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3.1 LOCATION

The City of Artesia (City) is located in southeast Los Angeles County, approximately 19 miles southeast of the City of Los Angeles and 10 miles northeast of the City of Long Beach; refer to Exhibit 3-1, *Regional Location*. The City is bordered by the City of Norwalk to the north, and the City of Cerritos to the south, east, and west. Regional access to the City is provided via the Artesia Freeway (State Route 91) and the San Gabriel River Freeway (Interstate 605). Local access is provided via Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia Boulevard, 183rd Street, and South Street.

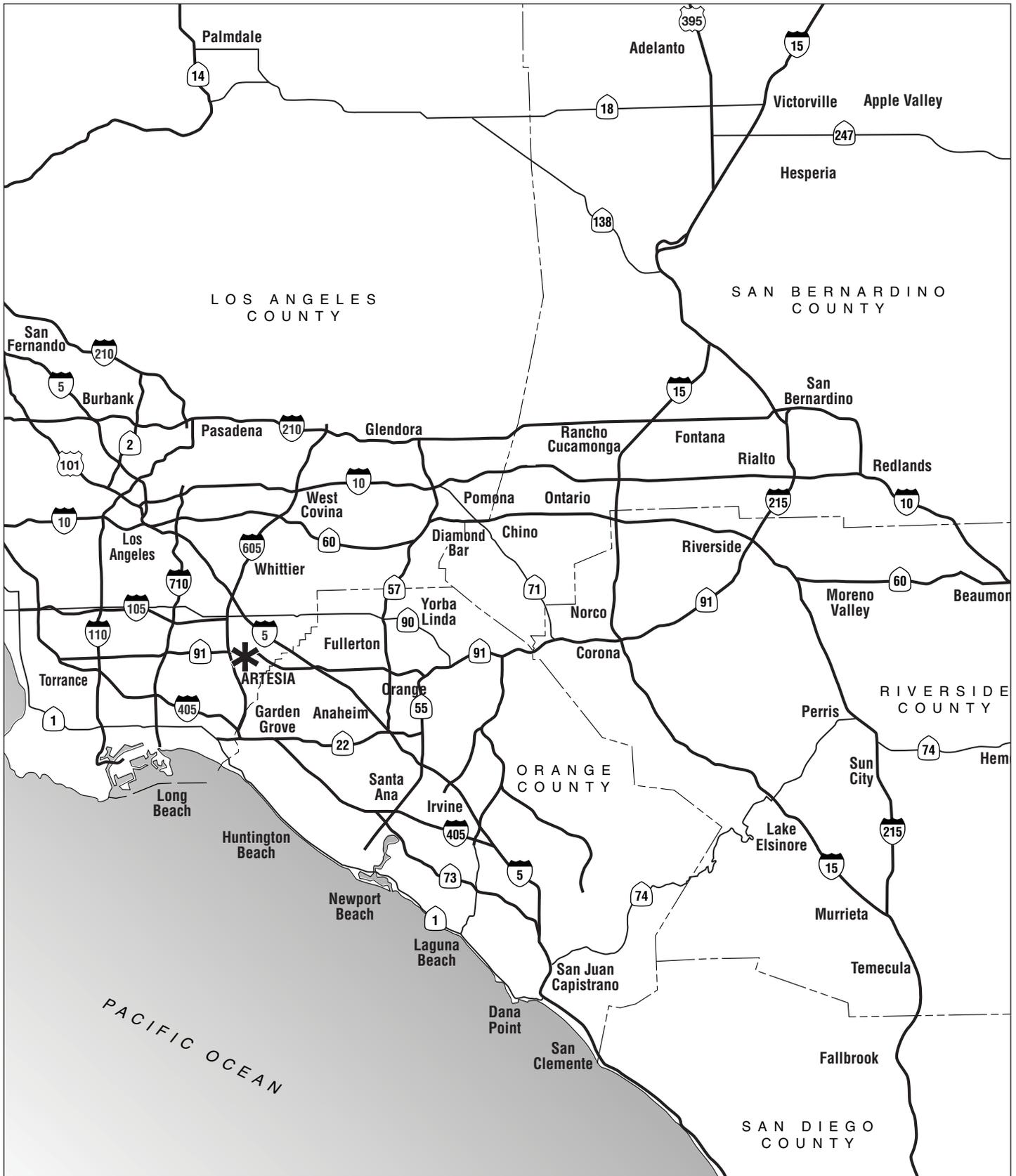
3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Artesia encompasses approximately 1,037 acres (1.62 square mile) within an urbanized portion of Los Angeles County; refer to Exhibit 3-2, *Local Vicinity*. The City, which was incorporated on May 29, 1959, is primarily built-out. Table 3-1, *Existing Land Uses*, outlines the City's existing land uses (as of 2010) and indicates the City's housing stock is currently comprised of 4,610 dwelling units (DU). The majority of the residential uses are Low Density (3,018 DU). The City's existing population based on 4,610 DU and 3.708 persons per household,¹ is approximately 17,094 persons.

