

RESOLUTION PC26-06

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE SAFETY AND NOISE ELEMENT OF THE SAN PABLO GENERAL PLAN 2035 TO INCLUDE THE SAN PABLO ANNEX OF THE 2024 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS PART OF THE SAFETY AND NOISE ELEMENT. THIS IS A CITY INITIATED PROJECT AND IT APPLIES TO THE ENTIRE SAN PABLO PLANNING AREA.

WHEREAS, the City's General Plan is a state-required long-range policy document that provides guidance to decision makers regarding the allocation of resources, and the future physical form and character of development for the City outlining a long-range vision and provides steps to achieve this vision in the form of goals and policies; and

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted a comprehensive General Plan entitled San Pablo General Plan 2030, which was adopted on April 18, 2011 by City Council Resolution 2011-046; and

WHEREAS, concurrently with adoption of General Plan 2030, the City Council of San Pablo certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (the "2011 EIR") and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations regarding significant and unavoidable transportation impacts; and

WHEREAS, after extensive public and California Department of Housing & Community Development ("HCD") review, the City adopted the San Pablo 2023-2031 Housing Element, including a fully revised Community Health & Environmental Justice Element and an updated Noise and Safety Element reflecting updates to evacuation routes required by Housing Element revisions on March 18, 2024 and the Housing Element was certified by HCD on May 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Pablo adopted the City of San Pablo Annex of the Contra Costa County 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update ("Local Hazard Mitigation Plan" or "LHMP") by Resolution 2025-043 on April 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the LHMP identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in San Pablo from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the LHMP is hereby adopted into the Safety and Noise Element of the General Plan so as to be eligible for part or all of the local-share costs on eligible Public Assistance funding to be provided by the State through the California Disaster Assistance Act ("CDA"), as permitted under Assembly Bill 2140; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2025, the City adopted a comprehensive update to the remaining elements of the General Plan, including the addition of the Rumrill Corridor Plan, and further amendments to the Safety and Noise Element including requirements to implement the LHMP (the “General Plan 2035”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurrently adopted an Addendum to the 2011 EIR for General Plan 2035, and this Addendum concluded that there are no substantial changes proposed by General Plan 2035 or the circumstances in which the Project would be undertaken that would require major revisions to the 2011 EIR, that there are no mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible that would in fact be feasible, and that the General Plan 2035 project would be consistent with and within the scope of the impacts identified in the 2011 EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15162; and

WHEREAS, as provided in Government Code Sections 65352 – 65352.5 and in compliance with all requirements of SB 18, the City referred General Plan 2035 to all California Native American tribes on the contact list provided by the Native American Heritage Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation requested consultation but did not make any requests related to the LHMP; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend General Plan 2035 to formally include the LHMP as an appendix to the Safety and Noise Element; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a duly and properly noticed public hearing to take public testimony and consider this Resolution to amend General Plan 2035 to include the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an appendix to the Safety and Noise Element; and

WHEREAS, notice of this public hearing was published in the West County Times newspaper (West Contra Costa edition of the East Bay Times) on Friday, April 18, 2026, June 27, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 65091.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference as findings.

Section 2. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council amend General Plan 2035 to formally include the San Pablo Annex to the 2024 Contra Costa County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as Appendix A to Safety and Noise Element (the “Amendment”), pursuant to the following findings:

- A. Pursuant to San Pablo Municipal Code section 17.22.050, the Amendment is internally consistent and consistent with the stated vision and policies of the General Plan.
- B. Pursuant to San Pablo Municipal Code section 17.22.050, the Amendment is in the public interest and will contribute to the public health, safety, and general welfare and will be of benefit to the public by allowing for additional cost recovery and financial assistance in the event of a local disaster.
- C. In 2011, the City of San Pablo certified the Final EIR for the San Pablo General Plan 2030 (“2011 EIR”) and adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations related to significant and unavoidable transportation impacts. In July 2025, the City updated General Plan 2030 and adopted General Plan 2035, which included implementation of the LHMP as part of the Safety and Noise Element (see SN-I-33). When approving General Plan 2035, the City adopted an Addendum to the 2011 EIR. This Addendum included updated analysis of traffic and vehicle miles travelled, noise, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. The Addendum determined that there were no substantial changes proposed by the San Pablo General Plan 2035 or the circumstances in which the plan would be undertaken that would require major revisions to the 2011 EIR, that there were no mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible that would in fact be feasible, and that the General Plan 2035 would be consistent with and within the scope of the 2011 EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15162.
- D. General Plan 2035’s Safety and Noise Element requires implementation of the LHMP and includes a link to the document (see page 9-24 and SN-I-33). The Addendum thus evaluated the potential impacts associated with implementation of the LHMP. This Amendment’s inclusion of the LHMP as Appendix A to the Safety and Noise Element instead of as a referenced document does not require further environmental review.

Section 3. This Resolution complies with state law governing preparation, adoption, and amendment of general plans at Government Code sections 65350 et seq.

Section 4. This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon adoption.

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Adopted this 28th day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS:
 NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sandra Castaneda Marquez, Secretary

Johana Gurdian, Chair