

# How to Use the General Plan

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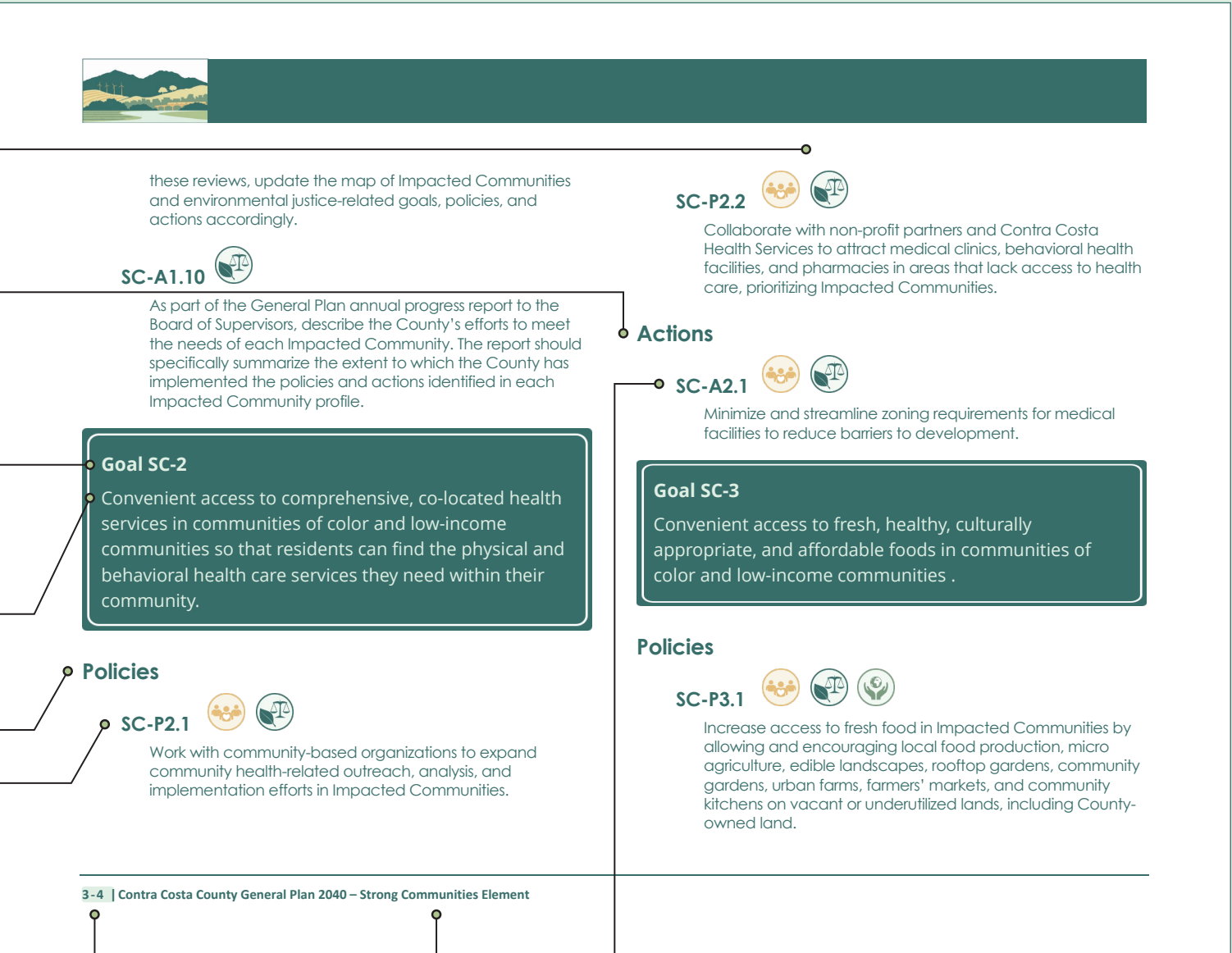
**Actions:** An action is a measure, procedure, or technique that helps the County achieve a specific goal. An action is something concrete that can and will be completed.