**Table 3-1
Existing Land Uses**

Land Use Designation	Acres	Dwelling Units	Square Feet
Residential			
Very Low Density Residential	406.00	3,018	
High Density Residential	84.58	1,592	
Subtotal Residential	490.58	4,610	
Non-Residential			
Commercial General	117.99		1,777,737
Office	0.00		0
Institutional	93.82		129,333
Light Manufacturing and Industrial	48.01		603,623
Subtotal Non-Residential	259.82		2,510,693
Other			
Open Space and Recreation	24.31		
Right-of-Way	255.33		
Vacant	6.64		
Subtotal Other	286.28		
Total	1,036.68	4,610	2,510,693

¹ State of California, Department of Finance, *E-5 Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State, 2001-2010, With 2000 Benchmark*. Sacramento, California, May 2010.



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Local Vicinity

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Additionally, approximately 2.5 million square feet of non-residential land uses exist in the City, providing an estimated 5,011 jobs. The majority of the nonresidential land uses are Commercial General (approximately 1.8 million square feet). Only a limited amount of vacant land (6.64 acres), which is sparsely located throughout the City, remains.

3.3 BACKGROUND

A general plan typically involves three defining features:

- General, which provide general guidance be used to direct future land use and resource decisions;
- Comprehensive, which cover a wide range of social, economic, infrastructure, and natural resource factors in the community; and
- Long-Range, which provide guidance on reaching an objective envisioned 20 years in the future. To reach this envisioned future, the General Plan will include policies and actions that address both immediate and long-term needs.

State law requires that seven specific elements be addressed in a city's general plan:

- Land Use;
- Circulation;
- Housing;
- Open Space;
- Conservation;
- Noise; and
- Safety.

The *City of Artesia 1993 General Plan* (1993 General Plan) consists of the following State mandated and optional elements:

- Land Use Element;
- Circulation and Public Infrastructure Element;
- Housing Element;
- Open Space and Conservation Element;
- Safety and Seismic Safety Element; and
- Noise Element.

The 1993 General Plan designates approximately 523 acres for residential land uses, with a development potential of approximately 5,376 DU at buildout. The 1993 General Plan buildout population projection is approximately 19,934 persons (based on 5,376 DU and 3.708 persons per household). Additionally, approximately 240 acres are designated for non-residential land uses, with a development potential of approximately 7.5 million square feet. The employment projection associated with these nonresidential land uses is approximately 16,575 jobs.



The *Artesia General Plan 1993* was adopted in 1993. Because of the time that has elapsed since its adoption, the General Plan contains outdated information, projections, and policy direction, which are not beneficial to the community's decision-making process. While many of the current General Plan's goals have been accomplished, more needs to be done in order to make Artesia an even better place to live, work, and play. The General Plan Update will assist the community in guiding future development for the next 20 years. Through the General Plan Update process, the community has had an opportunity to evaluate the existing General Plan and update policies and plans, where necessary, in order to adequately meet the future needs of the community.

The General Plan Update process was initiated with a preliminary background analysis and discussions with City staff to review existing conditions. Several different public outreach efforts for the General Plan Update have taken place, in order to obtain direct input from the community. These efforts included community workshops, Planning Commission and City Council study sessions and public hearings, a City Council work session, and website. Community outreach has resulted in information regarding issues and concerns in the community and has assisted in the development of goals and policies for the General Plan Update.

Preparation of the General Plan Update has consisted of technical studies, analysis of data and issues, review of alternative development scenarios, and preparation of draft elements that support the goals and policies identified through the community outreach program. Following the preparation of the draft elements, recommendations were developed and ultimately, the General Plan Update will be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for review and approval.

3.4 PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

3.4.1 COMPONENTS OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The General Plan Update is a comprehensive update of the 1993 General Plan. While this General Plan may contain similar goals, policies, and other components of the previous plan, this version has been custom-tailored to meet the needs and issues of the City at the present time and foreseeable future. The update process is anticipated to be completed by July 2010. The purpose of the General Plan Update is to provide the City Council, Planning Commission, and Staff, and the entire community with a comprehensive and internally consistent plan to guide the City's decision-making and development processes through to the General Plan Horizon Year (2030). Goals and policies have been included as integral components to support each General Plan Element. Goals express the community's views and desires for its future growth and development, and policies are necessary for the implementation of each goal. Goals and policies reflect both short-term and long-term ambitions.

An Implementation Strategy that addresses each of the goals, objectives, and policies for all elements is proposed in the General Plan. Information, such as identifying the City departments with responsibility for specific actions, a method of monitoring progress, and possible issues to consider in assessing the feasibility of achieving each action will also be included.



