

Community Workshop: Meet the General Plan

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General Plan

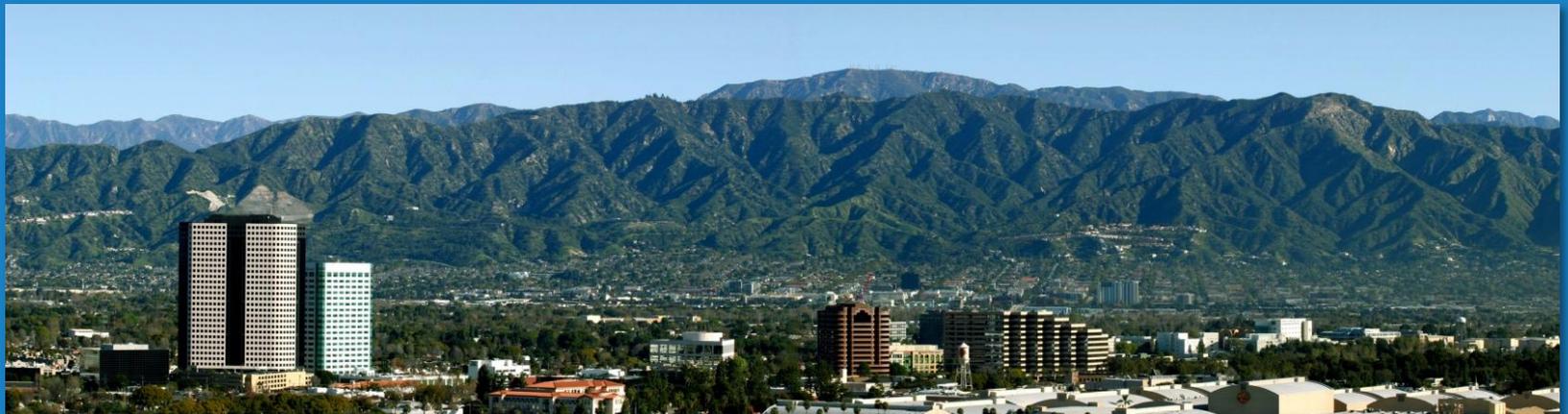


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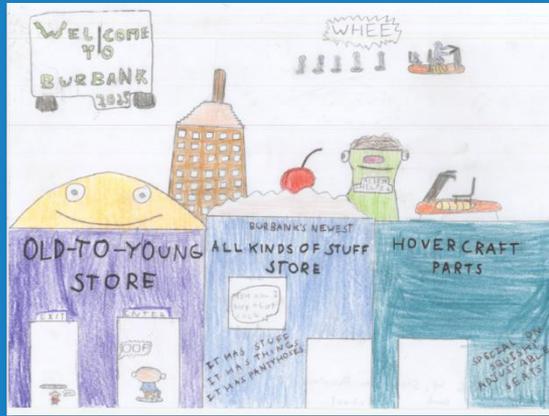


Introducing BURBANK2035

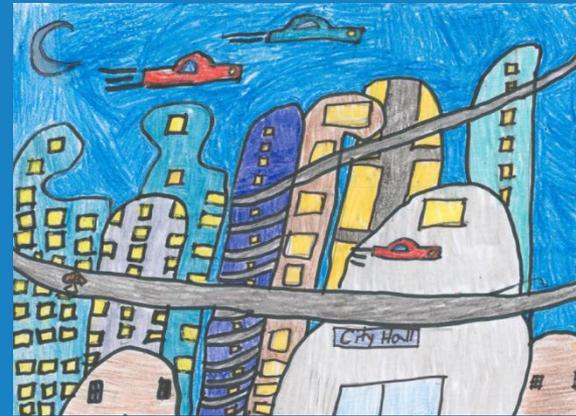
- BURBANK2035 is:
 - General Plan Update (Policy Document)
 - Environmental Impact Report



A Glimpse at Burbank in 2035



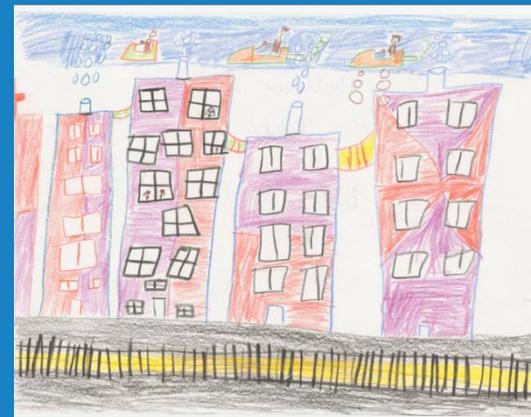
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What is the General Plan?