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## STRONG COMMUNITIES ELEMENT

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### Goals, Policies, and Actions

#### Goal SC-1

Equitable distribution of social and economic resources among all communities in the county so that communities of color and low-income communities are not disproportionately burdened by environmental pollution or other hazards.

#### Policies

##### SC-P1.1



Incentivize and streamline the permitting process for public and private investment in new development, redevelopment, or preservation that promotes community goals in Impacted Communities, as identified in the community profiles.



### SC-P1.2



Support development of small-scale neighborhood nodes that provide a range of neighborhood-serving retail, public amenities, services, and related infrastructure to residents of Impacted Communities within walking distance of their homes.

### SC-P1.3



Support community events, such as block parties and community service days, that support social connections, neighborhood identity, and behavioral health.

### SC-P1.4



In coordination with Impacted Communities, workers, and business/industry, support the county's transition from petroleum-refining industries to just, equitable, and clean industries that offer good living-wage jobs.

### SC-P1.5



For projects in or adjacent to an Impacted Community, pursue community benefits agreements that go beyond the inherent project benefits and achieve the community goals identified in the community profile, as negotiated by the community.

### SC-P1.6



Prior to approval of a major development project in or adjacent to an Impacted Community, require applicants to document how the project will promote environmental justice, including how the project will ensure the following:

- (a) It will not adversely impact the community;
- (b) It will provide benefits that support the community goals, as identified in the community profile and/or negotiated with the community;
- (c) It will provide economic opportunities for the community;
- (d) It will not directly or indirectly displace existing residents or businesses in the community; and
- (e) It will avoid direct or indirect negative impacts on the quality of life of residents within the community.

## Actions

### SC-A1.1



Develop and sufficiently fund a program to assist project applicants in Impacted Communities in navigating the project application and review process.

### SC-A1.2



Explore the feasibility of creating, participating in, or attracting a public bank or other types of economic development and wealth-building tools to support local interests and community development in Impacted Communities.



**SC-A1.3**   

Establish a process for the County to provide seed grants, micro loans, or similar funding to community-based organizations or public-private partners to support improvements in Impacted Communities, such as murals and planting strips.

**SC-A1.4**  

Develop funding mechanisms to administer, develop, and maintain public art in Impacted Communities. Work with community members to ensure public art is culturally appropriate.

**SC-A1.5**  

Establish a process to permit and facilitate partial and/or temporary street closures for amenities such as parklets, farmers' markets, or other community-driven events as initiated by community groups, provided that these events can be safely allowed within the public right of way. Provide streamlined and timely processing of permits and assist applicants through the permit process.

**SC-A1.6**    

In coordination with Impacted Communities, workers, business/industry, and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, develop and implement a plan to transition from petroleum-refining industries to just, equitable, and clean industries that offer good living-wage jobs. The plan should address site remediation responsibilities and

timelines and strategies to improve the health, safety, infrastructure, job opportunities, and revenue opportunities during the shift to a clean energy, zero emission economy, paying special attention to helping develop new opportunities for how Impacted Communities will realize economic, health, and other benefits.

**SC-A1.7**  

Develop a rubric to be used in the project review process that establishes criteria to evaluate how new development supports the County's environmental justice and health goals and the environmental justice and health-related community goals identified in the relevant community profile.

**SC-A1.8**  

Revise the hazard scoring system in the Industrial Safety Ordinance to include criteria that increases the score when the project would affect an Impacted Community.

**SC-A1.9**  

Upon each review of the General Plan [will cross reference a Land Use Element action related to regular reviews of the General Plan], review health outcomes data for Impacted Communities in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the County's environmental justice policies. During this review, assess any updated information related to the delineation of Impacted Communities in Contra Costa County. Based on



these reviews, update the map of Impacted Communities and environmental justice-related goals, policies, and actions accordingly.

