



**CITY OF LATHROP**  
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

**Visioning Workshop #3**  
**May 17, 2018**

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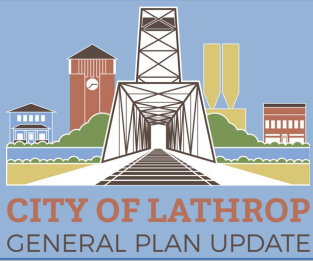


# Workshop Overview

- General Plan Overview and State Requirements
- Summary of the General Plan Update Process
- Traffic, Transportation, and Circulation
- Transportation Issues Activity
- Transportation Vision and Priorities Activity
- Summary of What We Have Heard
- How to Get Involved and Stay Informed

# General Plan Overview

- The General Plan Update will reflect community goals and serve as the City’s “constitution” or “blueprint” for future land use and planning decisions, including:
  - Land Uses (residential, commercial, industrial, business parks, open space, etc.)
  - Infrastructure Planning (roads, water, sewer, etc.)
  - Public Services (police, fire, parks, libraries, cultural activities, etc.)
  - Resource Conservation (historic structures, clean air, sensitive habitat, waterways, groundwater, etc.)



# Purpose of the General Plan

- Define a long-term vision for future growth and resource management within the City over the next 20 years
- Reflect the goals and values of the City
- Build on recent City planning efforts (Specific Plans, etc)
- Include extensive public outreach and community participation
- Balance growth, conservation, and quality of life





# Existing General Plan

- Adopted in 1991. Hasn't been comprehensively updated in over 25 years.
- Numerous changes to State law
  - Climate change
  - Environmental justice
  - Complete streets
  - Flood protection



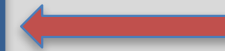
# Summary of the Process

Public Participation

Existing Conditions Report



Identify Community Priorities



Issues and Opportunities Reports

Land Use Alternatives Reports

General Plan Goals, Policies, and Programs

Draft General Plan Update

Environmental Impact Report

Public Hearings - General Plan and EIR



# Land Use Map Alternatives Report

- A range of Conceptual Land Use Maps will be developed.
  - Input from staff and City leadership will be incorporated.
  - Property owners will have opportunities to request land use changes.
  - Maps will depict differing levels of development intensity, location, and mix of uses.
  - Each Map Alternative will include an analysis of fiscal/economic implications, natural resource constraints, transportation implications, and growth projections.

# General Plan Content

## GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS

### Required Elements

- Land Use
- Circulation
- Housing\*
- Conservation
- Open Space
- Safety
- Noise

### Optional Elements

- Economic Development
- Community Character
- Air Quality
- Public Facilities and Services
- Community Health and Wellness
- Implementation



# Goals, Policies, and Actions

## **Goals**

Broad statements of community desires, preferences, and the General Plan's purpose

## **Policies**

Guides to decision-makers with respect to development proposals, future growth and resource allocation

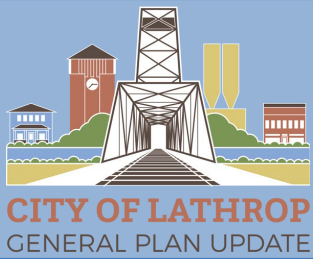
## **Actions**

Implementation steps to ensure goals and policies are carried out

# Identifying Community Priorities

Three **Visioning Workshops** will be conducted

- The Visioning Workshops focus on:
  - Communicating the intent of the General Plan Update
  - Gathering public input
- Their primary purpose is to:
  - Develop a Vision Statement that guides the General Plan Update process
  - Identify community values and priorities
  - Identify issues for the General Plan to address



# Community Participation and Outreach

## PARTICIPATION

- Visioning Workshops (3)
- Land Use Workshop (1)
- Community Open-House Workshops (2)
- Council Workshops/Meetings (6)
- Planning Commission Meetings (4)
- City Council Meetings/Hearings (4)

## OUTREACH

- General Plan Website
- Community Presentations
- Newsletters
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Online Surveys
- Email updates





# Get Involved and Stay Informed!

The General Plan Update Website is a great resource for reports, maps, newsletters, meeting agendas, meeting summaries, and upcoming meeting dates.

