



Part B

Goals, Policies and Actions

The South Pasadena General Plan features the following nine elements:

Our Natural Community

Addresses how South Pasadena can thrive in balance with the community's natural ecosystems.

Our Prosperous Community

Addresses how South Pasadena can attract and retain high-wage and high value enterprises, and diversify and increase the local tax base.

Our Well Planned Community

This chapter features the preferred land use plan that directs new growth by reinvesting in key opportunity areas like the Downtown Specific Plan, while protecting natural resources, respecting stable residential neighborhoods, and making great places by insisting on the highest standard in architecture, landscaping and urban design.

Our Accessible Community

Addresses transportation choices advocated by SB375 and AB 1358 by strengthening and balancing pedestrian, bike, and transit connections in the City and surrounding region.

Our Resilient Community

This chapter addresses the City's ability to bounce back and thrive when faced with adversity.

Our Healthy Community

Seeks to build effective partnerships that improve physical and mental health and social well being.

Our Safe Community

Increases awareness for emergency, minimize threat to life and damage to structures from hazards.

Our Active Community

Addresses parks and open spaces to provide enriching recreational options for the entire community.

Our Creative Community

Weaves arts, cultural events, community programs into everyday life.

Environmental Justice

In 2016, the State of California passed Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) requiring cities and counties to address environmental justice in their general plan. Planning for environmental justice help correct some of the negative impacts that years of planning and environmental policies have had on disadvantaged communities. Although South Pasadena is not identified as a disadvantaged community, social equity and reducing exposure to environmental hazards are core values for the City.

The General Plan policies and actions, especially the Housing Element Update programs, were centered around racial, income, and social equity. Thus, the community engagement goal was to hear from people that typically do not actively engage in planning processes and elevate those voices. The extensive public engagement process combined new and trusted techniques to ensure participation was diverse and inclusive. Opportunities to participate included large visioning charrette and workshops, smaller focused meetings with housing partners, and a community survey.

Residents and community members addressed specific concerns about environmental justice in public meetings, through the digital participation platform, and the community survey. Input focused on the need for safe and healthy housing, and access to healthy foods, open space and healthy environmental conditions. The South Pasadena General Plan identifies specific social equity policies and actions throughout all of the General Plan focus areas that work in unison to preserve, enhance, and move South Pasadena to a more just and equitable place.



THREE LENS FILTERS:

Three specific lens filters will identify specific General Plan and Downtown Specific Plan policies that seek to address the following three areas of specific interest to South Pasadena residents:

Aging in Place (AP)

“Aging in Place” is preserving the ability for people to remain in their home or neighborhood as long as possible. Changing healthcare needs, loss of mobility, financial concerns, and home maintenance could impede a senior resident’s ability to age in place. Affordable housing options along the income spectrum allow residents and/or caregivers an option to choose from a range of alternatives. For many older adults, designing places that are more accessible and livable is a fundamental necessity. Activities and events encourage elderly residents to fully engage in the community.

Social Equity (SE)

Social equity seeks to integrate elders, youth, and the minority races more meaningfully into the civic discourse by: improving access to jobs, affordable housing, parks, more reliable mobility options; and active inclusion in government processes, programs, and decisions.

Vision Zero (VZ)

Vision Zero seeks to eliminate all traffic fatalities in South Pasadena, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

GOALS, POLICIES, ACTIONS

The nine plan elements will feature goals, and supporting policies and actions.

Goals

Goals are long-range, broad & comprehensive targets. Goals are not necessarily measurable or achievable; rather, they describe a desired end-state condition for South Pasadena.

Policies

Policies describe context & rationale of desired outcomes. Policies are focused & specific.

Actions

Actions are specific proactive steps to achieve the goals. They are the critical link between long-range planning & current-decision making.