

City Of Oxnard
MAP ATLAS

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INTRODUCTION

OXNARD GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2020

Every city and county in California is required by State law to prepare and maintain a planning document called a general plan. A general plan is designed to serve as the jurisdiction's "constitution" or "blueprint" for future decisions concerning land use, infrastructure, public services, and resource conservation. All specific plans, subdivisions, public works projects, and zoning decisions made by the City must be consistent with the General Plan. The Oxnard General Plan update program was based on accomplishing the following:

- Provide the public opportunities for meaningful participation in the planning and decision-making process;
- Provide a description of current conditions and trends shaping the City of Oxnard;
- Identify planning issues, opportunities, and challenges that should be addressed in the General Plan;
- Explore land use and policy alternatives;
- Ensure that the General Plan is current, internally consistent, and easy to use;
- Provide guidance in the planning and evaluation of future land and resource decisions; and
- Provide a vision and framework for the future growth of the City.

The Oxnard General Plan has three defining features:

- **General.** As the name implies, the general plan provides general guidance that will be used to direct future land use and resource decisions.
- **Comprehensive.** The general plan covers a wide range of social, economic, infrastructure, and natural resource factors. These include topics such as land use, housing, circulation, utilities, public services, recreation, agriculture, biological resources, and many other topics.
- **Long-range.** General plans provide guidance on reaching a future envisioned 20 or more years in the future (this General Plan update will look out over 20 years to the year 2030). To reach this envisioned future, the General Plan will include policies and actions that address both immediate and long-term needs.

The five component documents comprising the Oxnard General Plan Update are described below.

- **Background Report and Map Atlas.** These two reports provide a detailed description of conditions, as of 2005/2006, within the City during the development of the General Plan Update.
- **Issues and Alternatives Report.** This report discusses the major planning issues facing the City and alternative approaches to address these issues. The report distills the input of the public, City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff.
- **General Plan.** This report contains the goals and policies that guide future decisions within the City. It also identifies implementation measures that execute the goals and policies.
- **Environmental Impact Report (EIR).** The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the General Plan meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR is used during the process of finalizing the General Plan in order to understand the potential environmental implications associated with the implementation of the General Plan update.



What is the Map Atlas?

The Map Atlas is designed to summarize and highlight information presented in the Background Report in a highly digestible and graphic format. Information in this document includes the following topics:

Community Development

- Regional Setting
- Oxnard Planning Boundaries
- Demographics
- Existing Land Use
- General Plan 2020
- Zoning
- Specific Plan Areas
- Redevelopment Areas

Public Infrastructure and Services

- Streets and Highways
- Level of Service (LOS)
- Goods Movement
- Public Transportation
- Non-Motorized Transportation
- Water System
- Wastewater System
- Storm Drainage System
- Parks & Recreation
- City Facilities

Environmental

- Habitats
- Aesthetic Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Agricultural Resources
- Mineral & Geologic Resources

Each topic presents summary text capturing important highlights and establishing the current setting within the City of Oxnard. Where possible, maps are presented illustrating the topic in a graphic format.