- A vision of Burbank in 2035
 - Long-term plan for development and conservation
 - Describes vision, goals, and policies
 - Sets foundation for future planning decisions
- How do we get there from here?
 - Plans and ordinances
 - Development review
 - Intergovernmental coordination



What is the General Plan?

- General Plan consists of three main parts
 - **Written text** describing development and conservation vision, goals, and policies
 - **Maps and diagrams** showing:
 - Distribution of land uses
 - Roadway system
 - Environmental hazard areas
 - Parks and open spaces
 - Other illustrated policy statements
 - **Implementation** programs
 - Day-to-day actions that help realize the vision



General Plan Requirements

- Seven topics are required by state law (mandatory elements):
 - Land Use
 - Circulation
 - Housing
 - Last adopted in 2008, required every 5-8 years
 - Not included in BURBANK2035
 - Conservation
 - Open Space
 - Noise
 - Safety



Why Update the General Plan Now?

- It's OLD!
 - Last comprehensive update in the 1960s
 - Transportation Element (1965)
 - Open Space and Conservation Element (1972)
 - Opens with a letter from a child written in 1962
 - Land Use Element (1988)
 - Noise Element (1992)
 - Safety Element (1997)



Why Update the General Plan Now?

- Things have changed
 - More people, homes, and businesses
 - Different economic conditions
 - State laws have changed
 - Climate change
 - Water resources
 - Flooding
 - Complete streets



Contents of Burbank2035

- Introduction
- Air Quality and Climate Change Element
- Land Use Element
- Mobility Element
- Noise Element
- Open Space and Conservation Element
- Safety Element



Introduction

- Core Values
 - Balanced Development
 - Community Image and Character
 - Complete Streets
 - Economic Vitality
 - Housing Variety
 - Open Space and Conservation
 - Quality Neighborhoods and Schools
 - Safety
 - Sustainability



Air Quality and Climate Change Element



- *Clean Air & Climate Smart*
 - Reduce air pollution
 - Comply with Air District programs and regulations
 - Provide incentives for trip and emissions reductions
 - Reduce communitywide greenhouse gasses
 - 15% below current emissions by 2020
 - 30% below current emissions by 2035
 - Adaptation strategies for the potential effects of climate change





Land Use Element

- *Sustainability through Diversity*
 - Support a land use pattern that promotes a high quality of life
 - Design buildings, facilities, and infrastructure to promote long term environmental and economic sustainability
 - Retain small town character
 - Create complete streets and inviting public spaces where people interact with the community
 - Actively involve and engage the public in planning decisions