The site will also provide opportunities for **public surveys** and the submittal of public comments directly to the project team.

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# Traffic, Transportation, and Circulation in Lathrop



# Transportation Topics Tonight

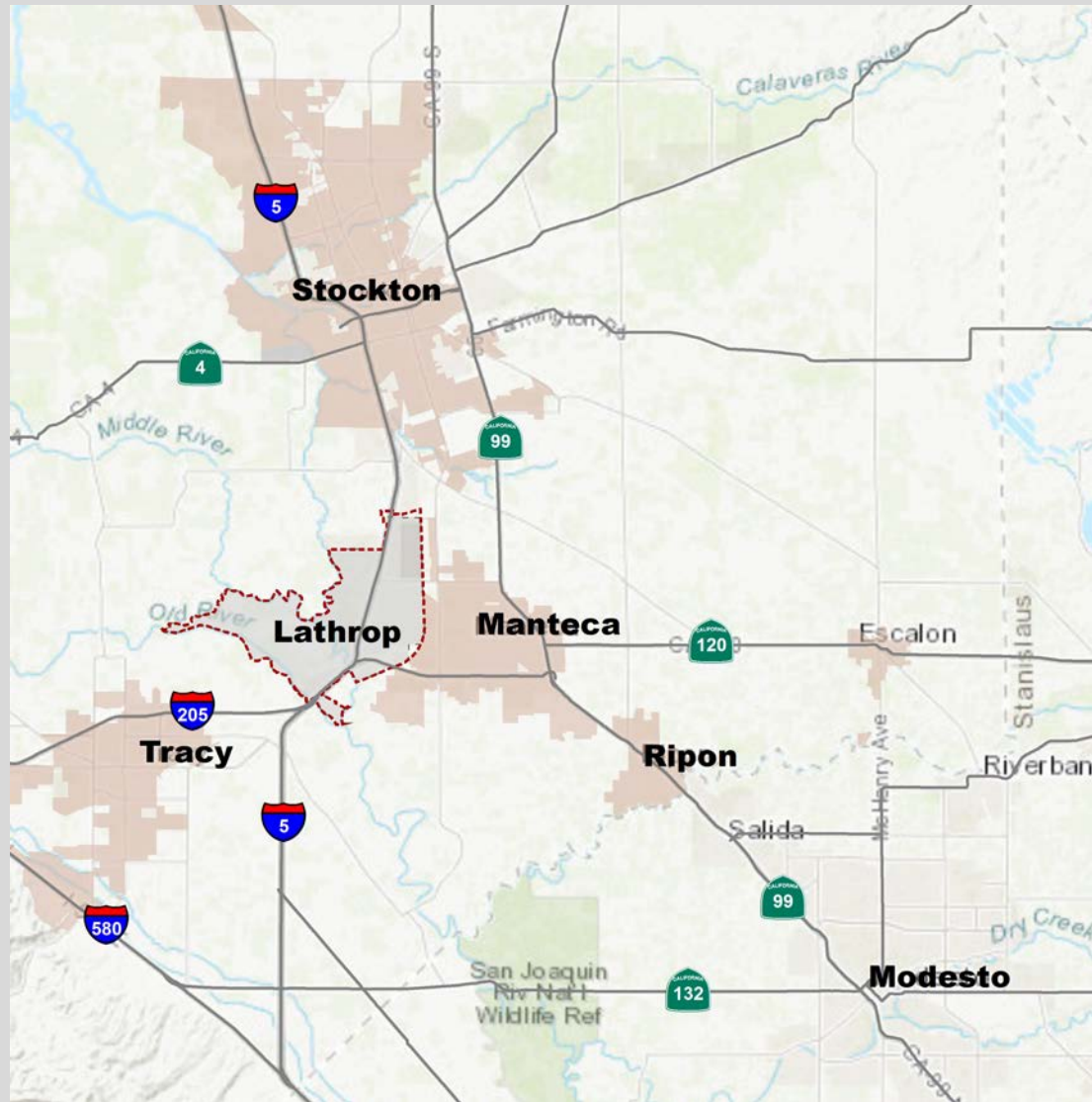
- What's been heard so far about transportation
- Lathrop's transportation networks
- Measuring congestion
- LOS, VMT, and SB 743
- Transportation issues exercise
- Transportation vision and priorities exercise