### SC-A1.10

As part of the General Plan annual progress report to the Board of Supervisors, describe the County's efforts to meet the needs of each Impacted Community. The report should specifically summarize the extent to which the County has implemented the policies and actions identified in each Impacted Community profile.

**Goal SC-2**  
 Convenient access to comprehensive, co-located health services in communities of color and low-income communities so that residents can find the physical and behavioral health care services they need within their community.

### SC-P2.2

Collaborate with non-profit partners and Contra Costa Health Services to attract medical clinics, behavioral health facilities, and pharmacies in areas that lack access to health care, prioritizing Impacted Communities.

## Actions

### SC-A2.1

Minimize and streamline zoning requirements for medical facilities to reduce barriers to development.

**Goal SC-3**  
 Convenient access to fresh, healthy, culturally appropriate, and affordable foods in communities of color and low-income communities .

## Policies

### SC-P2.1

Work with community-based organizations to expand community health-related outreach, analysis, and implementation efforts in Impacted Communities.

## Policies

### SC-P3.1

Increase access to fresh food in Impacted Communities by allowing and encouraging local food production, micro agriculture, edible landscapes, rooftop gardens, community gardens, urban farms, farmers' markets, and community kitchens on vacant or underutilized lands, including County-owned land.



### SC-P3.2

Maximize multimodal access to fresh food in Impacted Communities, prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian access, by encouraging grocery stores, healthy corner stores, community gardens, and outdoor markets at key transit nodes and within transit-oriented developments.

### SC-P3.3

Encourage new development in Impacted Communities to incorporate community gardens into the project design.

### SC-P3.4

Require new or substantially renovated County facilities that interface with the public and that are located in Impacted Communities to incorporate facilities and amenities that improve the public's access to healthy food options.

### SC-P3.5

Provide access to County-owned land, cleanup, and other County services and facilities for farmers' markets, community gardens, and community kitchens in Impacted Communities.

### SC-P3.6

Encourage farmers and community gardens in Impacted Communities to participate in local farmers' markets.

## Actions

### SC-A3.1

Inventory and map food deserts in the county; as part of the inventory, account for walking, biking, and transit access.

### SC-A3.2

Update the Zoning Code to accommodate a mix of uses that incentivizes the development of grocery stores and markets, especially in Impacted Communities and food deserts.

### SC-A3.3

Prepare a healthy food ordinance that creates incentives and guidelines that support access to healthy food through land use controls, such as streamlined permitting of grocery stores. When developing this ordinance, collect geographic data about current health conditions.

### SC-A3.4

Explore the feasibility of establishing publicly owned co-op grocery stores in Impacted Communities. If pursued, work with community members to ensure the co-op is appropriate for and supported by the community.



### SC-A3.5

Develop guidelines to support implementation of micro agriculture, rooftop gardens, community gardens, urban farms, and farmers' markets, including seeking input from local residents on convenient and accessible locations.

### SC-A3.6

Inform local farmers about opportunities for participation in local farmers' markets to bring locally grown food to Impacted Communities. In addition, encourage farmers' markets to reduce vendor restrictions or entry fees for local farmers to incentivize local participation.

### SC-A3.7

Distribute information to Impacted Communities in multiple languages about community-supported agriculture programs that provide affordable access to quality, fresh food.

### SC-A3.8

Implement a County Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP) to promote the 2010 Dietary Guidelines, federal and State food security programs, and physical activity.

### SC-A3.9

Conduct nutrition and cooking workshops, health events and social marketing for Impacted Community residents to promote healthy eating and active living.

### SC-A3.10

Coordinate with school, after-school, child development center, and preschool programs in Impacted Communities, as well as peer to peer education, to empower families and youth to choose healthy foods, drink water instead of sweetened drinks and live an active life. This could include educational field trips to local farms, community gardens, and outdoor recreation areas.

### SC-A3.11

Participate in local coalitions and subcontract with community partners to collaborate with government agencies, food banks, child-care centers, faith-based organizations, community leaders, quality food retailers, and other businesses and schools to support programs and policies that mitigate child obesity and improve access and intake of healthy foods and physical activity.

