

General Plan Annual Report

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PART I INTRODUCTION

Government Code Section 65400(a)(2) mandates that all cities and counties submit to their legislative bodies an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation of the City's General Plan, including the progress in meeting the City's share of regional housing needs. A copy of this report must also be sent to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Purpose

The intent of Section 65400(a)(2) is to ensure that the General Plan directs all land use decisions and remains an effective guide for future development. The General Plan is to act as a "constitution" for the long-term physical development of a community and is required to be updated periodically to reflect current circumstances. Therefore it is critical that periodic review of the General Plan and its implementation be undertaken.

How the State Uses the Report

Upon review and approval by the City Council of this report, the document is forwarded by the Community and Economic Development Director to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR). The report provides information to OPR about local planning activities and helps to identify trends in land use planning and decision making throughout the state. By compiling all the information from local agencies, OPR can identify any improvements or modifications that are needed to the General Plan Guidelines, determine how local activities compare to statewide planning goals and policies, and facilitate the State legislative process as it pertains to land use planning issues.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65400(a)(2)(B)(ii) the Housing Element portion of the report is transmitted to the State's office of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Providing a copy of the report to HCD fulfills the requirement of providing housing information, including the City's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs.

La Habra General Plan 2035

The "La Habra General Plan 2035" was adopted by the City Council through Resolution No. 5611 on January 21, 2014. The plan contains goals, policies, and programs which are intended to guide land and development decisions. The formulation of the plan was a joint effort by the City Council, Planning Commission, Staff and a citizen General Plan Advisory Committee specifically appointed by the City Council to assist in the preparation of the General Plan.



All decisions made by the City Council and Planning Commission through the course of each year must conform or relate to the City’s General Plan. The State Government Code mandates that the City Council and Planning Commission make required “findings of approval” for certain specific uses to ensure that these actions are consistent with goals and policies of the General Plan. For example, all zoning, subdivision, land use approvals, public works projects, and the City’s Capital Improvement Program must be found to be consistent with the General Plan.

Composition of the General Plan

The La Habra General Plan 2035 (further referred to as “the General Plan”) is organized into eight chapters which includes the Introduction and Implementation Manual. The remaining six chapters contain thirty-three sections, which cover the traditional seven elements of a general plan. This format contains all the mandatory elements for general plans as established in the California Government Code. The plan is divided into the following chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Community Development
3. Mobility/Circulation
4. Infrastructure
5. Community Services
6. Conservation/Natural Resources
7. Community Safety
8. Implementation Manual

Chapter 8 “Implementation Manual” provides the framework for the annual report and will direct the remaining portion of this document.

Additionally, Chapter 8 contains the implementation items related to the Housing Element. The Housing Element is a separate stand-alone document, which is updated every eight years. Goals and policies in the Housing Element are contained in Chapter 2 of that document. Additional information related to the Housing Element can be found in Part III (below).

PART II ACTION TAKEN TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN

The Implementation Manual provides a set of measures to achieve the goals and policies set forth in the General Plan. To remain effective, the General Plan must be reviewed, maintained, and implemented in a systematic and consistent manner. The Implementation Manual provides recommended review periods, or timeframes, from which to review the various programs of the General Plan. These programs are organized into eleven categories as follows:



1. General Plan Maintenance and Monitoring
2. Implementing Policy Documents and Regulatory Codes
3. Development Review and Entitlement
4. Master Plans and Public Improvements
5. Financing and Budgeting
6. Planning Studies and Reports
7. City Services and Operations
8. Intergovernmental Coordination
9. Joint Partnerships with the Private Sector
10. Special Districts
11. Public Information

These eleven categories are further broken down and listed on a table (see Exhibit A, “Table 8-1”) that outlines the various review periods of each item. The review periods include “Near Term,” “Annual,” “Continuing,” “Periodic Updates,” and “Mid to Long-Term.” The following pages will describe the City’s compliance with these items. The numbering of these items follows the numbering within Chapter 8 of the General Plan to facilitate ease of cross-referencing.

PART III IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT

On August 16, 2021, the City Council approved the 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element (6th Cycle) and authorized staff to forward it to HCD for review and comment. On November 1, 2021, HCD provide their comment letter which provided a list of items requiring clarification or additional information. Staff has been working on these corrections and will submit a revised Housing Element to HCD on March 22, 2022.

California Government Code Sections 65400(a)(2)(B) through (L) outlines annual reporting requirements for jurisdictions to show it’s progress in meeting the regional housing needs, which is accomplished by this report and attached exhibits. These requirements include reporting on the number of housing applications submitted, the number of residential units approved, and a listing of sites that were rezoned to accommodate housing, for example. This report covers the previous calendar year and is due to HCD no later than April 1st (see Exhibit B, “Housing Element Annual Progress Report”).

In addition, the 6th cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which runs from October 2021 to October 2029, has placed a requirement of 804 units for the City to plan for. Staff has prepared the Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) for Calendar Year 2021 which was submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on March 9, 2022 for review. Below is a breakdown of the number of units the City must plan for, based on affordability level, as well as the credits the City has requested for Year 1 of the 6th RHNA cycle:



RHNA (6th Cycle) for City of La Habra			
Income Level	RHNA Allocation	Credit Request - 2021	RHNA Remaining Units
Very Low	192	7	185
Low	116	23	93
Moderate	130	0	130
Above Moderate	336	3	363
TOTAL Units	804	33	771

The majority of the credits requested (above) are for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) that were permitted in 2021. However, several multiple family projects were recently approved by the Planning Commission, which will add approximately 150 units to the tally at the end of 2022. Additionally, the implementation of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance will assist the City in obtaining low and very-low include units, which tend to be more difficult to obtain.