# Previous Meeting Summary

- Assets
  - Convenient freeway access to SR 99, SR 120, and I-5
  - Connections to Bay Area, Fresno, and Sacramento
- Challenges
  - Truck traffic, especially near schools and residential areas
  - Concerns about safety, especially around trucks
- Vision
  - Complete streets in central Lathrop
  - Increased walking, biking, and transit opportunities
  - Improved connectivity, especially across I-5
  - Enhanced trail network and access, especially around levees and open spaces

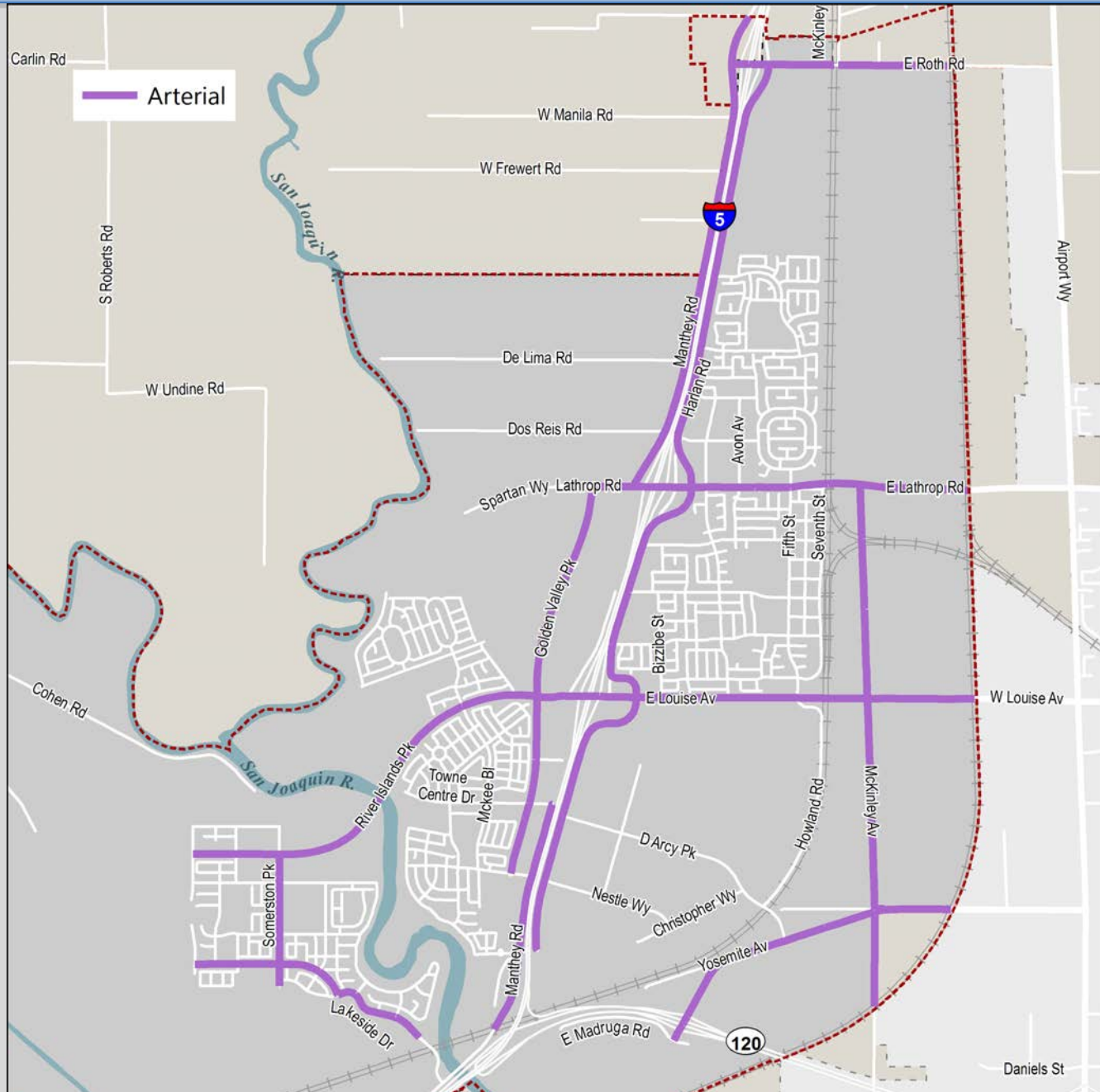
# Regional Roadway Network





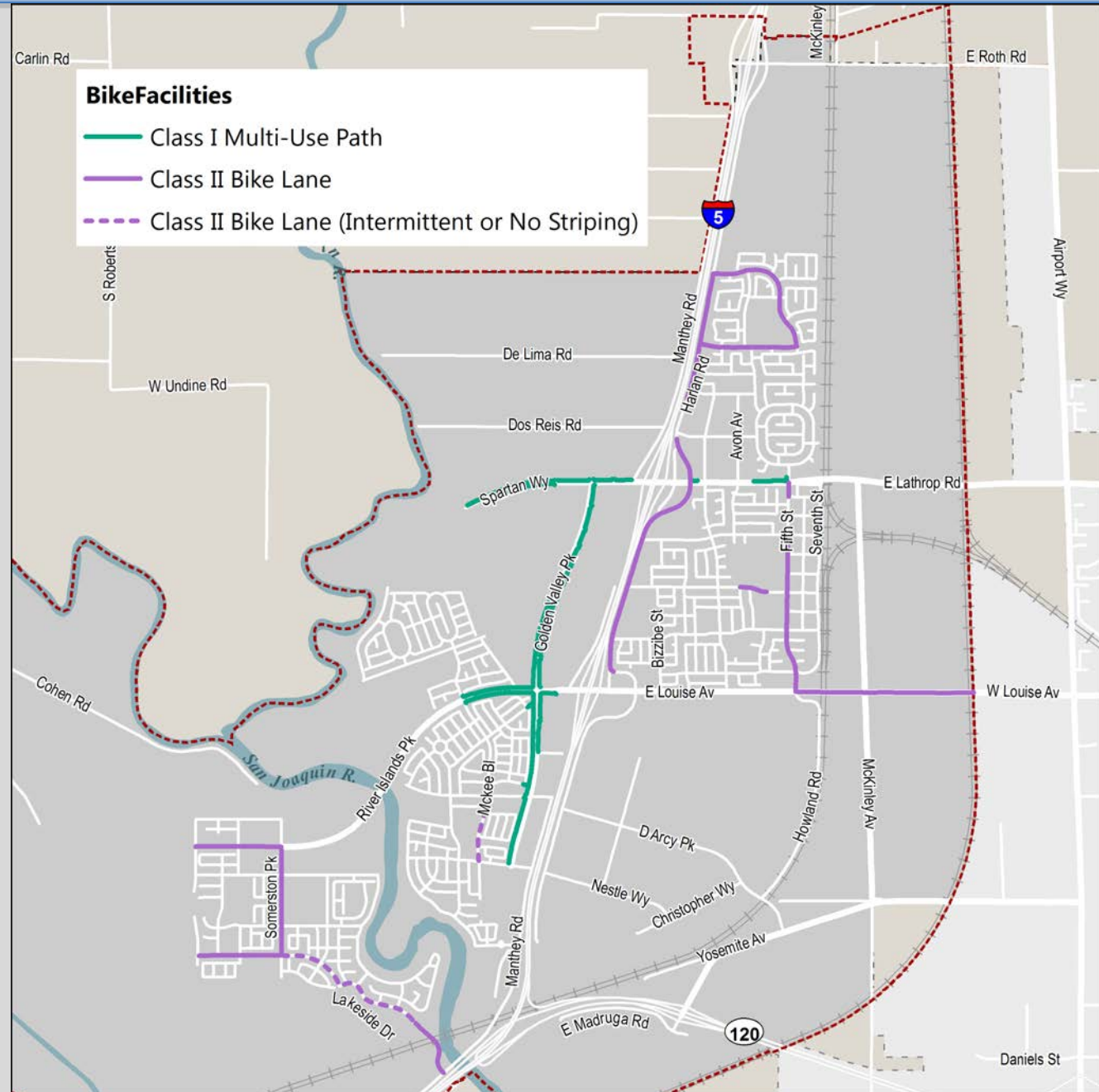


# Arterials Within Lathrop

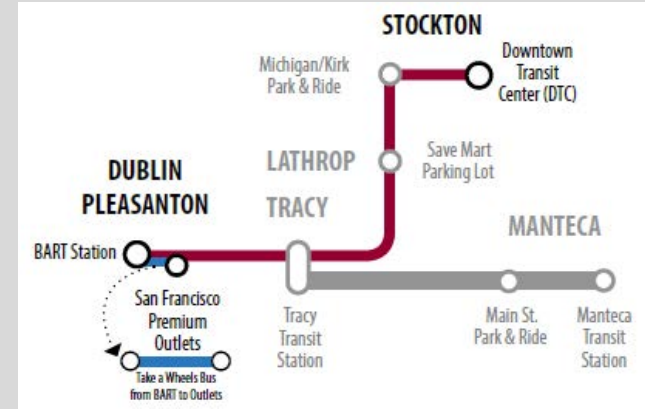
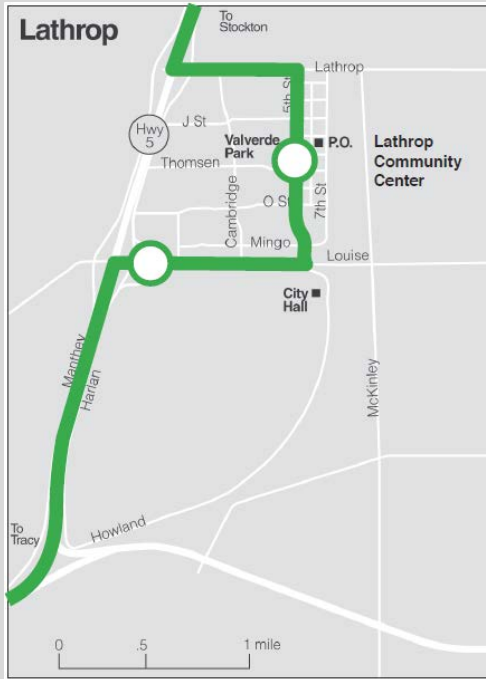




# Bicycle Network



# Transit Connections



- San Joaquin RTD connections to Stockton and Tracy (Routes 90, 97)
- Commuter bus connections to BART and Livermore (Routes 150, 152)
- ACE train commuter connections to Bay Area



# Measuring Congestion With LOS

- LOS = Level of Service
- Use of letter “grades” to assess intersection operations
- Measures driver comfort, road capacity utilization, and delay