### SC-A3.12

Encourage worksite and school wellness through access to healthier food choices in vending machines and promotion of physical activity.





### SC-A3.13

Collect data for grant funding, program planning, and evaluation of interventions to improve access to and consumption of healthy food and physical activity.

### SC-A3.14

Every five years, review the existing Alcoholic Beverage Sales Commercial Activities Ordinance to ensure Impacted Communities are not experiencing disproportionate concentrations of or impacts from new bars and liquor stores. To support implementation of this ordinance, set up and maintain a shared data system between the Health Services and Conservation and Development departments that identifies the locations of current establishments, along with information about public safety and public health.

## Goal SC-4

Access to safe and sanitary homes in communities of color and low-income communities.

## Policies

### SC-P4.1

Ensure that future improvements in Impacted Communities will not produce a net loss of affordable housing or the displacement of residents, while seeking to increase the amount of affordable housing in the community.

### SC-P4.2

Coordinate with the Housing Authority of Contra Costa County, affordable housing developers, and other organizations to transition vacant, unentitled land in Impacted Communities into affordable and transitional housing, which could include many types of innovative housing products. This should include homeownership opportunities to help residents build intergenerational wealth.

### SC-P4.3

Ensure adequate living conditions for tenants through ongoing and effective Code Enforcement, with priority given to rental properties in Impacted Communities.

## Actions

### SC-A4.1

Develop and fund a land-banking program for future development of housing affordable to lower- and moderate-income households in Impacted Communities.

### SC-A4.2

In collaboration with nonprofit and for-profit developers, explore the feasibility of establishing community land trusts serving each Impacted Community that will support long-term community ownership and housing affordability.





### SC-A4.3

Expand the County's first-time homebuyer program to provide more education and assistance, prioritizing outreach and marketing in Impacted Communities to spread awareness of the program.

### SC-A4.4

Create an inventory of available land for tiny homes or other types of innovative housing products as alternatives to accommodate people who lack housing.

### SC-A4.5

Collaborate with the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness to develop and implement a plan to provide transition facilities and services for people facing homelessness. Link homeless programs with supportive services such as behavioral health, substance abuse, and primary health care.

### SC-A4.6

Conduct periodic outreach to absentee owners of properties in Impacted Communities to inform owners of their legal obligations to maintain rental properties in safe and habitable condition. Keep tenants informed of these efforts, including by translating the information into languages other than English.

### SC-A4.7

Create an online resource for tenants to understand their rights related to Building Code standards, landlord and tenant responsibilities, and how to request repairs or improvements to their home, including information that is specific to County housing and Code Enforcement regulations.

### SC-A4.8

Update the County Health and Safety Code to establish a framework for the County to protect residents' access to secure housing through eviction moratoriums or other mechanisms when the County and/or State declare states of emergency due to natural or human-made disasters, including epidemics and pandemics.

### SC-A4.9

Obtain funding for, address barriers to, and increase participation in the County's weatherization program for extremely low, very low, and low-income homeowners, landlords, and renters, as well as in other programs like the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, to provide resources to bring older properties up to Code and improve their livability, make minor home repairs and energy improvements, and improve health and quality of life. Focus these resources on homes in Impacted Communities, and in particular rental housing and high-density housing.



### SC-A4.10



In coordination with Impacted Communities, consider the development of a vacant property registration ordinance that includes a fee to cover the costs for the County to deal with vacant properties and to reduce blight.

### SC-A4.11



Continue to support the Contra Costa Lead Poisoning Prevention Project's programs, including services for children, public health nurse case management, home environmental investigation, education and outreach, and information and referrals for parents, home remodelers and child-care providers.

### SC-A4.12



Create a bulk buying program that allows people to purchase air conditioners, fans, air purifiers, heaters, and other electric appliances at wholesale prices and/or with zero-percent interest financing to increase energy efficiency and replace hazardous appliances. Work with volunteer groups to help people install air conditioners and other electrical appliances if they are unable to do so themselves, focusing on Impacted Communities and other areas with high levels of vulnerable people. Consider augmenting energy efficiency programs to reduce electricity use and help offset the cost of operating electrical appliances.