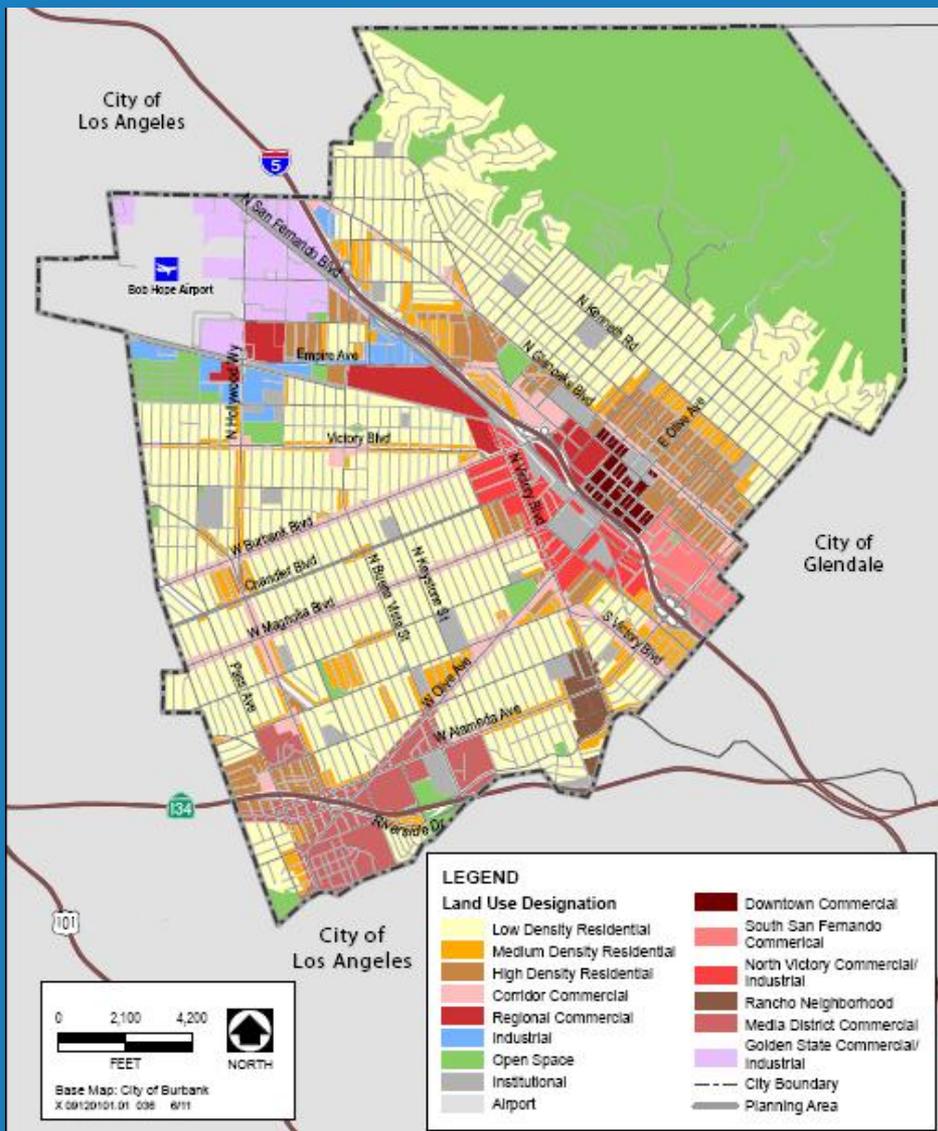




Land Use Element

- Residential in neighborhoods
- Commercial along corridors and concentrated in districts
- Open space in Verdugo Mountains
- Industrial concentrated around airport

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Mobility Element

- *Moving People Forward*
 - Complete streets
 - Balance traffic congestion other needs (economic growth and vitality, transportation demands, neighborhood character)
 - Provide and improve transportation options for all users
 - Complete a sustainable transportation system
 - Establish transportation management districts





Noise Element

- *Putting Noise in its Place*
 - Change maximum allowable noise exposure standards for exterior spaces in multi-family projects to reflect Burbank's existing noise environment
 - Limit generation of noise where possible
 - Design projects with noise standards in mind
 - Work with Airport and rail agencies to minimize noise exposure



