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## **2023 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

California Government Code Section 65400 requires cities and counties to submit an annual progress report (APR) on the General Plan to the City Council, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) by April 1 of each year. The primary purpose of the APR is to provide the City Council with an update on the City's progress in implementing the General Plan during the prior year. This APR is organized as follows:

- General Plan Background
- Amendments to the General Plan adopted by the City Council in 2023
- Proposed General Plan Amendments
- Other Significant Projects/Initiatives

### **General Plan Background**

The City's General Plan (comprehensively updated on July 22, 2014) identifies the community's vision for the future and provides a framework that guides decisions on growth, development, and conservation of open space and resources in a manner that is consistent with the quality of life desired by the city's residents and businesses. The General Plan includes the seven State-mandated elements (Circulation, Conservation, Housing, Land Use, Noise, Open Space, and Safety). In addition, there are several optional elements of special and unique concern to the community, including Community Services and Facilities, Economic Development, Fiscal Sustainability, Growth Management, and Infrastructure.

Each element begins with a brief overview, followed by a series of goals, policies, and actions:

- ✓ A goal is defined as a description of the general desired result that the community seeks to create.
- ✓ A policy is defined as a specific statement that guides decision-making as the City works to achieve the various goals and objectives.
- ✓ An action is defined as an implementation measure, procedure, technique, or specific program to be undertaken by the City to help achieve a specified goal or implement an adopted policy.

The last chapter (Chapter 12) of the General Plan specifically addresses implementation. At the time the General Plan was comprehensively updated in 2014, each action was included in Chapter 12 and was assigned a relative priority level (A, B, or C):

- ✓ Priority level A implies that the start of the action will be implemented in the relatively short-term (approximately 1-5 years).
- ✓ Priority level B implies a somewhat longer-term implementation (approximately 5-10 years).
- ✓ Priority level C indicates a longer-term implementation schedule (approximately 10-20 years).

A number of other actions are identified as “ongoing,” which refers to them either already being undertaken by the City or those that are expected to continue on a periodic/perpetual basis.

**Amendments to the General Plan adopted by the City Council in 2023**

State law allows mandatory elements of the General Plan to be amended up to four times per calendar year. This allows the General Plan to remain a current document responsive to the community’s needs. Requests for amendments may be submitted by individuals or initiated by the City Council. Since the General Plan was adopted in 2014, eight amendments have been approved, including one in 2023 (as shown in the table below):

<b>Request/File #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Description</b>
GPA 23-001	Approved on March 14, 2023 (Resolution No. 2023-31)	City of Brentwood	Housing Element Update*

*\*This amendment was later superseded by the City Council approving GPA 24-001 on February 13, 2024*

One General Plan amendment was approved by the City Council in 2023, for the Housing Element. State law requires periodic updates to the Housing Element on specific schedules, or cycles. The previous (5<sup>th</sup> Cycle) Housing Element, adopted by the City Council and certified by the State in 2015, covered the planning period from 2015 to 2022. The current Housing Element Update (6<sup>th</sup> Cycle) was originally adopted by the City Council on March 14, 2023 via Resolution No. 2023-31, to address the period from 2023-2031. That action was then superseded by the City Council adopting Resolution No. 2024-16 on February 13, 2024 to adopt the City’s November 2023 submittal to HCD.

**Proposed General Plan Amendments**

Two projects in process involve General Plan amendments, as follows:

- Updates to the Downtown Specific Plan (originally adopted in 2005) and the Brentwood Boulevard Specific Plan (originally adopted in 2012). These

projects began in 2020 as tandem updates, but are currently on hold pending further direction by the City Council.

***Other Significant Projects/Initiatives***

- Focused amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, including objective design standards and SB 330 compliance. These amendments are currently underway as a result of direction provided by the City Council on January 24, 2023.
- Detailed biennial report on the comprehensive implementation status of the General Plan. This is expected to occur in the summer of 2024.