### SC-A4.13



Partner with a local solar company to enact a solar group buy program to purchase solar panels and battery storage in bulk for installation in Impacted Communities, including the establishment and subsidization of community solar programs for joint membership, which aggregate multiple consumers' electricity sourced from a single photo-voltaic solar location. The program should include an educational component to teach the community about the benefits and process of solar installation and give them the opportunity to sign up for the program at a discounted rate.

**Goal SC-5**

Access to and expansion of job training, job opportunities, and economic stability in communities of color and low-income communities so that residents can access safe jobs, earn a living wage to support their families, and build shared prosperity.

## Policies

### SC-P5.1



Actively work across County departments and agencies to attract businesses that provide desired goods and services in Impacted Communities, including food stores with fresh produce, health care, childcare, pharmacies, and other retailers. Balance community desires with comprehensive



assessments of market demand to guide business attraction efforts.

**SC-P5.2**



Actively work across County departments and agencies to incentivize and attract clean industry that provides good living-wage jobs while not increasing emissions in or near Impacted Communities.

training, recruitment programs and services, and childcare services to support workers in Impacted Communities. Work with experienced groups to ensure that programs will be properly staffed and funded. Training and intervention strategies should reduce barriers to employment for youth, formerly incarcerated residents, and residents with limited English proficiency, and they should support a just transition toward a sustainable economy by re-training petroleum-based workers with skills for well-paying jobs in new industries.

**SC-P5.3**



Promote entrepreneurship and locally owned businesses and enterprises in Impacted Communities to support economic self-sufficiency and stability, including through training and outreach to local small business owners and minimizing permitting and other fees.

**SC-A5.3**



Explore strategies to establish a revolving loan fund, micro loans, or other economic development initiatives to support small businesses in Impacted Communities.

**Actions**

**SC-A5.1**



Establish a First Source Hiring Program requiring project applicants to hire new employees, workers, and subcontractor components of the project from the local area.

**SC-A5.4**



Develop and sufficiently fund a program to offer one-on-one support to small businesses in Impacted Communities; through this program, provide guidance related to available grants, marketing, financing, and mentorship.

**SC-A5.2**



Partner with schools, community colleges, community organizations, large employers, trade associations, unions, and job training skills centers to support enhanced job-skills



## Goal SC-6

Effective engagement with communities of color and low-income communities so that residents have strong voices to communicate needs and solutions.

## Policies

### SC-P6.1



Notify and engage community members, organizations, and leaders when County planning decisions are being considered in or adjacent to Impacted Communities. Conduct outreach and engagement with Impacted Communities early in the planning process as follows:

- Prepare public notices in the predominant language(s) spoken in the community and provide interpretation services at meetings as needed.
- Make public notices and other important documents easy to understand and available in print at local libraries, community centers, or other gathering places.
- Use a wide array of methods to inform community members of opportunities to participate, such as the County website, social media, texts, banners, mailers, and flyers.
- Use outreach approaches that are appropriate for the community.

- Schedule, format, and locate community workshops and meetings to be convenient for community members – both in-person and online – and provide childcare.
- Use social media, virtual meeting platforms, recorded meetings, and other communication techniques for those without time or ability to attend public meetings.
- Consider data that reflects the economic, gender, age, and racial diversity of the affected population.
- Clearly explain potential adverse impacts of a proposed project in plain language that is easily understood by the target community.

### SC-P6.2



Support community-driven or community-led initiatives in Impacted Communities that work toward the goals identified in the community profiles. Support could include technical assistance and providing staff resources and meeting spaces, among other methods.

## Actions

### SC-A6.1



In coordination with leaders and stakeholders from Impacted Communities, prepare a community engagement toolkit that identifies outreach and engagement best practices based on the project type and stakeholders involved in order to build community participation and ensure all voices are represented.



