### City of San Diego University Community Plan Update

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# Project Team

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# Overview

- Why update the 1987 Community Plan?
- What is the process and current timeline?
- What was the feedback on the Discussion Draft Plan?
- What is in the second Draft Community Plan?
- What is the Draft Rezoning Map?
- What is the environmental review process?
- What are the next steps?
- Questions & Answers



# Why update the 1987 Community Plan?



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# Changes Since 1987...

- 6 MTS Trolley Stations
- Growth of base sector industries (biotech & hightech)
- Large commuter population
- Citywide housing needs
- Citywide climate goals





### Basis of the Plan

### **Citywide Policy Framework**



### **Guiding Principles**

- Renowned Institutions
- A Vibrant Mixed-Use Urban Core
- A Diversified Housing Inventory
- A Center of Economic Activity
- A Complete Mobility System
- A Sustainable Community Integrated with its Natural Environment, Open Space, and Recreational Areas

### **Plan Priorities**



# **Plan Priorities**

Supporting a Thriving Economy Maximizing Transit Investment Success Allowing a Variety of New Homes

Ensuring a Sustainable Future

Streets Designed for People



## What is the process and current timeline?

### Solution City Planning Department Progress To Date/Upcoming Steps

2018-2019	2020	2021	2022 - 2023	202
PLAN UPDATE LAUNCH	DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN COMPONENTS	SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	DRAFT PLAN FORMATION & ANALYSIS	FINAL DRAF PUBLIC HEARI
Open House	Mobility Vision	Element Goals and Policies	Land Use Alternatives	Draft Commun Zoning
Data Collection	Economic Forum	Mobility Networks & Concepts	Planning Commission Workshop	Draft Environm
Existing Conditions Documentation	Online Engagement	Online Engagement	Revised Land Use	Report
Existing Conditions	CPU Subcommittee Meetings	Community Outreach	Alternatives	CPU Subcommit
Presentation	Element Goals and	Virtual Workshops	Draft Mobility Networks	UCPG Recomm
Website Launch	Policies	CPU Subcommittee	Community Discussion Draft Plan	Final Draft Com
Guiding Principles Development	Adopted Plan Land Use Buildout Report	Meetings	CPU Subcommittee	Final Draft Env Impact Rep
Begin Community Plan	CPU Subcommittee	Land Use and Urban Design Concepts	Meetings	Public Hearin
Update (CPU) Subcommittee Meetings	Meetings	CPU Subcommittee Meetings		Plan Ado



# **Key Dates**

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# What was the feedback on the Discussion Draft Plan?



# **Key Feedback Heard**

- Maximize housing opportunities, while balancing density/intensity
- Further mobility analysis
- Require affordable housing
- Allow for flexibility & creativity

- Supporting key industries and neighborhood-serving retail
- Importance of Governor Drive
- Opportunities for parks and public spaces
- Protect natural resources
- Supporting infrastructure



## What is in the second Draft Community Plan?

### Released on March 14, 2024

- Second Draft Community Plan
- Draft Rezoning Map and "C" Sheet
- Draft Affordable Housing Report
- Draft Mobility Technical Report
- Draft Engagement Summary Report
- Draft Environmental Impact Report

### **Comments due by April 29, 2024**

### **Download: planuniversity.org**

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### Vision & Land Use Framework



### Parks & Recreation



Public Facilities, Services & Safety



### Urban Design



Open Space & Conservation



### Implementation





### Historic Preservation



Appendix







### Land Use Scenarios Considered

	2022		2023 – Discussion Draft		2024	
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario A (Staff Rec.)	Scenario B (Subcommittee)	Draft Plan	
Maximum density (dwelling units/acre)	290 du/ac	218 du/ac	218 du/ac	145 du/ac	218 du/ac	
New Homes	56,000	33,000	30,000	22,000	30,000	
New Jobs	60,000	80,000	70,000	55,000	72,000	



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### Land Uses Illustrated



#### Residential Low-2 (5-9 du/ac)

A mix of lower density residential development including single-family homes and accessory dwelling units arranged as stand-alone detached or attached units, with front, rear, and side yards on small lots. May also include duplexes and garden apartments. No more than four units will be allowed on a given parcel. Parking is typically integrated into the ground-floor of the units in an individually secured garage.