B. Near Term Implementation

This section (Section B of Chapter 8) describes programs that have a high priority for implementation to ensure compliance with legislation for General Plan consistency and should be implemented within five years of General Plan adoption.

A. General Plan Maintenance and Monitoring

A1 General Plan Monitoring System

This requires the establishment of tracking systems using existing tools and procedures that incorporate metrics for the purpose of ensuring consistency with the General Plan.

City’s efforts in 2021

- The City implemented a tracking system that is used by all departments to log all projects and activities that meet one or more policies of the General Plan (see Exhibit C, “General Plan 2035 Project Compliance Tracking Sheet”).
- All City activities are tied to the General Plan and relevant policy achievement is called-out in Planning Commission and City Council staff reports.

B. Implementing Policy Documents and Regulatory Codes

B1 Zoning Ordinance

This requires that the City review and amend the Zoning Code to ensure consistency with the General Plan.

City’s efforts in 2021

- The City Council approved Zone Change 21-02 on April 12, 2021 amending Sections 18.04.030 “Terms Defined,” 18.18.12.150 “Accessory Dwelling Units,” 18.30 “Special Needs Housing,” 18.52.040 “PUD Planned Unit Development Overlay Zone,” and Table 18.06.040(A) “Land Use Matrix” to bring those section into compliance with current State regulations.

B2 Specific Plans

The City shall amend the La Habra Boulevard Specific Plan for consistency with the General Plan.



City's efforts in 2021

- No action needed during this period.

B3 Subdivision Ordinance

The City of La Habra Subdivision Ordinance shall be reviewed and amended for the purpose of ensuring consistency with the General Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City Engineer reviewed the Subdivision Ordinance and determined that no amendments were required during this period.
- Two Final maps were processed this calendar year: one at 805 South Walnut Street (Parcel Map) and one at 104-118 East Electric Avenue (Tract Map).

B4 Building and Construction Code

The City of La Habra Building and Construction Code shall be reviewed and amended for the purpose of ensuring consistency with the General Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- No action needed during this period.



Newly constructed single-family residences at 1101 North Harbor Boulevard.



B5 Climate Action Plan

Adopt and implement goals, policies, and implementation programs contained in the La Habra Climate Action Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- No action needed during this period.

B9 Economic Development Strategy

The City shall develop and implement an Economic Development Strategy whose objective is to attract and retain quality business.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee (EDAHC), consisting of staff and the business community did not conduct any business visits during this reporting period due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Staff provided a Frequently Asked Question business guide to help individuals start new businesses and assist existing businesses to expand their operations. This information has been placed on the City's website.

B11 Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

The City will consider adopting an inclusionary housing ordinance.

City's efforts in 2021

- On March 15, 2021, the City Council approved Zone Change 20-03 by adding Chapter 18.82 "Inclusionary Housing Units" to the La Habra Municipal Code thereby requiring multi-family residential projects of 10 units or more to provide up to 15% of those units at an affordable rate (both for-sale and rental).
- On August 16, 2021, the City Council approved the 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element (6th Cycle) and authorized staff to forward it to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review and comment.



D. Master Plans and Public Improvements

D4 Transportation Services and Management

The City shall maintain and improve the Traffic Operations Center and a citywide interconnected network to convert key intersections and roadways into a coordinated traffic management system.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City traffic engineering staff monitors key intersections through a real-time CCTV video monitoring system and all signalized intersections through an up-to-date traffic management system along with the assistance of our on-call consultant services to address issues when they occur.

G. Community Services and Operations

G1 Municipal Procedures and Operations

The City shall review and revise its municipal procedures to ensure consistency with the General Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- Each City Department has reviewed its procedures and proactively made updates as needed.

G12 Code Enforcement

The City will establish a rental housing inspection program to identify blighted, deteriorated, and/or substandard rental housing stock, and to ensure the rehabilitation or elimination of housing that does not meet minimum Municipal and/or State Building/Housing Code standards.

City's efforts in 2021

- No official program has been established yet, however, all housing (health and safety) issues were addressed through the Code Enforcement Division.



Before (left) and after (right) pictures showing success of Code Enforcement activities.

G15 Programs for the Developmentally Disabled

The City will work with the Regional Center of Orange County to develop and implement an outreach program that informs families within the City on housing and services available for person with developmental disabilities.

City's efforts in 2021

- Housing staff referred individuals to the Regional Center of Orange County when appropriate.



C. Annual Implementation

This section (Section C of Chapter 8) provides a list of objectives that require yearly review and reporting. These items are required by various State statutes or were implemented due to community input.

The following sections describe the activities that the City accomplished to meet its annual reporting requirements.