### SC-A6.2

Identify, initiate, and formalize long-term partnerships with trusted community organizations and leaders in Impacted Communities to ensure that local residents can make significant contributions to planning processes. Support lasting partnerships by assigning a designated County staff person to build and maintain these partnerships in each Impacted Community.

### SC-A6.3

Hold quarterly public meetings in each Impacted Community, including the County Supervisor representing the community and representatives from the full spectrum of County Departments, to hear from residents of these communities, and use that input to inform the County's annual budgeting process. Provide translation and childcare services, as needed, at these meetings.

### SC-A6.4

Identify communities with a significant number of non-English speaking households and develop resources and strategies to better engage them.

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## TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

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### Goals, Policies, and Actions

#### Goal TR-1

A roadway network that accommodates active, safe, reliable, comfortable, convenient, affordable, and resilient multi-modal travel options for all residents, businesses, and visitors, regardless of age, ability, race, culture, or economic status.

#### Policies

##### TR-P1.1



Support improvements to transit, bikeways, and sidewalks in Impacted Communities to make active transportation more accessible, user-friendly, and safer. Prioritize infrastructure projects and programming identified in Impacted Community profiles.



### TR-P1.2



Provide energy-efficient street lighting for traveler safety and prioritize implementation in Impacted Communities, particularly at parks, transit stops, alleyways, bike and pedestrian paths, along commercial corridors, and near high density housing.

### TR-P1.3



Provide convenient ways for residents to notify the County or transit providers when transit shelters and benches or other seating at transit stops are not in a state of good repair, especially along commercial corridors, near high density housing, and in Impacted Communities. Encourage transit providers to include amenities when they apply for an encroachment permit for transit stops.

### TR-P1.4



Through participation in community-based transportation plans and other processes, support local transit providers and shared mobility operators in establishing and maintaining routes and services, including accessible transit services, that provide Impacted Communities with convenient access to employment centers, shopping, healthy food outlets, and services. Support extended hours to serve shift workers.

### TR-P1.5



Allow parking and setback requirement reductions while augmenting traffic calming measures to encourage walkability in Impacted Communities.

### TR-P1.6



Work with school districts, neighborhood groups, and the local Safe Routes to School Program to ensure that safe walking, bicycling, and transit routes to school exist, prioritizing the development and maintenance of sidewalks, crosswalks, street lighting, bicycling infrastructure, transit stop amenities, traffic calming, and other safety improvements in Impacted Communities, including in residential areas and near schools, libraries, and recreational facilities.

## Actions

### TR-A1.1



Study the feasibility of an equitable on-street parking pricing program in commercial corridors throughout the county that would allocate parking revenue to improvement projects in Impacted Communities that are consistent with the community profile.

### TR-A1.2



Engage in community-based transportation plans or other initiatives by CCTA that seek to expand the hours of operation, operational boundaries, convenience, and quality of accessible transit services to improve mobility for seniors, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable communities.





### TR-A1.3



Seek funding to subsidize transit passes for residents of Impacted Communities.

### TR-A1.4



Work with enforcement agencies to develop a program that establishes, maintains, and enforces truck routes in the unincorporated county. This program should provide engineering solutions to divert trucks from Impacted Communities and establish criteria for designating truck routes, signage, and enforcement mechanisms.

### TR-A1.5



Partner with adjacent jurisdictions and regional transportation planning committees to manage regional movement of goods through unincorporated areas, encouraging trucks to use designated routes and minimizing impacts on residents and other sensitive receptors, with particular emphasis on impacts to Impacted Communities.

### TR-A1.6



Generate community-based enforcement of idling trucks by using an online app for reporting offenses which would trigger immediate enforcement agency follow up.

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## PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES ELEMENT

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### Goals, Policies, and Actions

#### Goal PFS-1

Public facilities, infrastructure, and services that meet the needs of and are being accessed by communities of color and low-income communities.

#### Policies

##### PFS-P1.1



Systematically prioritize investments in public facilities, infrastructure, and services that benefit Impacted Communities and respond to the needs identified in the community profiles.