#### Urban Village & Urban Employment Village Medium-2 (0-54 du/ac, FAR up to 3.0)

Mixed-use development that allows for a variety of commercial and employment use and encourages residential at a medium density range. Developments can create unique housing opportunities that support creative office, business incubators, and high-tech research. In Urban Villages, residential would be the primary use. In Urban Employment Villages, employment would be the primary use.



#### Residential Low-3 (10-14 du/ac)

A mix of townhomes, garden apartments, and multi-family units. Townhomes or row homes are typically clustered in groups of 4 to 6 units. This combination of residential types supports a pedestrian scale. Parking is integrated into the ground-floor of the units



#### Urban Village & Urban Employment Village High-1 (0-109 du/ac, FAR up to 3.0)

Mixed-use development that allows for a variety of commercial and employment uses and encourages residential at a medium-high density range. Urban housing and employment opportunities are interspersed with active street frontages and connected through pedestrian-oriented design. In Urban Villages, residential would be the primary use. In Urban Employment Villages, employment would be the primary use.



#### Residential Low-4 (15-29 du/ac)

Townhomes and garden spartments or condominiums on small lots. Buildings can be organized around a central courtyard with individual or shared open space. Parking is typically a mix of private or shared garages, or surface parking.



#### Residential Medium-1 (30-44 du/ac)

A mix of townhome, garden apartments, and multi-family units. Private and shared open space is a key component of the design, along with community amenities. Clear pedestrian connections should be made throughout the site and to other areas within the community. Parking is typically a mix of tuckunder parking, shared garages, and/or surface parking.



#### Urban Village & Urban Employment Village High-2 (0-145 du/ac, FAR up to 5.0)

Serves the community with a dense mix of pedestrian-oriented, community serving residential, commercial, and employment uses. Active street frontages and pedestrian-oriented design are enhanced and outdoor spaces, plazas, and paseos are a central organizing feature. Parking is minimized and fully integrated within buildings to encourage transit use. In Urban Villages, residential would be the primary use. In Urban Employment Villages, employment would be the primary use.

#### Urban Village & Urban Employment Village High-3 (0-218 du/ac, FAR up to 7.0)

Allows for high intensity, mixed-use development consisting of commercial, esidential, office, and retail connected by pedestrian pathways and public spaces. Active street frontages and pedestrian-oriented design are enhanced and outdoor spaces, plazas, and paseos are a central organizing feature. Parking is minimized and fully integrated within buildings to encourage ransit use. In Urban Villages, residential would be the primary use. In Urban Employment Villages, employment would be the primary use.



#### Residential Medium-3 (55-73 du/ac)

This category supports compact condominium/apartment buildings. Development typically includes common areas. Private and shared open space is a key component of the design, along with community amenities. Clear pedestrian connections should be made throughout the site and to other areas within the community. Parking is typically a mix of shared garages and/or surface parking.

# **Urban Design**

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### **General Design & Site Design Recommendations**

- Best practices for different contexts
- Conceptual diagrams & examples





#### Figure 11: Canyon-Adjacent Building Design Example







### **Executive Drive Promenade**







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### Urban Forestry & Street Tree Plan

- Provide shade and define public realm
- Support climate goals
- Primary, secondary, and accent trees

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#### **Street Tree Palette**



Arbutus marina Strawberry Tree



Cassia leptophylla

Erythrina humana Natal Coral Tree

Evergreen Ash

Gold Medallion

Erythrina caffra Coral Tree



Ficus Microcarpa





Melaleuca quinquenervia Paperbark Tree



Podocarpus gracilior

Fern Pine



Syagrus romanzoffianum

Queen Palm





Corymbia citidora Lemon Scented Gum





Eucalyptus camadulensis Red River Gum

Eucalyptus sideroxylon Pink-Flowering Ironbark











Tristaniopsis laurina

Water gum





Ulmus parvifolia Chinese Elm

#### **Primary and Secondary Tree Guidance**

#### Figure 14: Street Tree Guide



#### **Optional Native Trees**





Western Redbud









these California native trees my be considered if ample planting area is provided. Replacements should follow the guidance above for use as either primary or secondary trees.