Open Space and Conservation Element



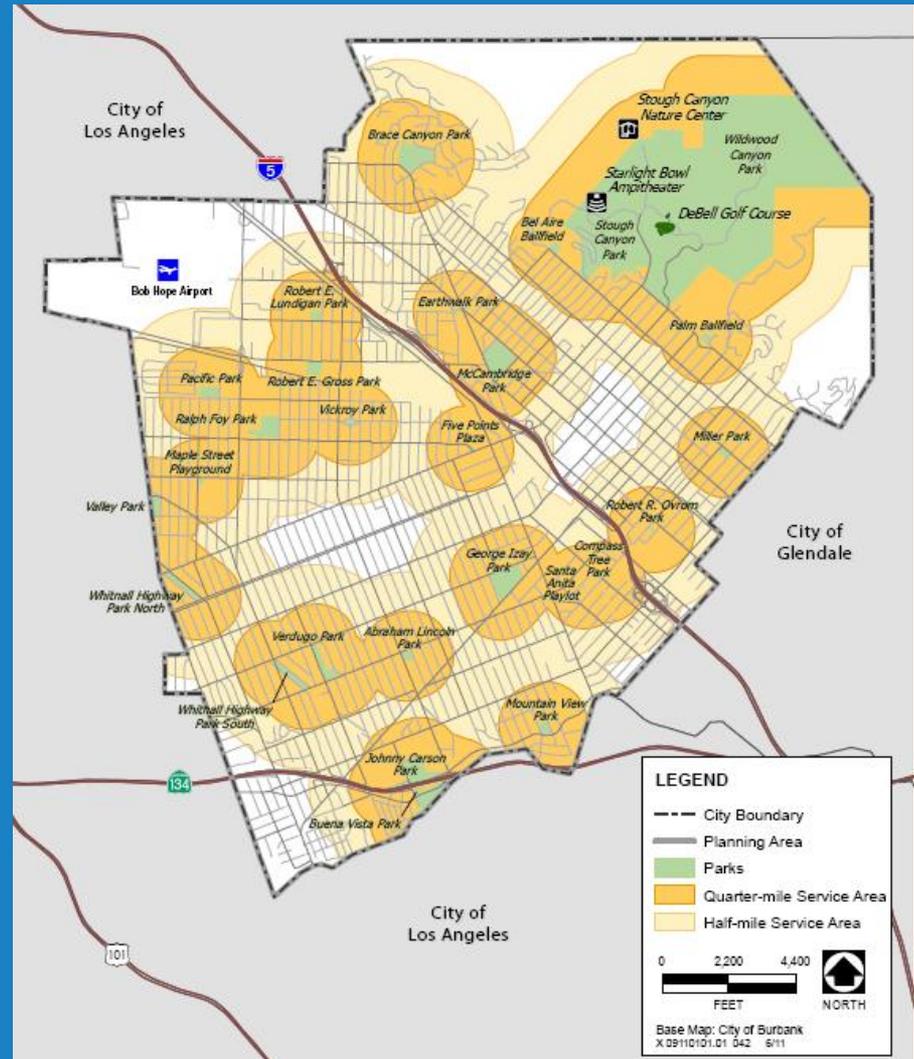
- *Greenprint for a Healthy Community*
 - Coordination with regional open space plans and conservation efforts
 - Support parks and recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors
 - Improve facilities and access to parks
 - Parks, open spaces, and visual and natural resources contribute to a high quality of life and community identity
 - Protect Burbank's unique resources
 - Conservation programs for water and energy to contribute to the health of the community



Open Space and Conservation Element



- Plan sets both park acreage and distribution standards
- Not all parts of the city are within ½ mile of a park





Safety Element

- *Protecting What Matters*
 - Keep hazard and emergency plans current
 - Coordinate with other agencies to promote safety planning in Burbank and surrounding areas
 - Maintain appropriate staffing levels and support training and advance technologies
 - Ensure that land use planning considers seismic and flood hazards in Burbank and the region





Safety Element

- Key Policies
 - Use technological advances to protect Burbank residents, businesses, and visitors from safety hazards
 - Manage hazardous materials risks and potentially hazardous conditions
 - Work with the Airport to manage safety concerns
 - Maintain consistency with the Airport Land Use Plan





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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS



Question #1

- Many of Burbank's roads are not perceived as safe for modes of traffic other than cars
- City decision makers, residents, and businesses do not think new bike paths/lanes would be used given low use of existing facilities
 - *How would you balance this, and how can the City ensure that the facilities would be used?*
 - *Would you ride bikes or walk to destinations more, if there were safer ways to get there without driving?*





Question #2

- Many California cities are considering ordinances banning plastic bags, styrofoam, and leaf blowers, requiring businesses to sort recyclables, and requiring native vegetation for landscaping
 - *What would you be willing to do at home or at your business to make Burbank a more sustainable place?*
 - *What would you be unwilling to do?*





Question #3

- Do you think the available housing in Burbank suits the needs of residents?
 - *with regard to different housing types and sizes (apartments, townhouses, single family, larger homes for larger families)?*
 - *with regard to affordability?*
 - *with regard to location of housing relative to community services, schools, parks?*





Question #4

- Are there any particular areas of the City you would like to see change?

Question #5

- Are you satisfied with the park facilities and recreation services available to you?
 - *Are they close enough?*
 - *Are they appropriately sized?*
 - *Do they contain the facilities you'd like to use?*



What's Next?

Summer 2011

Spring 2012



What's Next?

- Public review period
 - June 20, 2011 through August 22, 2011
- “Meet the General Plan” workshops
 - July 27, 2011
 - August 13, 2011
- Meetings with Planning Board and City Council
 - July 19, 2011
 - July 20, 2011





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THANK YOU!