<i>A. General Plan Maintenance and Monitoring</i>
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A2 Annual General Plan Report

The California Government Code section 65400(a)(2) requires all cities and counties to submit an annual General Plan Progress Report to their legislative bodies (e.g. City Council), the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

City's efforts in 2021

- The City continued the use of a tracking system that is used by all departments to log all projects and activities that met one or more policies of the General Plan (see Exhibit B, "General Plan 2035 Project Compliance Tracking Sheet").
- All City activities were tied to the General Plan and relevant policy achievement is specifically noted in Planning Commission and City Council staff reports.

A3 Annual Climate Change Report

The City is tasked with complying with the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) that is contained in the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan, which was adopted by the Southern California Area Governments (SCAG). The following items are applicable activities that help the City to attain compliance with Assembly Bill 32 regarding reduction measures for transportation, energy, water, and solid waste.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City maintained compliance with AB 939 regarding utilizing recycling materials and provided ongoing public education programs through the Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE).



- The City continued the enforcement of Chapter 15.78 “Waste Management Plan for Construction and Demolition Projects” of the La Habra Municipal Code.
- Building and Safety staff continued enforcement and implementation of Title 24 of the State Government Code in regards to energy conservation measures as part of all building designs.
- Engineering staff continued to ensure that urban and storm water runoff and water quality protection principles are properly considered in the land use decision making process through enforcement of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements.
- Staff continued a community NPDES information program by providing water quality information on the City’s website, providing water quality literature to new businesses, and posted literature and other materials at City facilities.
- Staff maintained an annual schedule of NPDES inspections for commercial inventory properties to ensure that all violations are addressed and corrected in a timely manner.
- Staff implemented applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified for La Habra in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) that was adopted for Orange County, to encourage the reduction of emissions within La Habra.



Stormwater “Filtera” unit with street tree used to filter rain water along the street (location: Beach Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard).



D. Master Plans and Public Improvements

D1 Capital Improvement Programs

The City shall annually review and adopt a City Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that provides funds for capital facilities including arterial highways, local streets, storm drains, park and facility improvements, water and wastewater system improvements, and other improvements.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 was approved by the Planning Commission on May 10, 2021 and adopted by the City Council on June 7, 2021.
- The City continued to maintain a Master Plan of Arterial Highways consistent with the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways.
- The City continued to participate in the cooperative planning efforts with local jurisdictions within the City's sub-region of Southern California.
- The City continued to maintain the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program in conformance with the provisions of Measure M2 for the purpose of maintaining Level of Service established by the General Plan.

E. Finance and Budgeting

E4 Housing Affordability and Improvement Funding

The City will annually assist four lower income single-family homeowners with low interest amortized home rehabilitation loans for interior and exterior improvements, subject to the award of competitive grant HOME funds from the State.

The City will continue to participate and promote the Section 8 Rental Housing Assistance Program and target to annually assist 170 lower income households.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City maintained and improved its two mobile home parks that provide 250 affordable housing units.
- The City continued the Home Rehabilitation Loan program.



G. Community Services and Operations

G13 Housing Programs

The City will annually provide ten single-family homeowners with paint and paint accessories as part of the Neighborhood Clean-Up/Paint Program to paint and upgrade their home exteriors.

City's efforts in 2021

- There were no projects in 2021.

G14 Job Training

The City will annually assist 500 individuals with the administration of job training and retraining programs to eligible residents of Orange County cities at a One Stop Center

City's efforts in 2021

- Provided counseling, guidance, and/or training for young adults.
- Continued the administration of the Job Training and Placement program through the City operated Youth Center.
- Continued to support the activities of the Gary Center.
- Continued support of the classes and programs offered through the Community Services Department.

I. Public-Private Partnerships

I5 Non-Profit and Community Housing Organizations

The City will conduct an annual meeting with non-profit developers and the La Habra Housing Authority to assist in initiating partnerships in the development of affordable housing, discuss the City's plans, resources, and development opportunities, and facilitate relationships between non-profit developers and the La Habra Housing Authority.



City's efforts in 2021

- Community Development staff did not conduct an annual meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions however did individually have discussions with three (3) housing developers to discuss incentives allowed within the Municipal Code and state law for developing certain targeted properties.



D. Continuing Implementation

The City of La Habra administers programs and processes that implement the General Plan’s goals and policies on a daily basis (Section D of Chapter 8) and reviewed and funded in its annual budgeting process.

B. Implementing Policy and Regulatory Documents

B6 Hazardous Material Ordinances

The City will enforce the Hazardous Waste Facility Ordinance in association with sections of the Orange County Hazardous Waste Management Plan to ensure hazardous materials are property sited and are compatible with surrounding land uses.

City’s efforts in 2021

The Public Works Department conducted one (1) hazardous material round-up where citizen could dispose of their hazardous household materials at the City Yard.

C. Development Review and Entitlement

C1 Development Review and Entitlement

Proposed development projects must be reviewed and found to be consistent with the General Plan’s goals, policies, standards, and implementation programs, as expressed by text, figures, and illustrations.

City’s efforts in 2021

- Staff continued the policy that all projects must be found to be compliant with relevant General Plan policies to receive funding or approval by the appropriate authority (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, Housing Authority, etc.).
- On February 18, 2021, the City Council approved PUD 19-02 for a five-unit apartment project at 431 West Lambert Road.
- On April 20, 2021, the City Council approved General Plan Amendment 18-02 changing the Land Use Designation from Light Manufacturing to Multiple Family Residential 1 (0-8 du/ac) and Zone Change 18-06 changing the zoning from M-1 to R-4 (PUD) for the property at 118 East Electric Avenue. This action provided the developer the ability to add approximately 20 units to the project and assist the City in meeting its RHNA obligation.