Cercidium x desert willow Desert Museum











Cercis ocedentallis



Prunus Ilicifolia spp. Lyonii

Catalina Cherry

Quercus tomentella

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Jacaranda

Carob



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Pinus canariensis Canary Island Pine



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Coast Live Oak





Fraxinus velutina Arizona Ash



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1) On a project-by-project basis,

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**Mobility** Pedestrian Network Map

• Executive Drive Promenade











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# Mobility

### Recommended Bicycle Network

• Increase in planned protected bicycle facilities





# Mobility

### Planned Transit and Potential Transit Improvements Maps

- Support Regional Transit Investments
- First and Last Mile Connections
- Transit Competitiveness


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# Mobility

#### Planned Regional Transit Network

- SANDAG's Regional Plan
- UCSD's Long Range Development Plan

Planned Improvements - as currently reflected in the RTP Managed Lanes

- O Adaptive Signal Timing/Transit Signal Priority
- Next Gen Rapid
- SANDAG Proposed Aerial Skyway Alignment/Skyway Stop
  - Rapid Route 870
- Planned Mobility Hub
- Future Purple Line Station



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# **Mobility** Potential Transit Improvements Network

- Flexible Lanes
- SMART Corridors



••••	Aerial Skyway Alignment Options/Skyway Stops		
(2)	Proposed Coaster Station Relocation		
	Micromobility Hub		
•••••	Bus On Shoulder		
	Flexible Lane		
0	Adaptive Signal Timing/Transit Signal Priority		
	SMART Corridor		



### **Solution** City Planning Department

# Mobility

- Planned Vehicular Network Planned Street Classification Network
- Complete
  Streets Approach
- Emergency vehicles can use flexible lanes





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# **Mobility Analysis**



#### Pedestrian Environmental Quality Evaluation (PEQE)

#### **PEQE Segment Results**

 Increased medium and high by 18%

**PEQE Intersection Results** 

• Increased high by 12%





#### Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (BLTS)

Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress

 Increased LTS 1 and LTS 2 by 95%

**Bicycle Facilities** 

 Increase the amount of protected bicycle facilities by approximately 50 miles



#### Existing

#### Proposed Plan



#### **Transit Travel Times**

• Reduced transit travel times



Note: The travel times are reported from the Appendix E and F Horizon Year Synchro Arterial Reports for vehicles and transit, respectively.

La Jolla Village Drive North Torrey Pines Road to Camino Santa Fe





#### **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)**



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### **Parks and Recreation**

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#### **Park Opportunities**

School

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Joint Use Opportunity

**Recreation Centers** 

Aquatic Centers

Future Recreation Center

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- New: Torrey Pines Neighborhood Park
- Additional Opportunities in Parks & Recreation Facilities Inventory
- Recreation Value Points



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#### **Regents Road North Greenway**



Existing Condition

**Conceptual Illustration** 



#### **Regents Road South Greenway**



Existing Condition

**Conceptual Illustration** 



#### **Governor Drive Greenway (West End)**



**Existing Condition** 

**Conceptual Illustration** 



#### Trails, Overlooks, and Trailhead Pocket Parks

- Required to conform with the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)
- Trail locations based on future studies

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### **Open Space and Conservation**



#### **Open Space and Conservation**

- Charter 55 dedications to add additional protection
- 130+ acres proposed for dedication

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#### Public, Semi-Public, and Community Facilities

- First Responders: Police and Fire– Rescue Departments
- Schools: San Diego Unified School District

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## Implementation



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#### **Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zone** (CPIOZ)

Supplemental development requirements based on geography

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# Supplemental Development Regulations

