



**DIAMOND BAR**  
**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**



**General Plan Advisory Committee**

**Meeting #1**

October 12, 2016

# Agenda



1. Introductions
2. Project Purpose and Process
3. Roles of GPAC, Planning Commission, and City Council
4. Overview of Rules, Bylaws, and the Brown Act
5. Selection of GPAC Chair and Vice Chair
6. Discussion
7. Dates for Future Meetings
8. Adjourn

# What is a General Plan?



- Long range (20+ years)
- “Constitution for local development”
- Expresses a vision for the community’s future
- Outlines goals, objectives, and policies to achieve the vision

# General Plan Requirements

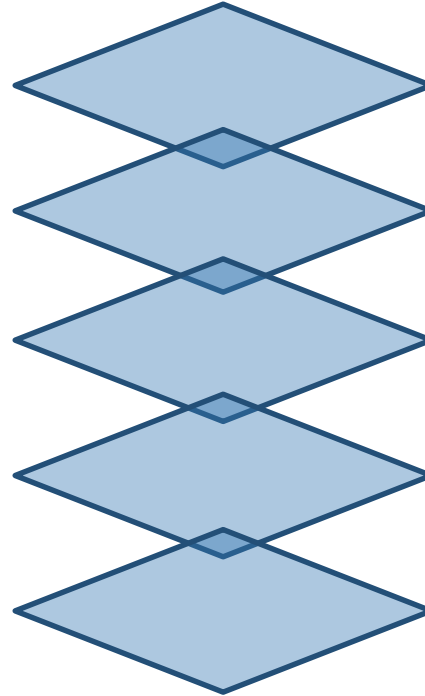


- **Comprehensive**
  - Applies to entire city, Sphere of Influence, and any additional surrounding area that “bears relation” to its planning
  - Addresses full range of issues affecting Diamond Bar’s physical development
- **Internally consistent**
  - All elements, policies, diagrams, and analysis fully integrated, with no conflicts
- **Vertically consistent implementation**

# Vertically Consistent Implementation



- General Plan
- Specific Plans, Master Plans
- Zoning Ordinance
- Design Standards and Guidelines



