper design of street circulation, coordination of routing, and other traffic control measures.</p>

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<p>Policy PFS-5.4 Transportation noise. Minimize potential transportation noise through proper roadway design, coordination of commercial vehicle routing, and other traffic control or abatement measures.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Noise Policy 7.1.2 Establish measures to reduce noise impacts from traffic noise sources.</p> <p>A. The City may require the construction of barriers to mitigate sound emissions where necessary or where feasible. Barriers shall not have gaps or openings. Wherever possible, freeway walls shall not stop short of bridge overcrossings but shall continue until meeting with the walls supporting the bridges. Without prevention, openings or gaps could render the sound walls ineffective.</p> <p>B. The City shall insure the effective enforcement of City, State and Federal noise levels by all appropriate City divisions.</p> <p>C. The City shall actively advocate noise control requirements for all new motor vehicles.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-5.5 Noise from businesses and events. Minimize or eliminate persistent, periodic, or impulsive noise impacts of business operations as well as special events to reduce and avoid noise impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Streamlined</p>	<p>Noise Policy 7.1.3 Establish measures to control non-transportation noise impacts.</p> <p>A. The City shall enforce the Fountain Valley Noise Ordinance to mitigate noise conflicts between adjacent land uses. The Noise Ordinance establishes noise limits that cannot be exceeded at the property line. The Noise Ordinance, because it is a City statute, can only control noise generated on private property. Therefore, the primary function of the Noise Ordinance is to control stationary noise sources and construction noise,</p> <p>B. The City shall evaluate noise generated by construction activities, and subject them to the requirements of the Noise Ordinance.</p> <p>C. The City shall establish and maintain coordination among the City agencies involved in noise abatement.</p> <p>D. The City shall insure the effective enforcement of City, State and Federal noise levels by all appropriate City divisions. The City shall provide quick response to complaints and rapid abatement of noise nuisances within the scope of the City's police powers.</p>

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		<p>E. The City shall coordinate with the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal-OSHA) to provide information on and enforcement of occupational noise requirements within the City.</p> <p>F. The City shall coordinate with the County of Orange to ensure that special events in Mile Square Park adhere to adopted noise standards and ordinances to minimize noise impacts surrounding neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Goal PFS-6. High quality public facilities and services and attractive public spaces that define Fountain Valley as a preeminent community.</p>	<p>Added to support GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Goal 2.9 Attractive streetscapes throughout the City.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-6.1 Public library. Coordinate with the County to maintain, expand, and improve library services, technologies, and facilities to meet the needs of the community, increase library patronage, and support the library’s role as a focal point of community engagement and events.</p>	<p>Added to support GP Vision</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy PFS-6.2 Academic excellence. Advocate for the continued pursuit of academic excellence in all of the school districts serving Fountain Valley.</p>	<p>Added to support GP Vision</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy PFS-6.3 Lifelong learning and workforce training. Advocate for the continued provision and expansion of educational and training offerings available through the Coast Community College District to support lifelong learning and workforce training.</p>	<p>Added to support GP Vision</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy PFS-6.4 Medical facilities. Maintain and enhance a collaborative relationship with Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Orange Coast Medical Center, and other medical service providers to best serve the community, create healthy communities, and maintain and attract a skilled workforce.</p>	<p>Added to support GP Vision</p>	<p>--</p>
<p>Policy PFS-6.5 Landscaping in public spaces. Maintain and enhance landscaping in parks, parkways, and medians to beautify spaces while using native and drought-tolerant species to ensure healthy and resilient vegetation. Incorporate and preserve mature and specimen trees at key gateways, landmarks, and public facilities.</p>	<p>Generally consistent</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.9.1 Encourage landscaping throughout the City.</p> <p>Parks Policy 4.1.4 Maintain landscaping in parks, parkways and medians.</p>

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<p>Policy PFS-6.6 City gateways. Promote imaginative and distinctive features that project a positive image and community character at City gateways.</p>	<p>Expanded to reflect GP Vision</p>	<p>Land Use Policy 2.9.2 Identify City boundaries.</p>
<p>Policy PFS-6.7 Public art. Encourage the incorporation of art in public spaces that celebrates the community’s history and envisions a greater future.</p>	<p>Added to support GP Vision</p>	<p>--</p>