C2 Code Compliance

Development applications shall be reviewed for compliance with applicable City codes and ordinances, including various sections of the Municipal Code.

City's efforts in 2021

- City staff reviews all development applications to determine compliance with applicable City codes and ordinances, prior to any application being deemed complete. Planning staff reviewed various applications resulting in the processing of 32 discretionary permits, issuance of over 336 residential building permits (increase by 20% from last year), issuance of over 44 commercial building permits, and countless other related activities.

C3 Consultation

During review of proposed development applications for vacant sites, consult with applicable State and Native American organizations regarding potential impacts and mitigation of historic resource sites and buildings.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City routed all Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Impact Reports through the State Clearinghouse to ensure that all applicable agencies and organizations, including Native American organizations, had the ability to review and comment on proposed developments. During this period, one (1) environmental document was routed through the State Clearinghouse for review.
- All projects with environmental review were routed to local Native American tribes, as per Assembly Bill 52, prior to release of Initial Studies for public review.

C4 Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires governmental agencies to consider the environmental consequences of their actions before approving plans and committing to a course of action on a project.

City's efforts in 2021

- All projects were reviewed to ensure compliance with CEQA requirements.
- Planning staff processed ten (15) CEQA exemptions for projects complying with Article 19 "Categorical Exemptions."



C5 Affordable House Code Compliance

The City will continue to permit second units by right in the R-1 zone (Secondary Dwelling Units Ordinance, Section 18.12.150) and waive permit processing fees for second units that will be occupied exclusively by lower income persons. The City will continue to enforce the Zoning Code, Uniform Housing Code, and the International Property Maintenance Code via the City's Code Enforcement Program.

City's efforts in 2021

- 34 accessory dwelling units (ADUs) were processed ministerially through the Building plan check process.
- The Code Enforcement Division conducted 382 code enforcement inspections to address residential code violation cases.
- The City's Building Department has continued implementation of the California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Electrical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Mechanical Code, California Energy Code, and the Green Building Code (2019 version).

C6 Affordable Housing Entitlement Processing

The City will continue to give priority to very low-income and low-income developments and make available information about priority processing at the City's planning counter and on the City's website.

City's efforts in 2021

- Planning Staff informed the development community of the benefits of the Density Bonus Program by: 1) distributing information at the City's one-stop permit counter; 2) informal solicitations of developers of site for affordable housing projects; and 3) posted affordable housing projects on the City's website.

<u><i>D. Master Plans and Public Improvements</i></u>

D1 Capital Improvement Programs

The City shall continue to implement capital improvements as defined in the Annual CIP.

City's efforts in 2021



- The Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2021-2021 was approved by the Planning Commission on May 25, 2021 and adopted by the City Council on June 15, 2021.
- The City continued to maintain a Master Plan of Arterial Highways consistent with the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways.
- The City continued to participate in the cooperative planning efforts with local jurisdictions within the City's sub-region of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG).
- The City continued to maintain the Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program in conformance with the provisions of Measure M2 for the purpose of maintaining Level of Service established by this Element.



Alley improvement project showing before (left) and after (right), north of Stearns Avenue.

D7 Bicycle Master Plan

The City shall continue to implement improvements as defined in the Annual CIP consistent with the Bikeway Master Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City's Engineering Division continued negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for placement of the La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway along the active railroad right-of-way.
- Engineering staff continued to implement improvements to the Bikeway Master Plan.



D15 Municipal Facilities

The City will continue to provide recycling programs at City facilities.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City implemented the annual Recycling Plan in conjunction with the South Coast Air Quality Management District standards.

D18 Emergency Response Plan

The Police Department administer the City's Emergency Response Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to life and property from natural or human-induced disasters and emergencies and to be eligible for certain disaster assistance and mitigation funding.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City did not administer a Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) training iteration through the La Habra Police Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department during this period due to the COVID pandemic. However, a team of CERT-trained volunteers is in place now.
- The City held a disaster simulation event in the Emergency Operations Center to help train City staff, elected officials, and first responders in their roles and responsibilities in this type of event.
- On October 21, 2021, all City staff participated in the annual Great Shake-Out earthquake drill.
- On December 20, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution No. 6038 for the Reaffirmation of the Local Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



D19 Hazardous Materials Response Plan

The City will administer the Hazardous Materials Response Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- Public Works and NPDES staff regularly respond to hazardous materials spills, in conjunction with Los Angeles County Fire Department (City-contracted fire department) and La Habra Police Department staff support.
- There were no hazardous materials spills reported in 2021.

<u><i>E. Financing and Budgeting</i></u>
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E1 Fiscal Budgeting

The City shall engage in budgeting process that seeks to optimize fiscal revenue sources, maximize efficiency of operating expenses, and provide reserves for capital improvements.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City Council approved a balanced City budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

E2 Development Fees and Exactions

The City shall impose fees on development projects to provide revenue for required supporting public infrastructure, parks, schools, and services, and mitigation of transportation impacts in accordance with state nexus legislation and recent court decisions.

