



CITY OF LATHROP GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED TO PLAN FOR LATHROP'S FUTURE!

The City of Lathrop has embarked on an exciting and challenging process to update its General Plan!

The General Plan is a long-range planning document that is considered the City's "constitution" or blueprint, because it guides growth, traffic patterns, housing, and resource conservation. The General Plan is the City's guiding policy document for future development decisions related to land use, community design, mobility, economic development, fiscal sustainability, public services, and natural and historic resources. The City's General Plan will reflect community goals and values and serve the City for the next 20 years.

Tell Us Your Vision

The City wants to hear from its residents, businesses, and employees to make sure that the General Plan addresses current issues of local concern and provides a vision for the future that is consistent with the desires of the community.

How Do You Envision The Future Of Lathrop?

A thriving active community? New places to shop and dine? More walking paths and bike facilities? Different housing choices? Increased business opportunities? Protection for the City's historic and natural resources? There are many ways for you to participate! Attend one of our Visioning Workshops, visit the project website to fill out a survey, or contact the Lathrop Planning Division. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

UPCOMING MEETINGS: VISIONING WORKSHOPS

In April and May, the General Plan Update's three visioning workshops will take place. Members of the project team will introduce the community to the General Plan Update and ask participants to share their ideas for the vision and core values that will guide the update process and priorities for changes to Lathrop's land use pattern and circulation systems. Each workshop will provide unique input opportunities, so community members are encouraged to attend as many workshops as they like!

Workshop #1

Monday, April 16, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
City Council Chambers, Lathrop City Hall
390 Towne Centre Drive

Workshop #2

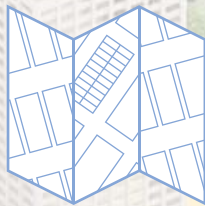
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
Senior Center
15707 5th Street

Workshop #3

Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
River Islands Welcome Center
301 Stewart Road

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN AND WHAT DOES IT ADDRESS?

The state of California requires every city and county in California to adopt a General Plan, which is the local government's long-term blueprint "for the physical development of the city and any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning." General Plans are divided into elements based on specific topics. There are seven mandatory elements: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, safety, and noise. State law allows local governments to organize and format their general plans however they desire, as long as the required topics or elements are addressed. Cities can also choose to include additional elements, such as community character, economic development, or community health and wellness. The Lathrop General Plan is expected to address the following topics:



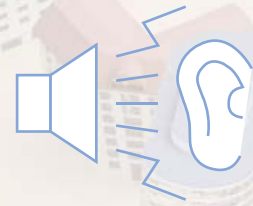
Land Use and Community Character

Establishes land use designations, patterns, and concepts that promote the community's health, happiness, and well-being, create a sense of place, and contribute to maintaining Lathrop's high quality of life.



Circulation

Guides decisions for how people of all ages and abilities can safely and efficiently get around the community—including by car, bike, walking, and transit. It will also consider new transportation technology and trends.



Noise

Provides measures to manage the effect of sound in the community, protecting the health and welfare of the community by promoting development and activities that are compatible with noise level criteria.



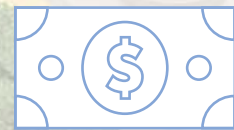
Safety

Addresses natural and man-made safety hazards such as fires, flooding, seismic safety and geologic hazards, hazardous materials, aircraft, noise, and emergency operations and preparedness.



Conservation and Open Space

Provides measures to protect and improve the City's natural, historic, cultural, and biological resources. Addresses the topic of local and regional parks, recreation and open space, including trails and scenic vistas.



Economic Development

Provides tools and strategies to foster a strong and sound local economy, including goals and policies related to business retention and attraction, job creation, and Lathrop's role in the regional economy.



Air Quality

Addresses the primary air quality concerns in the region, including smog, dust and other man-made airborne particles, objectionable odors and hazardous or toxic fumes.



Public Facilities and Services

Gives direction on community infrastructure and facilities and services including water supply, wastewater, flood control, waste and recycling, storm drainage and water quality, and public facilities.



Community Health and Wellness

Articulates community health and wellness goals and policies including fair and equitable access to recreation facilities, healthy food, transit, and medical services and support.



WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE?

The Lathrop General Plan Update will take place over a two-and-a-half-year period, concluding in Summer 2020. The major steps in the Update process are as follows:

1 Document Existing Conditions - We Are Here!

Identify development patterns, natural resources, socioeconomic conditions, environmental constraints, and the regulatory environment for each topic.

2 Vision, Opportunities, and Land Use Alternatives

Identify the community's vision for Lathrop's future, core values, and key opportunities and land use options.

3 Draft General Plan

Will comprise goals, policies, and actions that will guide future decisions related to land patterns, infrastructure, and services to ensure a high quality of life for residents and businesses.

4 Environmental Review

To analyze and minimize all potential environmental impacts, the City will prepare a Program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

5 Adoption

The Final General Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council at public hearings, with the City Council having the authority to adopt the document.

GENERAL PLAN DOCUMENTS

As the General Plan is prepared, a number of major documents will be made available for public review and comment.

Existing Conditions Report

Provides a snapshot of the conditions, trends, and regulations that are influencing the City today. It will focus on development patterns, natural resources, economic conditions, environmental constraints, and demographics.

Issues And Opportunities Report

Provides a summary of the critical policy and program issues to be addressed in the General Plan. The report will present alternative approaches that can be used to address each issue. This document will be used by the City to provide direction on the focus of the General Plan.

Land Use Alternatives Report

Presents three to four different Land Use Map alternatives, and an analysis of the land use, circulation, fiscal viability, economic development, and public services and infrastructure effects associated with each alternative.

Draft General Plan

Contains the goals and policies that will guide future activities, services, and development in the city. It also identifies a full set of implementation measures that will ensure the policies are carried out.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Will meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. The decisionmakers will use it during their consideration of the draft General Plan to understand the potential environmental implications associated with it.

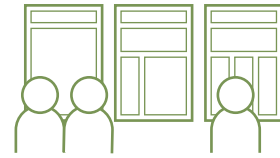
STAY INFORMED! GET INVOLVED!

A successful General Plan will reflect the community's priorities, and your input is needed to confirm the community's values and establish its vision. You can stay informed about and participate in the process in the following ways:



Visioning Workshops

Attend one or more Visioning Workshops and share your ideas for the vision and core values that will guide the update process and priorities for changes to Lathrop's land use pattern and circulation systems! The three Visioning Workshops will take place during April and May.



Open Houses

Attend the Open Houses to learn about and provide input on the General Plan Update's key deliverables. The two open houses will take place in the future to coincide with the publication of the project's Opportunities and Constraints Report and Land Use Alternatives Analysis and the Draft General Plan.



Project Website

Visit the General Plan website, www.Lathrop.GeneralPlan.org, to take community surveys and find out more about future meetings, available background data, and the status of the project.



Mailing List

If you would like to be added to the General Plan Update mailing list, please visit the website or contact the project team.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

In anticipation of your involvement in the General Plan Update, please consider the following questions:

Assets

- What do you value most about Lathrop?
- What makes this a special place to live or work?

Challenges

- What issues are facing the City that need to be addressed in the General Plan?

Vision

- What ideas do you have for the future of Lathrop?
- What would make your community better?
- What three things would you like to see accomplished by 2040?

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM!

If you would like to provide comments and input on the General Plan Update process or be added to the project mailing list, please visit the website or contact us by mail, email, or by phone:

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