##### PFS-P1.2



Assist Impacted Communities in researching and establishing funding and financing mechanisms – both community-generated mechanisms like building improvement districts and County-initiated mechanisms – to provide and maintain community-desired public facilities and services.



**PFS-P1.3** 

Advocate for and coordinate with various service providers (e.g., water, sewer, and recreation districts) for proper planning, maintenance, and implementation of services and infrastructure to ensure efficient and effective service delivery in Impacted Communities.

**PFS-P1.4**  

Prioritize clean-up of illegal dumping in Impacted Communities.

**PFS-P1.5** 

Continue to advocate for public-private partnerships that will improve access to reliable, fast internet and make digital resources available in Impacted Communities at affordable prices.

**PFS-P1.6** 

Inform Impacted Community residents about internet resources available in their community and provide them with information about how to use digital resources.

**Actions**

**PFS-A1.1** 

Prioritize needs and services in each Impacted Community as part of the annual budgeting process.

**PFS-A1.2**   

Identify, secure funding for, implement, and maintain urban greening projects in Impacted Communities that support the community's goals, including those identified in the community profiles.

**PFS-A1.3**  

Assess current Code Enforcement and Public Works maintenance practices for equitable implementation. Increase investment, as needed, to keep Impacted Communities hazard free, safe, and clean, emphasizing enforcement actions on issues identified by the community in its community profile.

**PFS-A1.4** 

Expand the current 211 information service to include information on code enforcement.



### PFS-A1.5

Establish a task force of County department heads or their immediate deputies to coordinate efforts, provide oversight, and otherwise ensure that public services and facilities in Impacted Communities are prioritized and efficiently and effectively delivered.

### PFS-A1.6

Partner with community organizations and franchise garbage haulers to optimize community clean-up days and residential on-call garbage pick-ups in Impacted Communities, including by focusing clean-up activities and pick-ups in Impacted Communities over other communities that are part of the same contract. Encourage community participation by holding these events in conjunction with other community events and/or offering fun activities and amenities like food trucks.

## Goal PFS-2

Convenient access to safe and well-maintained recreational activities and parks in communities of color and low-income communities so that residents are empowered to choose an active lifestyle that supports their health.

## Policies

### PFS-P2.1

Increase access to diverse, high-quality parks, green space, recreational facilities, and natural environments for Impacted Communities, including through a variety of transportation modes. Obtain funding to design and maintain these facilities to offer a safe and comfortable environment for residents of all ages and abilities.

### PFS-P2.2

Rather than allowing in-lieu fees, require major new development projects in Impacted Communities to improve existing park and recreation amenities within the community and/or to add new amenities within the project, ideally open to the public. In-lieu fees may only be used when amenity improvements or new amenities are not feasible, as determined by the County.

### PFS-P2.3

Promote recreational activity programs and opportunities to Impacted Communities.

### PFS-P2.4

Require new or substantially renovated County recreational facilities located in Impacted Communities to incorporate facilities, amenities, and public spaces that create opportunities for physical activity and social interaction.



### PFS-P2.5

Assist with coordination to support joint use recreation facilities serving Impacted Communities.

### PFS-P2.6

Increase recreation opportunities in Impacted Communities by working with other agencies to convert public easements, such as utility corridors or unused rights-of-way, into parks and trails.

### PFS-P2.7

Support local community groups and volunteer organizations in efforts to improve or maintain local parks, trails, and other public spaces, such as through an Adopt-A-Trail program, especially in Impacted Communities.

## Actions

### PFS-A2.1

Coordinate with park districts to prepare a parks and open space needs assessment for each Impacted Community. Based on the results of the assessment for each community, implement improvements that address barriers to outdoor physical activity, such as inadequate infrastructure and safety concerns.

### PFS-A2.2

Work with recreation and school districts to identify indoor recreational and athletic facilities to serve as emergency housing and cooling centers in Impacted Communities for natural hazards or extreme heat events. In addition, work with these districts to prepare a list of priority improvements at these facilities to implement in preparation for emergency events.