City's efforts in 2021

- Staff continues to utilize the approved fee schedule and enforce the payment of exactions for applicable development activity (i.e. school fees, traffic impact fees, traffic improvement fees, park fees, etc.). The City implemented an updated fee schedule that started on July 1, 2021.



E3 External Financial Resources

The City shall develop and administer a program to develop investment partnerships with prospective project sponsors that optimize impact fees and public program funding to the benefit of CIP goals and plans.

City's efforts in 2021

- An internal staff committee consisting of members of all City departments continued review of available public and private grant opportunities to offset CIP program costs.

<u>G. Community Services and Operations</u>

G2 Economic Development Program

The City shall administer an aggressive program of economic development activities, as specified by the Economic Development Strategy to attract and retain businesses that provide local jobs, revenue supporting City services, and otherwise contribute to its economic vitality.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Community and Economic Development Department continued the use of a Special Outdoor Event permitting process to allow businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions to conduct business outside such as barber shops, nail salons, gyms, churches, and restaurants. Staff conducted an expedited review of these plans to ensure that public safety and building codes were met, when appropriate.

G3 Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs

The City shall continue and expand, as funding is available, its development and programming of parks and recreation facilities for La Habra's residents.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City implemented a robust community food giving program that targeted individuals by segment of the population (i.e. families with children, families with-out children, seniors, and homeless).
- The new splash pads at Brio park and at Oeste Park were opened in the Summer of 2021 on a reservation basis to ensure COVID-19 distancing requirements.



View of Brio Park splash pad prior to grand opening in Spring of 2021.

G4 Community Programs: Youth, Teens, Young Adults, Seniors, and Families

The City shall continue and build upon its rich history of funding and administering a broad diversity of social, recreational, healthcare, and nutrition programs for its youth, seniors, families, working parents, and disadvantaged households.

City's efforts in 2021

- In October 2018, the City initiated the Park-It Market, allowing La Habra seniors to obtain food items including fresh meat, eggs, dairy items, vegetables, fruit, canned goods and more, once a week at the La Habra Community Center. We continued in 2021, with all items being delivered to the seniors doorstep.

G5 Community Events and Celebrations

The City shall continue to maintain a calendar of and support local community organizations in the planning, hosting, and conduct of community festivals and events as funding permits.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Community Services Department revised the annual Veterans Day celebration and held it outdoors at Portola Park to accommodate social the distancing of COVID safety requirements.
- The City held its seventh annual Tamale Festival which expanded beyond it's previous footprint, however implemented appropriate distancing measures in support of the COVID pandemic protocols.



La Habra Veterans Day event 2021, held at Portola Park, featuring the Swing Dolls group.

G6 Transportation Services and Management

Expand the “La Habra Shuttle” public transportation service and provide discount transit passes in cooperation with OCTA and Metrolink to ensure transit accessibility for everyone including the elderly, handicapped, and transit-dependent.

City’s efforts in 2021

- The City maintained the La Habra Shuttle service for La Habra seniors and persons with disabilities.

G8 Parking Management

The City shall manage the parking supply to discourage auto use through implementation of time limits, pay parking, or permits, while ensuring the reservation of economic development goals.

City’s efforts in 2021

- The City temporarily lifted overnight parking and permit restrictions on City streets during 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



G9 Public Safety Programs

The City shall participate in and administer a diversity of programs for the protection of the health and safety of La Habra's residents and businesses.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City maintained its contract with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide fire service and fire inspection service.
- The City maintained participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- The Community Services Department coordinated and permitted a COVID-19 testing service to operate out of the Community Center building and parking lot which provided timely testing for residents during the infection surge at the end of 2021.
- The City partnered with clinics and hospitals to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to over 1,700 seniors, age 65 and older.

G12 Code Enforcement

The City shall administer an active program of code enforcement through personalized contact, code requirement education, equitable enforcement of laws, innovative processes, and home improvement programs.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City maintained an active code enforcement program through joint efforts of Code Enforcement, Planning, Building, Police, and Fire Department staff.
- The Code Enforcement Division conducted 382 code enforcement cases.

G13 Housing Programs

The City will continue to support the La Habra Housing Authority to maintain and improve the mobile home parks they own in the City, while at the same time using surplus revenues to purchase and substantially rehabilitate affordable units in the City.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City continued to maintain its two mobile home parks.



H. Intergovernmental Coordination

H1 School Districts

The City will maintain a working relationship with the School Districts to promote quality educational opportunities for La Habra’s residents and compatibility of their facilities and programs with the neighborhoods in which they are located.

City’s efforts in 2021

- The City maintained its school policing program in conjunction with the various school districts in the City.

H3 County of Orange

The City shall work with Orange County agencies including the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Orange County Public Works (OCPW), and Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) on a variety of complimentary and mutually beneficial programs and projects.

City’s efforts in 2021

- The City conducted its annual creek clean-up event within the Coyote Creek channel, which was temporarily cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



H4 Regional Agencies

The City shall work with regional agencies for compliance with applicable environmental, public health and safety, planning, and other legislation.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City conducted its annual Inner-Coastal & Watershed Clean-up Day in September 2021 in conjunction with Orange County Public Works Department, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and adjacent participating cities along the Coyote Creek watershed.