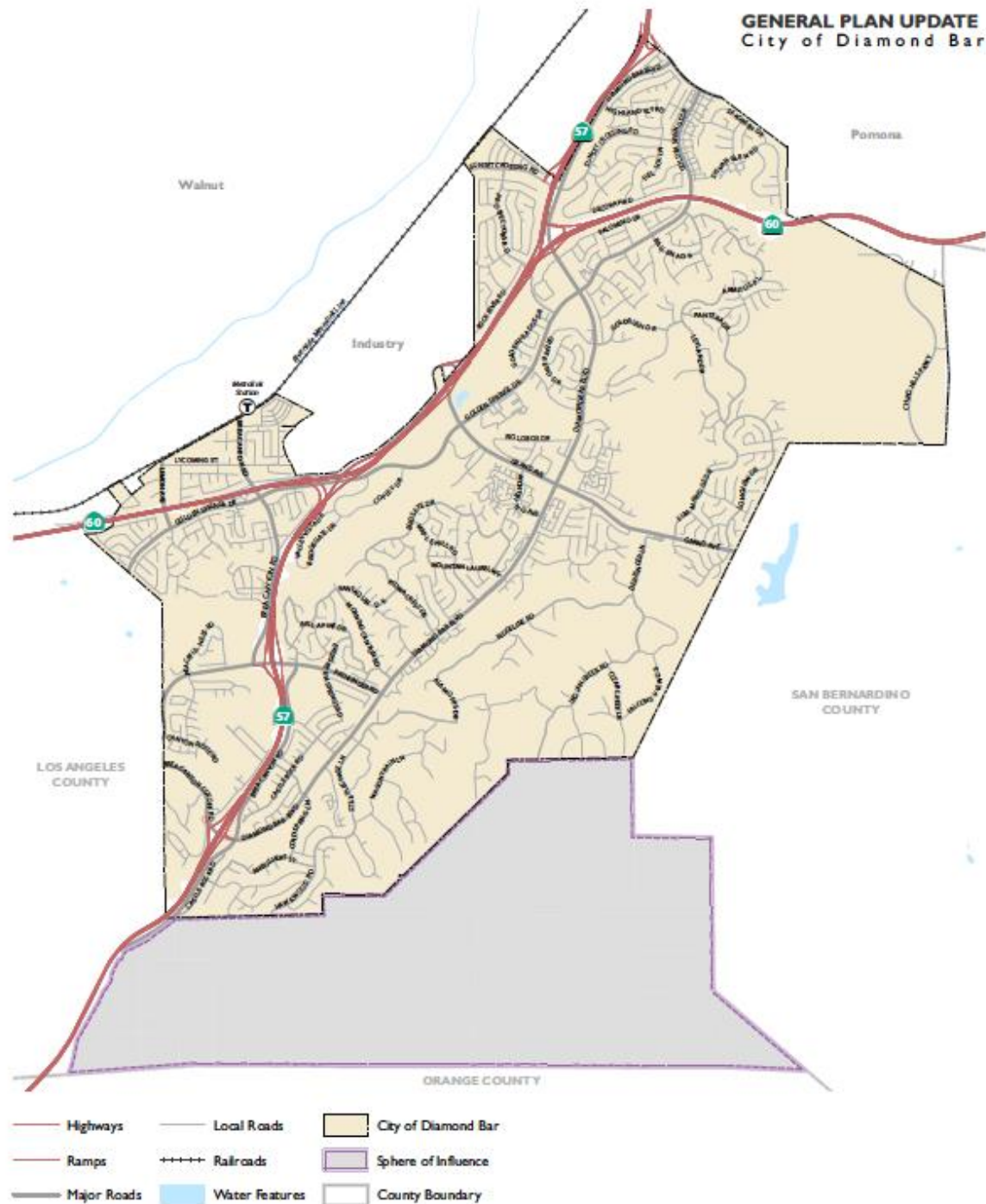
# Project Outcomes



- **General Plan**
  - Goals, policies, and implementation actions
  - Required and optional elements
- **Program-level Environmental Impact Report**
  - “Self-mitigating” by being prepared with the Plan simultaneously
  - Allows for subsequent projects to tier off it, streamlining development entitlement

# Planning Area

- City limits
- Sphere of Influence
- Other land may be studied and considered





# Elements of a General Plan



State-Required	1995 Diamond Bar General Plan	Proposed
Land Use	Land Use	Land Use & Economic Development
Circulation	Circulation	Circulation
Housing	Housing	Housing
Open Space	Resource Management	Resource Conservation
Conservation		
Noise	Public Health & Safety	Public Health & Safety
Safety		Community Health & Sustainability
	Public Services & Facilities	Public Service & Facilities
		Community Character and Placemaking



# Public Outreach & Decision-making



## Community Input

- Project website and online engagement
- Stakeholder meetings
- Community workshops
- Information at community events
- Newsletters

## Official Input & Review

- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- City Council
- State Agencies

## Approving Authority

- City Council

# Phases of the Process



Timing	Task
July - Sep 2016	Project Initiation
Aug 2016 – Jan 2017	Issue Identification & Key Strategies
Aug 2016 – Jan 2017	Existing Conditions, Opportunities, & Challenges
Feb – Jun 2017	Alternatives
July – Sept 2017	Preferred Plan and Key Goals
Nov 2017 – Apr 2018	Draft General Plan
Apr 2018 – Feb 2019	Environmental Impact Report
Mar – July 2019	Hearings & Adoption

# Schedule



2016

2017

2018

2019

## PROJECT INITIATION & ISSUE IDENTIFICATION

FALL 2016

WINTER 2016-2017



Stakeholder Interviews



Community Vision and Priorities



Community Workshop #1

## EXISTING CONDITIONS, TRENDS, & OPPORTUNITIES ASSESSMENT

FALL 2016

WINTER 2016-2017



Draft Existing Conditions Report



Final Existing Conditions Report

## EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES

SPRING 2017



Draft Alternatives Report



Final Alternatives Report

SUMMER 2017



Community Workshop #2

## PREFERRED PLAN & KEY GOALS

SUMMER 2017



Preliminary Preferred Plan

FALL 2017



Draft Preferred Plan



Final Preferred Plan

## DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

WINTER 2017-2018



Admin Draft General Plan

SPRING 2018



Public Review Draft General Plan



Community Workshop #3

## FINALIZE GENERAL PLAN & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

SUMMER 2018



EIR Scoping Meeting

FALL 2018



Admin Draft EIR



Draft EIR

WINTER 2018-2019



Final EIR

## ADOPTION

SPRING & SUMMER 2019



Hearings

SUMMER 2019



Adopted General Plan



- Make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council at key project milestones
  - Provide advice and input into the plan
  - Review research and analysis
  - Identify and refine issues, visions, and key policies
  - Provide broad community-oriented perspective
  - Act as “ambassadors” for the Plan; engage community members

# Planning Commission & City Council Roles



- Both Planning Commission and City Council will:
  - Review products & options presented
  - Attend community meetings & review public feedback
  - Provide feedback and recommendations at key stages
- City Council will:
  - Take action to certify Final Environmental Impact Report
  - Take action to adopt General Plan

# GPAC Procedures



- Rules and Bylaws
- Brown Act
- Chair, Vice Chair

# Discussion



- What is your overall vision for Diamond Bar's future?
- What are the greatest opportunities and challenges you see in achieving that vision?
- What specific issues (topic or area) would you like to see the General Plan address?



# General Plan Website



- We are soliciting citizen participation in all phases of the General Plan development.
- Please visit [www.diamondbargp.com](http://www.diamondbargp.com) to join our mailing list, find details on upcoming events, or to contact us directly with your thoughts or questions.



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