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General Plan Update Continues

Public Input Sought on Current Conditions Including Circulation, Economics, Conservation

San Mateo, CA — The General Plan update process is ramping up with a review of existing conditions in San Mateo including circulation and traffic, parks and conservation, economics, land use, and utilities.

The General Plan Subcommittee is hosting its second meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16 at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way in Beresford Park. The public is encouraged to join the seven-member subcommittee for a review of San Mateo's "Existing Conditions" reports, which are now available online at StriveSanMateo.org.

These documents cover key topics including circulation, economics, land use, parks and conservation, and utilities. Community input and the subcommittee's review of these reports will help establish a baseline that is reflective of current conditions, and will help to inform future discussions about growth, conservation and potential change over the next 20 years.

As the Bay Area's economy continues to thrive, the City is actively seeking to involve the community in steering the future of land use decisions and investment in San Mateo. The updated General Plan 2040 is expected to serve as the primary citywide policy document that reflects the community's long-term vision for San Mateo. City staff refer to the plan on a daily basis as it provides goals and policies that regulate urban development, protection of the natural environment and public safety.

Public input is paramount to this process and the community is asked to participate in person, online and in writing. Please visit StriveSanMateo.org to take surveys, upload photos, help identify important issues and sign up to receive information about future meetings. Meeting materials and recordings of past subcommittee meetings will also be posted on the project website.

The City Council appointed the subcommittee, which is comprised of council members and commissioners, to assist in the update process that kicked off in September. Opportunities for in-person community engagement will continue throughout the coming months and include the subcommittee meetings as well as community workshops, other activities and events.

A "vision" workshop is also scheduled for Saturday, November 3 and signals the next major opportunity in the General Plan Update process to help shape San Mateo's future.

Upcoming Meeting: General Plan Subcommittee meeting #2 - Existing Conditions reports

When: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: San Mateo Garden Center at Beresford Park, 605 Parkside Way

Save the Date: General Plan Vision Workshop

When: Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10 a.m. to Noon

Where: Recreation Center at Central Park, 50 E. Fifth Ave.

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