H5 State Agencies

The City will work with the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other state agencies to enforce and monitor compliance with environmental regulations.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City submitted one environmental document to OPR for review by State agencies through the State Clearinghouse for a project that was deemed to not have a potential impact to the environment.

H6 Transportation Agencies

La Habra's planning and management of traffic and mobility will continue to involve coordination with a diversity of local, regional, state, and federal agencies.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City completed construction of the Whittier Boulevard (State Highway 39) and Hacienda Road intersection widening in early 2021.

H7 Multi Agencies

The City will review development applications in coordination with appropriate state and federal agencies that proposed to manufacture, use, or transport hazardous materials and waste onsite.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Fire Department continued to conduct inspection programs to ensure compliance with all required laws.



H9 Public Safety Organizations

The La Habra Police and Fire Departments will maintain agreements and participate with the police, sheriff, and fire departments of nearby local cities and county agencies and to ensure adequate resources, facilities, and other support services during and after disasters and emergencies.

City's efforts in 2021

- La Habra Police Department contributed personnel and equipment as part of the North Orange County SWAT team.
- La Habra Police Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department maintained a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with adjacent police and fire departments for reciprocal assistance in times of extreme emergencies.

H10 Community Service Providers

The City shall continue to work with and support County, non-profit, and private agencies in the provision of services for La Habra's youth, seniors, working parents, and disadvantaged households.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City continued support of the La Habra Community Resource Care Center (CRCC) by providing City-owned facilities via a very low annual lease rate.
- The City continued support of the Clela Harder Center (Help for Brain Injured Children) by providing City-owned facilities via a very low annual lease rate.
- The City continued the relationship with the Fair Housing Council which provided two (2) free Tenants Rights workshops in 2021.
- The La Habra Host Lions club, which partners with the City, held a fund-raiser for the senior program during this period.

<i>I. Public-Private Partnerships</i>

I1 Chamber of Commerce

The City will work with the La Habra Chamber of Commerce to (a) participate in developing and implementing the Economic Development Strategic Plan; (b) supporting



business outreach and marketing programs; (c) planning and conducting community events and celebrations; and (d) developing a source reduction, recycling, and composting technical assistance program.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City, in conjunction with the La Habra Chamber of Commerce, continued the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of creating an economic development strategic plan, business outreach, and community marketing program.

I2 Solid Waste Provider

The City will work with solid waste, collection, disposal, and recycling service providers to support efforts to maintain adequate service levels and solid waste facilities in accordance with state law.

City's efforts in 2021

- Public Works staff continued coordination with private waste haulers to provide adequate waste service to City residents and businesses. One (1) hazardous waste round-up event was held at the City Yard in 2021.
- The City continued the Bulky Item Collection program whereby La Habra residents are permitted four (4) free bulky item collections per year.

I3 Union Pacific Railroad

The City will work with the Union Pacific Railroad for the benefit of the residents of La Habra.

City's efforts in 2021

- Engineering staff continued negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for securing an easement for the La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway Project

K. Public Information

K1 Property Maintenance

Develop and distribute resource materials that educate La Habra's residents regarding methods for property maintenance and improvement to foster upkeep of aging residential and commercial properties.



City's efforts in 2021

- Code Enforcement, Housing, and Building and Safety staff provided hand-outs and other materials to residents regarding property maintenance and related issues.

K2 Commercial Property Design and Improvements

Supplementing the property maintenance education materials, the City will develop a study of a commercial property that is designed and developed incorporating best practices and make it available to owners of existing commercial centers/properties to inspire consideration of reinvestments and improvements that will enhance their character and attractiveness for customers and economic vitality.

City's efforts in 2021

- While we have not completed a citywide study, Community Development staff conducted several Zoom meetings with individual property owners and developers to review proposed projects and provide recommendations and guidance for improvements on commercial properties.
- The Planning Department, in conjunction with the Development Review Committee (DRC) provided multiple courtesy reviews of proposed projects to assist developers in determining feasibility of new projects.

K3 Economic Development Outreach Media

In concert with the Economic Development Strategy, the City will develop collateral supporting materials.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Community Development Department maintained a Small Business Guide and provided it to new and perspective businesses.
- The Community Development Department publicized available commercial properties on the City's website for the purpose of attracting new business to La Habra.



K4 Environment, Air Quality, and Climate Change

The City will work with the SCAQMD, SCAG, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, Metropolitan Water District, and local educational institutions to develop educational media informing the community regarding air quality, water quality and scarcity, energy, climate change, waste recycling, hazardous waste disposal, and other environmental challenges and approaches to conserve resources, adapt to climate change, and live more sustainably.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Planning Division of Community and Economic Development continued to provide a drought-tolerant and low-water use plant list to provide property owners ideas encouraging the replacement of water intensive landscape areas.
- The City completed technical landscaping plan checks and reporting as per the City's Water Efficient Landscaping and Water Conservation Ordinance to comply with State water conservation requirements. New landscaping, totaling 43,192 square feet, was installed during this period. The required annual report was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources on February 7, 2022 for the 2021 reporting year.



New landscaping for the 1101 North Harbor Boulevard residential project using native and low-water plants and trees.



