



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 19, 2024

TO: Honorable Council President Elo-Rivera and Members of the City Council

FROM: Heidi Vonblum, Director, City Planning Department
via Casey Smith, Deputy Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Item 333 - Blueprint SD Initiative (General Plan Refresh)

The City Planning Department has amended the draft General Plan (Blueprint SD) submitted as Item 333 on the July 16, 2024, City Council agenda with the following:

1. The edits identified below in strike out - underline further ensure the policy is up to date and consistent with the Climate Action Plan.

CE-A.5. Employ sustainable or "green" building techniques for the construction and operation of buildings.

- a. Develop and implement sustainable building standards for new and significant remodels of residential and commercial buildings to maximize energy efficiency, and to achieve overall net zero energy consumption ~~by 2020~~ for new residential buildings and ~~2030~~ for new commercial buildings consistent with the Climate Action Plan. This can be accomplished through factors including, but not limited to:
 - Designing mechanical and electrical systems that achieve greater energy efficiency with currently available technology;
 - Minimizing energy use through innovative site design and building orientation that addresses factors such as sun-shade patterns, prevailing winds, landscape, and sun-screens;
 - Employing self-generation of energy using renewable technologies;
 - Combining energy efficient measures that have longer payback periods with measures that have shorter payback periods;
 - Reducing levels of non-essential lighting, heating and cooling; and
 - Using energy efficient appliances and lighting.

2. The following new policy in underline has been added to address pedestrian and bicycle access along rail corridors.

ME-A.12. Coordinate with SANDAG and transit and rail operators to enhance community and regional pedestrian and bicycle access with grade-separated multiuse path crossings along rail corridors where feasible.

In addition, a clean copy of the General Plan including updated layout, photos and table of contents has been posted on the [Blueprint-SD webpage](#). The content does not vary from the ~~strikeout~~-underline document previously shared except as otherwise noted above.

Sincerely,



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