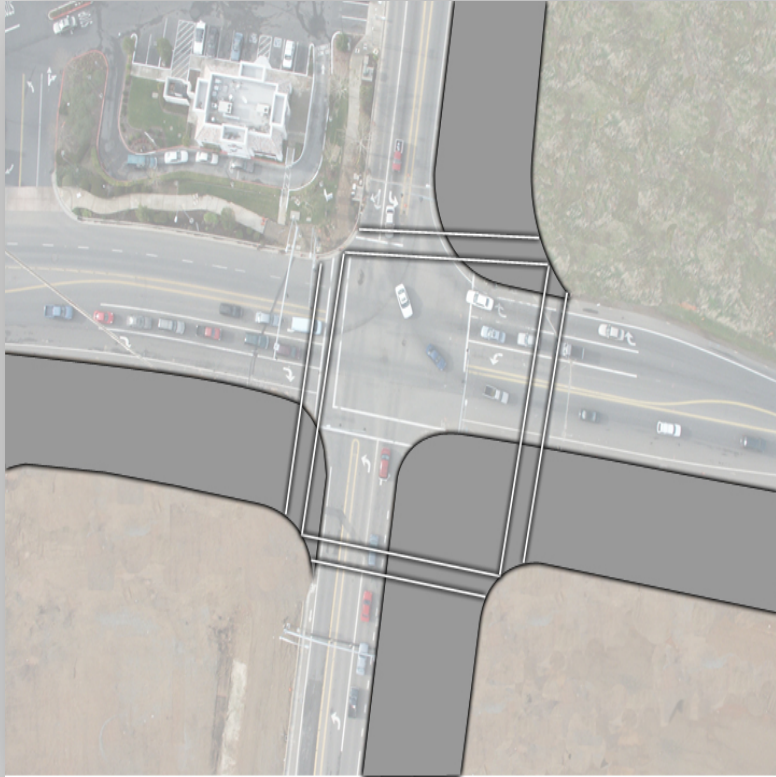
LOS A



LOS F



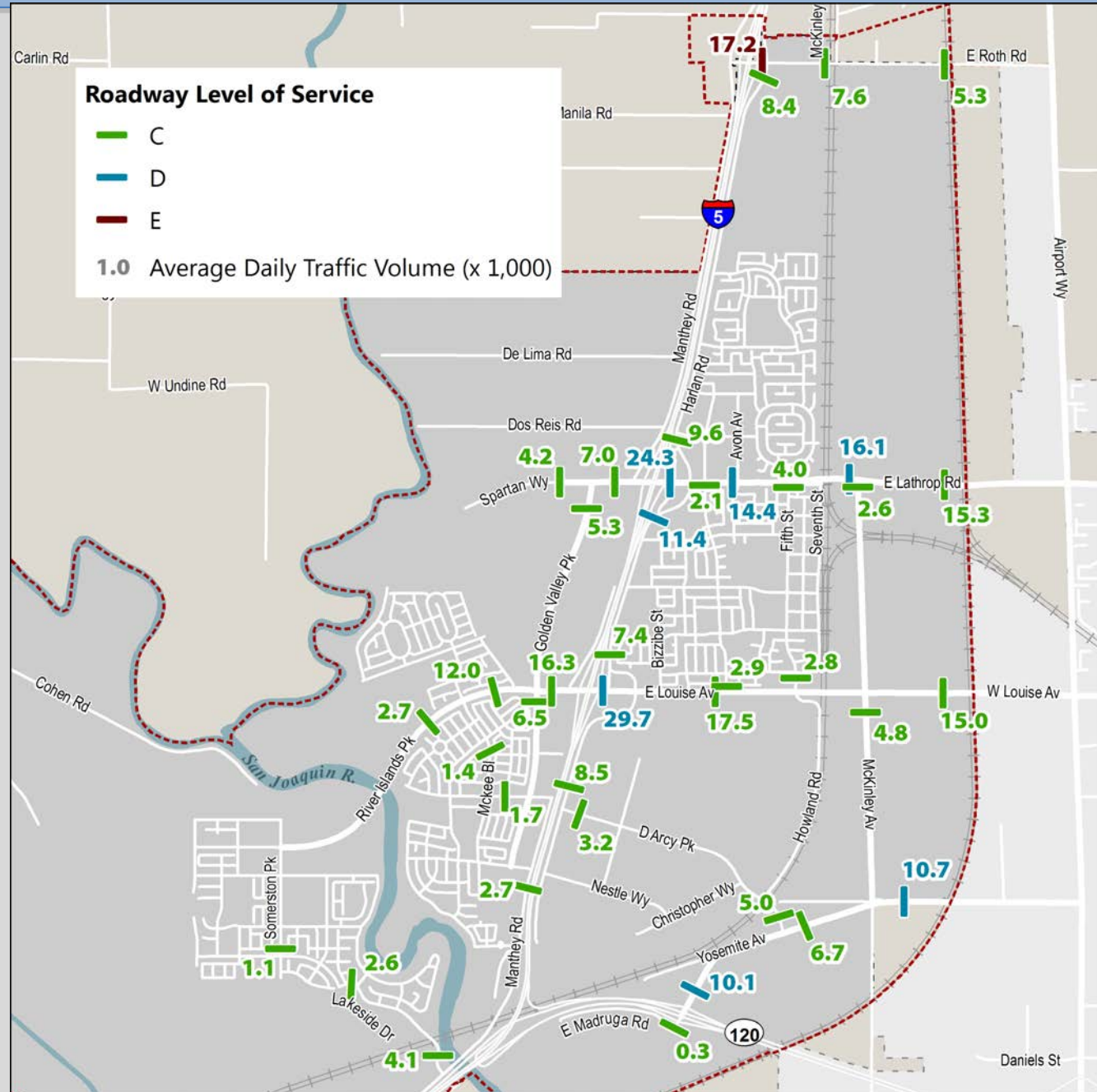
# Level of Service Tradeoffs



- Better LOS comes with tradeoffs
  - Vehicles move faster
  - Can be unreasonably expensive to build to LOS C or better
  - Faster vehicles may make walking and bicycling less safe or less attractive
  - Maintenance costs and stormwater runoff may be increased



# Traffic Volumes and LOS



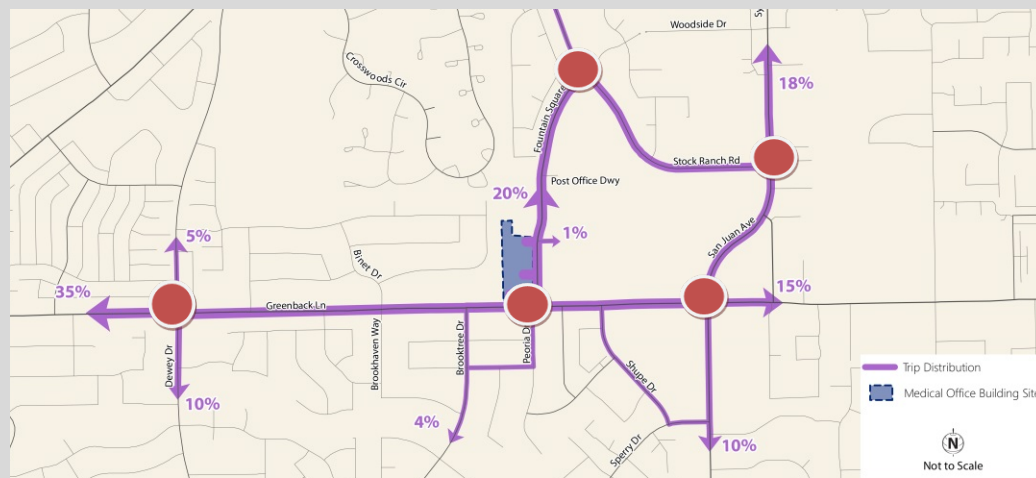


# Use of LOS is Changing

- Senate Bill 743 – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Reform Bill
  - LOS no longer required for CEQA purposes
  - Replaced by VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled)
- SB 743 goals
  - Remove obstacle to infill development
  - Promote public health through walking and biking
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- But LOS is not going away: still used to evaluate local traffic impacts
  - Determine mitigation measures
  - Identify safety concerns
  - Test alternatives

