



2045 PORT HUENEME GENERAL PLAN

City of Port Hueneme General Plan



General Plan Overview

The City's General Plan Update will guide the City's economic and physical development through 2045. The General Plan is a long-term blueprint proposing policy goals to guide Port Hueneme's development. The General Plan update will include an update of the Port Hueneme Local Coastal Plan (LCP) and a Climate Action Plan (CAP). This update will ensure that the City remains livable, economically resilient, and sustainable in the long-term.

What is a General Plan?

The State of California requires all cities and counties to develop a General Plan. General Plans are comprehensive policy documents that inform future land use decisions. Cities adopt and update their General Plan to guide the current and long-term growth and land development of their community. The General Plan is a foundation for establishing goals, purposes, zoning, and activities permitted on each property to provide compatibility and continuity within a city as a whole and each individual neighborhood.

Why is Port Hueneme updating their General Plan?

The Port Hueneme General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 1998. Since the last update, California has enacted significant, new guidance and legislation regarding General Plans. Legislation includes:

- New State housing law requirements and CEQA streamlining (SB 35)
- Complete streets policies and programs (AB 1358)
- Climate change, greenhouse gas emissions, and sustainability (Executive Orders, AB 32, SB 375, SB 197, SB 32)
- Climate adaptation and resiliency strategies (SB 379, AB 2140)
- Cultural recourses and consultation with Native Americans (SB 18, AB 52)
- Requirements to consult with nearby military agencies (SB 1468, SB 926)
- Vehicle miles travelled (VMT) analysis under CEQA (SB 743)
- Environmental justice (SB 1000)

The General Plan update will meet all new requirements, while also confirming and clarifying the City's vision for the future.

General Plan Chapters



Land Use—this chapter addresses planned land uses in the City. Among other items, the land use element will include land use designations, a land use diagram, population estimates per residential land use designation, building intensity standards (e.g., units per acre, floor area ratio) for land use designations, and design standards that enhance the desired sense of community in Port Hueneme.



Circulation and Mobility – this chapter will include goals and policies that establish a balanced, multimodal approach to serve existing development, provide coastal access, and accommodate anticipated growth.



Housing – this chapter will assess potential population and housing growth in the City, compliance with state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements, discuss new development potential in the City, and evaluate potential overall population increase in the City.



Conservation and Open Space – this chapter will identify and define strategies to protect both coastal and inland natural resources, including but not limited to biological communities, estuaries, and fisheries resources, valued open spaces, wetlands, and viewsheds.



Air Quality – this chapter will guide the City toward meeting ambient air quality standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board.



Noise – this chapter will provide guidance and a basis to evaluate land use compatibility of both transportation and stationary noise sources by documenting and mapping projected noise based on future conditions. The chapter will also identify areas that would be subject to significant noise in the future, along with methods to reduce noise effects.



Safety – this chapter will address natural hazards in Port Hueneme in the context of a changing climate, including sea level rise, tsunamis, wildfires, geotechnical and seismic hazards, and flooding.



Public Services and Facilities – this chapter will address the public services and facilities needed to support and protect the Port Hueneme community, including police and fire protection, schools and libraries, water, sewer, utilities, and emergency preparedness.



Economic Development – this chapter will define Port Hueneme’s long-term economic vision, describe relationships with nearby economic generators, establish strategies to retain and attract businesses by providing for more diverse coastal and non-coastal industries.



Climate Action – this chapter will provide a discussion of existing global climate conditions, climate change science, and greenhouse gas emission sources statewide and locally. The chapter will also include goals and policies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Port Hueneme.



Social Equity – this chapter will identify and define disadvantaged communities and demographics in Port Hueneme, strive to understand the unique and disproportionate challenges faced by these communities, and guide the City’s efforts to address issues related to public health, social equity and environmental justice.



Local Coastal Plan (LCP) – this chapter will include the following topics: planning and locating development in coastal areas; coastal access, beach use, and special events; visitor-serving uses and tourism; energy and industrial development; sea-level rise and coastal resilience; and coastal environmental resources and Environmental Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs).

Project Timeline



Preparation Schedule

