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Community Update:

The City has taken 4 ½ years to prepare the comprehensive update to our original General Plan dating from in 1991. This update was developed through a process marked by transparency and public participation through its development.

During the update process, the City has provided numerous opportunities for the community to participate and provide input. Detailed information about each effort to inform our residents can be found at the link to our website, (www.lathrop.generalplan.org).

City leadership is aware of the community's interest and concern over the decision to designate 675 acres of land north of Dos Reis Road from residential and commercial to limited industrial.

Even with all of the efforts made to provide accurate and readily available information, there is some inaccurate information circulating in the community about this change. For this reason, the City wishes to take this opportunity to provide facts and clarity regarding the General Plan Update and the process that brought our community to this point.

The 675 acres in question are not open space- it is land that has not yet been developed. The City's previous General Plan designated this area for a combination of residential and commercial development within the Central Lathrop Specific Plan. The recently adopted General Plan now designates this area as Limited Industrial, which allows for a wide range of project types, including medical offices, business parks, research and development campuses, as well as warehouse and distribution. The City's decision to adopt the new General Plan does not grant approvals to any specific development projects. It establishes the land use that are further refined by applying the extensive set of policies and implementation actions that place very specific and robust standards on future projects.

These policies and implementation actions ensure that projects don't negatively impact the community and surrounding areas. When development applications are received, they will be reviewed for consistency with the new General Plan's requirements. They will be required to undergo an extensive project-specific environmental review to address topics such as community health, air quality, noise, and safety. Projects cannot and will not be approved until it can be demonstrated that they will not adversely impact the community.

For example, the City Council established an implementation action in the General Plan to designate truck routes to ensure that new truck trips generated in this area will have the least impact on the community. This includes routing trucks north, up Manthey Road, to the Roth Road interchange with I-5. Trucks will be prohibited south of Dos Reis Road and from traveling on Lathrop Road.

This is an exciting time for our community. The new General Plan charts a path for growth, prosperity, and quality of life for Lathrop for the next 20+ years. The new General Plan provides the City with a modern policy roadmap that covers issues and topics ranging from open space and habitat protection, public safety, infrastructure enhancements, sustainability, and housing choices for all income groups. The community is encouraged to read the General Plan in its entirety in order to fully appreciate the great lengths the City has gone to in order to chart a path for the future that will benefit the community.

A summary of public participation and document review opportunities are listed below:

Workshops:

April 16, 2018 (Visioning Workshop @ City Council Chamber)
May 2, 2018 (Visioning Workshop @ Senior Center)
May 17, 2018 (Visioning Workshop @ River Islands Welcome Center)
June 27, 2019 (Environmental Justice Workshop @ City Council Chamber)
June 29, 2022 (Draft General Plan Open House Workshop @ City Council Chamber)

PC/CC Meetings:

March 12, 2018 (City Council Kick-Off Meeting)
March 11, 2019 (City Council Outreach Summary & Vision Statement)
June 16, 2021 (Planning Commission Land Use Map Review)
July 7, 2021 (City Council Land Use Map Review)

CEQA Review:

October 8, 2021 (Notice of Preparation Announced: 30-day comment period start)
October 27, 2021 (Scoping Meeting at City Council Chamber)
May 27, 2022 (Notice of Availability Announced: 45-day public review period)

Newsletters:

March 27, 2018
May 30, 2019
April 6, 2022

Various Announcements:

July 11, 2018 (GP Land Use Requests announced/posted on City website)
August 1, 2018 (Announcement included on August Utility Bill)
August 28, 2018 (GP Land Use Announcement: City Facebook post)
June 27, 2019 (EJ Workshop Announcement: City Facebook post)
May 27, 2022 (NOA for GP Document & EIR posted on City website)
June 22, 2022 (GP Update Workshop Announcement: City Facebook post)
August 20, 2022 (GP Update Planning Commission Announcement: City Facebook post)
September 9, 2022 (GP Update City Council Announcement: City Facebook post)

Manteca Bulletin Articles:

September 22, 2017: "Lathrop spending \$913,000 for new general plan work"
March 14, 2018: "Lathrop working to update blue print for growth"
July 13, 2018: "Lathrop Planners look to overhaul General Plan"
September 14, 2018: GP Land Use application article
July 6, 2021: "Lathrop may allow industrial projects west of Interstate 5"
July 14, 2021: GP Draft EIR public review article
August 23, 2022: "Input sought on Lathrop's plan for more growth"
August 30, 2022: "Final say for citizens on Lathrop's growth plan"

Number of Individuals on the "General Plan Interest List": 104