



FOSTER CITY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2011

Snapshot Workbook

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About the General Plan Update

A general plan is intended to announce a future vision for a city and guide the growth and development of the city. The Foster City General Plan is intended to be a statement of how the citizens of Foster City view their community, how they want it to be in the future and how they intend to deal with planning and development issues facing the community.

California Planning law requires every City to prepare and update the various required elements of a General Plan for the purpose of providing for the orderly development (and redevelopment) of the City. Foster City's General Plan was comprehensively updated in 1993 and has been amended several times since on a site-by-site basis as new opportunities have arisen. However, the data, background studies and goals, policies and programs have not been reevaluated since adoption in 1993.

City staff is preparing to update the Land Use and Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. This is the most complex and far reaching of the Plan's legally required Plan Elements. Metropolitan Planning Group, a local city planning consulting firm, is assisting the City in performing the necessary studies and gathering input from the community.



Introduction

This is who we are.

This is a 2011 snapshot of where we live.

These are our challenges and opportunities. Here are strategies, policies, and programs that could be adopted to take Foster City where it wants to be in the next decades.

The Snapshot Report has been created to synthesize a range of complex issues into a highly accessible, user-friendly document. Community members, staff, and prospective businesses and residents alike will be able to turn to this report as a valuable reference. The Snapshot Report can be used throughout the General Plan update.

Earlier studies and reports prepared for the General Plan Update have been incorporated into this report:

- Community Profile
- Trends Analysis
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis
- Issues and Constraints Background Report
- Climate Change Background Report