- Public Spaces
- Pedestrian Connectivity
- Building Transitions
- Parking Structure Screening
- Pedestrian Improvements and Crossings
- Complete Streets

- Community Serving Retail
- Freeway-Adjacent
  Development
- Affordable Housing

# **Public Space Requirements**

- Development on a premises equal to or greater than 25,000 sq. ft.
- Required to provide public space (plaza, promenade, podium, or platform)
- Must provide amenities based on size
- Must be publicly accessible





# Public Space Requirements (Cont.)

- Development fronting the north side Executive Drive must provide a promenade
- In lieu fee option limited to 25% of required amenities
- Exemptions for projects under 25,000 sq. ft. or following Council Policy 600-33



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# **Pedestrian Connectivity**

- Development on a premises equal to or greater than 25,000 sq. ft.
- Required to provide pedestrian connection/feature (paseo, pedestrian path, or multi-up path)



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# **Building Transition – Residential**

- Development on a property that meets certain criteria and abuts residential zoned property
- Required to implement a 20-foot setback
- Required to implement a 65degree angle transition plane



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# **Building Transition – Open Space**

- Development that abuts open space zoned property
- Required to implement a 20-foot setback
- Required to implement a 65degree angle transition plane





# **Design Regulations**

- Parking Structure Screening
- Street Tree Requirements
- Freeway-Adjacent Development





# **Pedestrian Improvements and Crossings**

- Pedestrian path from La Jolla Village Drive to UTC Transit Center
- North-south crossing improvements along La Jolla Village Drive





# **Complete Streets**

 Requires development fronting key streets to allow sufficient right-of-way for bicycle facilities, flexible lanes, and general purpose lanes





# **Community-Serving Retail**

- Community Village sites required to provide community-serving retail
- Required to provide 25% of gross floor area or a minimum of 30,000 sq. ft. depending on size



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# Affordable Homes Requirement – Feasibility Study

- Study conducted by economic consultant
- Objective: Analyze the financial feasibility of increasing the inclusionary housing requirement within Community Plan Area
- Feasibility Scenarios: Tested range of multi-family rental developments with various affordable unit set-asides (5%-20%) and affordability levels (50%-120% AMI)

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# **Affordable Homes Requirement**

• Citywide Inclusionary Homes (10%) on-site or within Sustainable Development Area within University Community

Alternative Compliance Options:

- Citywide Inclusionary Fee + 5% Homes @ 80% AMI
- Citywide Inclusionary Fee + 10% Homes @ 120% AMI
- Pay in-lieu fee @ 180% of Citywide Inclusionary Fee





### What is the Draft Rezoning Map?





# Land Development Code

- Regulates development
- Chapters 11-15 of the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC)
- Base Zones identify
  - Allowable uses
  - Development standards (height, setbacks, etc.)
- Overlay Zones
  - Supplemental regulations tailored to geographic areas
  - Example: Community Plan Implementation Overlay Zone (CPIOZ)
- Base Zones and CPIOZ implement the Community Plan's vision
- General Regulations address parking, separately regulated uses, and other topics



#### **Proposed Rezone**





# What is the environmental review process?



#### **Draft Program Environmental Impact Report**









### What is the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)?

- Citywide Program Environmental Impact Report
- Potential mitigation measures
- Future community plan updates could tier from the Citywide Environmental Review, as appropriate



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# What are topics analyzed in the EIR?

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology

- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Water Quality
- Wildfire





### What An Environmental Impact Report Covers and What It Does Not Cover

	What it is		What it isn't
•	An environmental analysis that considers impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	•	A planning document. The EIR does not provide land use or policy guidance for a community
•	Assesses the potential environmental impacts of implementing the plan	•	An implementation plan for the Community Plan Update or any other

- Provides mitigation measures for identified environmental impacts
- Identifies alternatives to the plan that could lessen impacts

- plan, such as the Climate Action Plan
- An environmental analysis that considers impacts outside of CEQA. An EIR analyzes the environmental impacts of the project on the environment, and not the environment on the project.



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Raise Hand

Zoom Participants: Use the "Raise Hand" Feature

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