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### Goals, Policies, and Actions

#### Goal HS-1

Healthy air quality for all communities so that communities of color and low-income communities do not bear the disproportionate burden of environmental hazards and health risks.

#### Policies

##### HS-P1.1



Require a cumulative health risk assessment, including consideration of truck traffic impacts, when a project potentially affects sensitive receptors in Impacted Communities, and require appropriate mitigation based on the findings of the assessment, including the use of buffers around areas posing health risks as appropriate.

##### HS-P1.2



When evaluating health risk impacts of projects in Impacted Communities, use a cancer risk of 1.0 per million as the threshold for a significant impact.



**HS-P1.3**  

Require new development to site sensitive receptors such as homes, schools, playgrounds, sports fields, childcare centers, senior centers, and long-term health care facilities as far away as possible from significant pollution sources.

**HS-P1.4**  

When evaluating air quality impacts of projects in Impacted Communities, use thresholds of significance that match or are more stringent than the air quality thresholds of significance identified in the current Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Air Quality Guidelines.

**HS-P1.5**  

Consider future General Plan and/or Zoning Code amendments as needed to support BAAQMD in meeting AB 617 objectives to reduce the health impacts of air pollution in Communities of Concern.

**HS-P1.6**   

Require warehouse and distribution facilities to provide adequate on-site truck parking to prevent idling and require refrigerated warehouses to provide generators for refrigerated trucks.

**HS-P1.7**  

Prohibit fossil fuel powered truck, construction vehicle, and transit vehicle idling within 100 feet of sensitive receptors such as homes, schools, playgrounds, sports fields, childcare centers, senior centers, and long-term health care facilities.

**HS-P1.8**   

Prioritize new street tree plantings and increase the tree canopy on public and private property in Impacted Communities, in particular areas with a high heat index.

**HS-P1.9**   

Preserve, restore, and enhance natural landscapes in and near Impacted Communities for their role in improving air quality and community health.

**Actions**

**HS-A1.1**  

Coordinate with State and regional regulatory entities and community members to fund citizen-led data collection, monitor pollution exposure, and identify and implement solutions in Impacted Communities.





### HS-A1.2

Assist BAAQMD in establishing and implementing Community Air Monitoring Plans for Impacted Communities.

### HS-A1.3

Coordinate with BAAQMD to create a targeted permit inspection program in Impacted Communities to help ensure enforcement of air quality permits.

### HS-A1.4

Enforce the State's five-minute maximum idling law.

### HS-A1.5

Prepare an urban forest master plan for the county that includes quantified goals and tracking methods, including mapping the tree canopy, and prioritizes Impacted Communities.

### HS-A1.6

Develop and implement a plan to provide convenient and accessible clean air refuges during times when outdoor air quality is unhealthy.

## Goal HS-2

Communities that are safe and free of hazards associated with the use, manufacture, transport, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste and hazardous materials, including from fossil fuels, chemical refining, pipelines, rail lines, truck transportation, and power plants.

## Policies

### HS-P2.1

Coordinate with local and regional agencies in efforts to remediate or treat contaminated surface water, groundwater, or soils in or affecting Impacted Communities.

## Actions

### HS-A2.1

In collaboration with local environmental justice organizations, update the County's Brownfields and Contaminated Sites Cleanup Policy and prioritize implementation of clean-up efforts in Impacted Communities.



### HS-A2.2



Establish a mechanism to ensure that new industrial uses that involve hazardous materials will fund any needed clean-up of contamination resulting from the use.

### HS-A2.3



Establish a comprehensive, long term strategy that coordinates efforts from all regulatory agencies to mitigate impacts from industrial facilities on adjacent communities, both acute and long-term, with priority given to developing strategies for Impacted Communities. The strategies must include specific mitigations to address air pollution, pipeline risks, and accidents.

### HS-A2.4



Provide clear information in plain language to residents of Impacted Communities about the hazards they face from industrial uses in and around the community.

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