K5 Healthy Communities

The City will work with local health organizations to develop educational media informing the community about critical health issues facing La Habra residents and strategies to improve the health of children and adults.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Community Services Department cancelled its annual Health Fair in the Community Center, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The City partnered with clinics and hospitals to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations at the Community Center and at the Friends of the Family facility to over 1,700 seniors, age 65 and older.
- The Community Services Department allowed COVID-19 testing services to be operated out of the Community Center parking lot and building.

K6 Community Safety

The City will continue to provide the community informational media educating the public regarding community safety issues and programs for protections and response.

City's efforts in 2021

- The City provided written materials at its facilities regarding disaster preparedness and posted information on its website.
- The City utilized social media (Facebook and Nextdoor) to encourage preparedness through public messaging.
- On October 18, 2021, all City staff participated in the California Great Shake-Out earthquake drill to prepare for a real-world disaster.
- The City posted information regarding the West Nile Virus and Zika Virus to encourage residents to look for and remove stagnant water on their properties.
- The City posted COVID-19 information on our website to keep residents and businesses informed of ever-changing requirements.



K7 Waste and Hazardous Waste Recycling

The City will provide materials to educate the community regarding the importance and methods for waste and hazardous waste recycling.

City's efforts in 2021

- One (1) hazardous waste round-up event was held at the City Yard in 2021.
- The Public Works Department began implementation of new green waste requirements, which deal with handling organics, such as food waste, for the purpose of reducing the amount of items that end up in local landfills.

K8 History and Culture

The City will work with local preservation groups to develop educational media informing the community about its history and the value and importance of contributing sites and buildings.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Community Services Department continued to maintain several buildings that have local historic and cultural significance including the Children's Museum (former Union Pacific Railroad Depot), the Depot Theater (former Pacific Electric Railway Depot), the Veterans Hall (former American Legion Hall), and the La Habra Museum (former City Hall building).

K9 Housing Density Bonus Ordinance

The City will inform the development community of the benefits of the Density Bonus Ordinance.

City's efforts in 2021

- Planning staff assisted a local developer on a proposed 117-unit residential condominium development that will set aside 12 affordable units through the Density Bonus Ordinance.



E. Periodic Implementation

A diversity of programs will be implemented at intervals established by legislation or as necessary in response to changes in community issues and visions, best practices, and new legislative requirements.

A. General Plan Maintenance and Monitoring

A4 General Plan Updates

While there are no specific deadlines for updates and revisions of the General Plan, state guidelines urge that it be maintained to reflect current conditions, issues, and visions.

City's efforts in 2021

- On August 16, 2021, the City Council approved the 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element (6th Cycle) and authorized staff to forward it to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review and comment.
- The City prepared revisions to the Safety Element, as required by state law, which will set for public hearing in 2022.

B. Implementing Policy Documents and Regulatory Codes

B2 New Specific Plans

Specific plans are tools for the systematic implementation of the General Plan and intended to implement and regulate land use and development within a specific project boundary, subject to the substantive and procedural requirements found within the California Government Code.

City's efforts in 2021

- There were no actions during this period.

B4 Building and Construction Code

Periodically, review and update Chapter 15.16 Building and Construction Code of the La Habra Municipal Code for consistency with revisions of applicable state codes.

City's efforts in 2021

- There were no actions during this period.



B10 Development Agreements

Communities are authorized by State statute to enter into development agreements as contractual agreements between the City and developers to provide assurances to each party regarding the uses to be entitled, rules of development, and public benefits of the development project.

City's efforts in 2021

- Construction of Volara 58-unit condominium project began construction in 2021, which was subject to a Development Agreement.



Volara residential project under construction at 104-118 East Electric Avenue which has a Development Agreement that was approved in 2020.

D. Master Plans and Public Improvements

D2 Integrated Transportation Plans

Periodically review and update master plans for transportation facilities and operations to ensure that they are adequate to meet the travel demands of La Habra's residents and achieve specified level of service and trip reduction strategies.

City's efforts in 2021

- No projects were conducted during this period.



D5 Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans

Prepare Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans and implement improvements for neighborhoods in La Habra in response to traffic intrusion, speed, safety, and other issues impacting its residential neighborhoods.

City's efforts in 2021

- City Engineering staff is planning to take a list of neighborhoods to the City Council to establish a new neighborhood list in 2022. Community meetings were not held due to COVID-19 restrictions.

D6 Neighborhood Parking Management

Periodically review on-street parking conditions and regulations in neighborhoods adjacent to the downtown area and mixed-use districts and update the City's neighborhood permit parking ordinance and control plans for those areas, as needed.

City's efforts in 2021

- Overnight street parking restrictions were reinitiated at the end of 2021 after being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

D7 Bicycle Master Plan

Periodically review and update the Bikeway Master Plan consistent with the OCTA Commuter Bikeways Strategic Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- Engineering staff continued negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for securing an easement for the La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway Project.

D8 Safe Routes to School Plan

Periodically assess the Safe Routes to School Plan for its effectiveness in reducing student-vehicle accidents and improving safety in proximity to schools.

City's efforts in 2021

- Public Works conducted preliminary preparations and planning to close sidewalk gaps throughout the City.



