Liaison Updates - February 2025

Citywide

Housing Element Rezoning Program In Effect

On Feb. 7, 2025, the Los Angeles City Council adopted, and Mayor Karen Bass signed, ordinances associated with the City's Housing Element Rezoning Program. As a result, the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) Ordinance, the Housing Element Sites and Minimum Density Ordinance (HESMD), and Resident Protections Ordinance (RPO) are now in effect.

To view the final ordinances and information on how to submit an application using the CHIP Ordinance, click here.

HLA Draft Standard Elements Table - Virtual Information Session

Los Angeles City Planning, in collaboration with other City departments, recently held a virtual information session to preview the (Draft) "HLA Standard Elements Table." This table is designed to guide the City's implementation of Measure HLA in conjunction with the Mobility Plan 2035's Networks.

It sets out standard and optional public right-of-way improvements for capital infrastructure projects that are subject to Measure HLA. During the session, staff provided an overview of the document, outlined next steps, and offered the public a chance to give feedback. Following the review of public feedback, the HLA Standard Elements Table will be presented to the City's Street Standards Committee. The Committee will consider incorporating the table into the City's Complete Streets Design Guide.

For comments or questions, please contact City Planning's Mobility team at planning.mobility@lacity.org. Comments are requested **by March 2, 2025**. We value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you!

New Zoning Code

As of February 6, 2025, the New Zoning Code is now effective in the Downtown Community Plan area. Final adopted ordinances related to the New Zoning Code and Downtown Community Plan are located in the Council File. The New Zoning Code can be accessed on the Department's website.

If you have specific questions about the New Zoning Code and would like to discuss with staff, please email us at planning.NewZoningCode@lacity.org and/or join our virtual office hours.

Landscape and Site Design Ordinance

On January 7, the Los Angeles City Council acted to preliminarily adopt the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and instructed the City Attorney to prepare the ordinance as to form and legality. At the meeting, Council discussed both technical amendments and revisions to the ordinance introduced by Council District 1 through an amending motion.

The ordinance is expected to return to the full City Council soon for final adoption. After the adoption of the ordinance, Los Angeles City Planning will return to the City Planning Commission (CPC) with amendments to the Point System based upon City Council's instruction. To stay informed on the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance, please subscribe to Council File Number 24-1399 by clicking the "subscribe via email" button on the web page to receive updates on future meeting dates.

For more information and to submit your comments, please contact planning.urbandesign@lacity.org or visit the project website.

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Hollywood Community Plan

On January 7, 2025, the City Council approved the final updates to the Hollywood Community Plan. These updates went into effect on February 11, 2025.

The Hollywood Community Plan Update includes changes to zoning provisions, rules for building in certain areas, and updates to neighborhood plans. These changes aim to improve the community and help it grow through 2040.City Planning is in the process of updating the Zone Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS) to reflect zone changes, general plan amendments, and other various implementing ordinances.

For more details about the Hollywood Community Plan, visit the plan's website or check Council File 21-0934.For more information about the Hollywood Community Plan visit the plan website or refer to Council File 21-0934.

Downtown Community Plan Update

The City Council approved City Planning's Downtown Community Plan Update, DTLA 2040, a multi-year effort that seeks to update the policies and zoning designations that guide development within the seven-square-mile core of the City. The DTLA Community Plan Update will also be the first area in the City to make use of the long-anticipated New Zoning Code.

The DTLA Community Plan Update is expected to create 100,000 new homes, attract 100,000 more work opportunities, and draw 175,000 additional residents to Downtown through the year 2040. The plan has made significant efforts to address both the ongoing climate crisis and the City's housing crisis. With 80% of the plan's housing capacity within half a mile of major transit stops, this community plan update leverages L.A.'s transit-rich center to connect more Angelenos and visitors to housing, employment, health care, education, and cultural events. It also strives to support and sustain Downtown's ongoing transformation, with 20% of the city's growth on just 1% of the City's land.

More information on the Downtown Community Plan can be found at planning4la.org/dtla2040.

Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan Update

On January 23, 2025, the City Planning Commission (CPC) heard the proposed modifications to the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan Update and made a recommendation to the City Council.

Following the CPC's recommendation, City Planning will incorporate their feedback and prepare the CPC's recommended plan for consideration by the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee at a future date. PLUM will then make a recommendation before the full City Council, which will then consider adopting the Community Plan and related zoning and land use updates. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the interested parties list, please email planning.harborlaplans@lacity.org.

Helpful Resources

- ZIMAS Presentation & WorkSheet
- Animated video series about the new, updated zoning system and its modules
- Executive Directive 1 Implementation
- Home-Sharing Records Portal
- City Planning Prefixes and Suffixes

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