# Traffic Impact Analysis with LOS

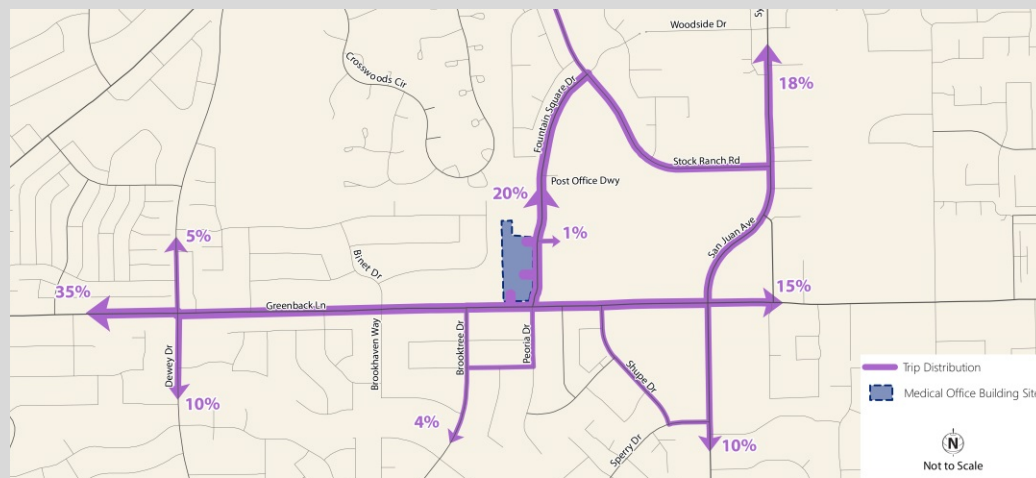
- Performance measure: intersection LOS
  - Number of peak hour trips
  - How many pass through each intersection
  - Delay for each vehicle
- Significance threshold
  - LOS goal from City's General Plan





# Traffic Impact Analysis with LOS

- Performance measure: Vehicle Miles of Travel
  - How many vehicle trips does project generate per day?
  - What is the travel distance of these trips?
- Significance threshold
  - VMT per capita/service population that is 15% below the City or Regional Average



# Visioning Workshop Activities

# Activity #1:

# Transportation Issues

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Use the colored markers to identify transportation issues or concerns on the map



**Automobile-Related**

e.g. traffic congestion, cut-through traffic, speeding



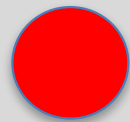
**Bicycle-Related**

e.g. lack of bike facilities, uncomfortable existing bike facilities



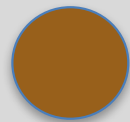
**Pedestrian-Related**

e.g. lack of crosswalks, missing sidewalks, uncomfortable/difficult crossings



**Transit-Related**

e.g. not enough stops, long waits



**Other topics**

e.g. maintenance issues, any other topics



# Example Map Markup



## Activity #2:

# Transportation Vision and Priorities



# Transportation Priority Exercise

- Which two or three transportation improvements does your group think should be the top priorities for the General Plan Update?
- Examples
  - Creating bicycle lanes
  - Improving crosswalks
  - Decreasing vehicle congestion
  - Adding new road connections
  - Providing ADA improvements
  - Decreasing vehicle speeds
  - Adding transit service



# Summary

What we have heard

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# Next Steps

- **Online survey:** Available through the General Plan website. Provide input on key issues, similar to workshop topics. (available through late May)
- **Parcel Change Requests:** Property owners will have opportunities to request land use changes. Application forms will be posted on the General Plan website in June.

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- **Existing Conditions Report:** Publication expected in July.