D15 Municipal Facilities

Periodically review and where necessary, upgrade the City’s municipal facilities for compliance with noise, air quality, climate change, and other environmental and public health and safety regulations, including efficient energy consumption and other sustainable practices.

City’s efforts in 2021

- Staff conducted extensive modification of all public facilities to meet the COVID-19 pandemic safety requirements. On-line and paperless procedures were developed and implemented to reduce the requirement for residents to visit city facilities and to limit the spread of the virus.

E. Financing and Budgeting

E2 Development Fees and Exactions

Periodically review and update fees and exactions for their adequacy to provide revenue covering the costs of development, traffic improvements, infrastructure, parks, public safety, and environmental management, consistent with legislation and court cases for nexus.

City’s efforts in 2021

- Updates to the Master Fee Schedule went into effect on July 1, 2021.

F. Planning Studies and Reports

F2 Transportation/Mobility Studies

Periodically update traffic counts on the City’s highway network and transit ridership to facilitate planning and implementation of improvements.

City’s efforts in 2021

- Engineering staff conducts citywide traffic counts every three years. None were scheduled for 2021.

G. City Services and Operations

G10 Waste Management and Recycling Programs



The City will periodically review and update the City's Solid Waste Management Plan and Source Reduction Program in accordance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989.

City's efforts in 2021

- The Public Works Department regularly reviewed the Solid Waste Management Plan to ensure compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989.

H. Intergovernmental Coordination

H8 Public and Quasi-Public Utilities

La Habra will continue to work with external public, quasi-public, and private utility and service providers in supporting periodic updates of their plans and programs to ensure that adequate facilities and improvements are provided to meet community needs.

City's efforts in 2021

- Staff conducted initial discussions with wireless carriers to place new facilities in two (2) parks for the purpose of closing coverage gaps.
- City Engineer staff reviewed and approved nine (9) small (micro) wireless facilities, placed on existing utility poles for the roll-out of 5G telecommunications in La Habra.



F. Mid- to Long-Term Implementation

This section describes programs to be initiated and administered as priorities are established by the City Council and funding is available. While expected to be implemented five years following adoption of General Plan 2035 or later, the City Council could prioritize their implementation at an earlier date in response to community needs and available financial resources.

B. Implementing Policy Documents and Regulatory Codes

B7 Design Guidelines

The design and quality of proposed development projects are subject to review by the City’s Community and Economic Development staff and Planning Commission during the development review process. The adopted specific plans incorporate design guidelines that can be used as criteria for this review, and, as new specific plans are prepared for the mixed-use areas specified by the 2035 General Plan’s Land Use policies, these will address other areas of the City.

City’s efforts in 2021

- Planning Staff drafted objective development standards, which will be considered by the Planning Commission in the near future.

D. Master Plans and Public Improvements

D3 Public Streets and Improvement Plans

The improvement of La Habra’s streets and sidewalks is an important objective expressed by 2035 General Plan policies to enhance the quality and walkability of neighborhoods and districts, while contributing to improved public health for all residents.

City’s efforts in 2021

- Improvements to public streets and sidewalks are contained within the CIP and are completed as funding becomes available.

D8 Safe Routes to School Plan

Safe Routes to School programs are designed to decrease traffic and pollution and increase the health of children and the community.



City's efforts in 2021

- Public Works staff continued to identify and close sidewalk coverage gaps, as funding became available.

D13 Union Pacific Railroad Corridor Plan

Develop a master plan for the redevelopment of the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way or transfer to or acquisition by the City as a recreational amenity for La Habra's residents.

City's efforts in 2021

- Engineering staff continued negotiations with the Union Pacific Railroad for securing an easement for the La Habra Union Pacific Rail Line Bikeway Project.

D16 Neighborhood Identity Plan

The City will work with residential and business groups to develop guidelines and implementation programs for the establishment or distinct identities for residential neighborhoods and key districts of the City.

City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.

D17 Community Signage Program

As priorities are established and funding is available, the City will develop a plan and identify funding sources for the implementation of a community signage program that identifies districts and important sites and uses.

City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.

D20 Urban Forest Management Plan

Develop and prepare an Urban Forest Management Plan.

City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.



F3 Alternative Irrigation Source Study

Conduct a study to investigate alternative sources of water for irrigation of landscaped and/or park areas.

City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.

F4 Waste Management Studies

The City will conduct studies to consider the feasibility of implementing expanded waste recycling programs.

City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.

F5 Neighborhood Parks Study

Conduct a study identifying potential actions to expand parks within existing residential neighborhoods.

City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.

F6 Open Space Acquisition Study

The City will conduct a study exploring opportunities for the acquisition or new open space areas.

City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.

J4 Historic Resources

The City will support the Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Historical Society, and other organizations in planning for the development of a self-guided tour book and signage for the City's historic properties and buildings.



City's efforts in 2021

- A plan will be developed once funding becomes available.

PART IV SUMMARY

Thank you for your interest in reviewing the 2021 Annual Report of the La Habra General Plan. The City takes great pride in being a “Caring Community” and the previous report provides a snapshot of the activities that were completed during the 2021 calendar year reporting period. These activities are captured as bulleted statements and as such, are brief in nature. Should you find an item that you would like more detail on, please feel free to reach out to staff who will be more than happy to provide a more thorough explanation of the activities that occurred.