The General Plan Update's major components are:

1. Update of existing conditions, with years 2010 serving as the baseline years.
2. Update of General Plan development projections to the year 2030. Projections for population, and residential and non-residential development, have been updated for the year 2030.
3. Update of the Land Use Element, including the establishment of building intensities for all non-residential (commercial, industrial, and institutional) land use categories.
4. Addition of a Community Culture and Economy Element that seeks to reinforce the connections between individual well-being, economic prosperity, community involvement, and cultural and historic resources.
5. Addition of a Sustainability Element, in order to establish a framework for implementing sustainability principles appropriate for the City; and evaluate the City's current programs and efforts towards implementing sustainability.
6. Establishment of planning principles upon which to develop new goals, policies, and implementation measures and programs.
7. The creation of geographically-defined land use categories (i.e., Pioneer Boulevard Commercial, Gateway Community Commercial, South Street Commercial, and Norwalk Boulevard Commercial), and a mixed-use land use category (City Center Mixed-Use), in order to address the corridors' unique land use patterns.
8. Additions, deletions, or modifications to the 1993 General Plan goals, policies, objectives, and programs.
9. Amendments to the remaining General Plan Elements to reflect items 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 above.

The City of Artesia is approximately 99 percent built out, and as such, the General Plan Update will focus on preserving residential neighborhoods, guiding the remaining development and redevelopment opportunities, and encouraging the revitalization of selected areas.

3.4.2 ELEMENTS OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The General Plan integrates developmental policy and environmental mitigations into a concise package. The General Plan is a policy document focused on sustainability, and summarizes the essential goals, strategies and actions, and acts as the "constitution of development" for Artesia's future. The General Plan Policy Document is organized as follows:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN ELEMENT

This Community Planning Theme identifies land use constraints and opportunities, and attempts to balance the amount of growth in the City. It sets forth a pattern of land use, and sets out standards for the density of population and the intensity of development based on the availability of public services and infrastructure.

Land Use Sub-Element

This Element offers guidance on how the land within the City can serve as a multi-functional economic base, and describes existing and newly formed land uses and their purpose.

Housing Sub-Element

The Housing Sub-Element assesses housing needs on a citywide and regional scale; and plans for the provision of housing for all income levels.

Mobility Sub-Element

This Sub-Element Identifies the strengths, opportunities and weaknesses of the existing circulation system, and establishes goals, strategies and actions on how to integrate multimodal transportation opportunities throughout the City for pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists while improving the street network around the City.

Community Facilities and Infrastructure Sub-Element

The Community Facilities and Infrastructure Sub-Element identifies key issues of the City's infrastructure and public service systems, and establishes a framework for determining appropriate improvements and expansion of public services within Artesia.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND WELLNESS ELEMENT

This Community Planning Theme centers on topics related to the natural systems within the City. It focuses on maintaining and enhancing the City's environmental resources for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents.

Air Quality and Climate Change Sub-Element

This Sub-Element discusses air quality standards and what measures can be taken to improve them over time, as well as how reducing emissions locally will benefit the City of Artesia.

Natural Resources, Conservation, Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Sub-Element

This Sub-Element provides guidance in conserving precious local natural resources, as well as expanding resource opportunities. Identifies current open space areas, as well as future passive and active open space opportunities for current and future residents and visitors.



Community Safety Sub-Element

The Community Safety Sub-Element comprehensively identifies the potential hazards in the City and establishes goals, strategies, and actions to reduce their impacts on the community.

Noise Sub-Element

The Noise Sub-Element provides goals and policies to guide compatible land uses and the incorporation of noise attenuation measures for new uses protect people living and working in the City from an excessive noise environment.

COMMUNITY CULTURE AND ECONOMY ELEMENT

This Community Planning Theme focuses on the people of Artesia, and seeks to reinforce the connections between individual well-being, economic prosperity, community involvement, and cultural and historic richness.

Cultural and Historic Resources Sub-Element

This Sub-Element provides an inventory of cultural and historic resources within the City to celebrate Artesia's cultural heritage and preserve historic sites in order to improve tourism-related activities.

Economic Development Sub-Element

The Economic Development Sub-Element identifies economic opportunities and constraints in order to develop ways for the City of Artesia to maintain and expand its local economy, and provide retail opportunities and services which may attract consumers from surrounding areas.

Intellectual Infrastructure Sub-Element

This Sub-Element discusses the importance of preserving human capital—the knowledge, skills, and abilities—required for civic involvement and a sustained workforce within the City.

SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT

The Sustainability Element identifies a framework for implementing sustainability principles appropriate for the City; and evaluates the City's current programs and efforts towards implementing sustainability.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

The Implementation Policies and Priorities section outlines the implementation measures and programs for each of the General Plan Elements.



3.4.3 LAND USE PLAN

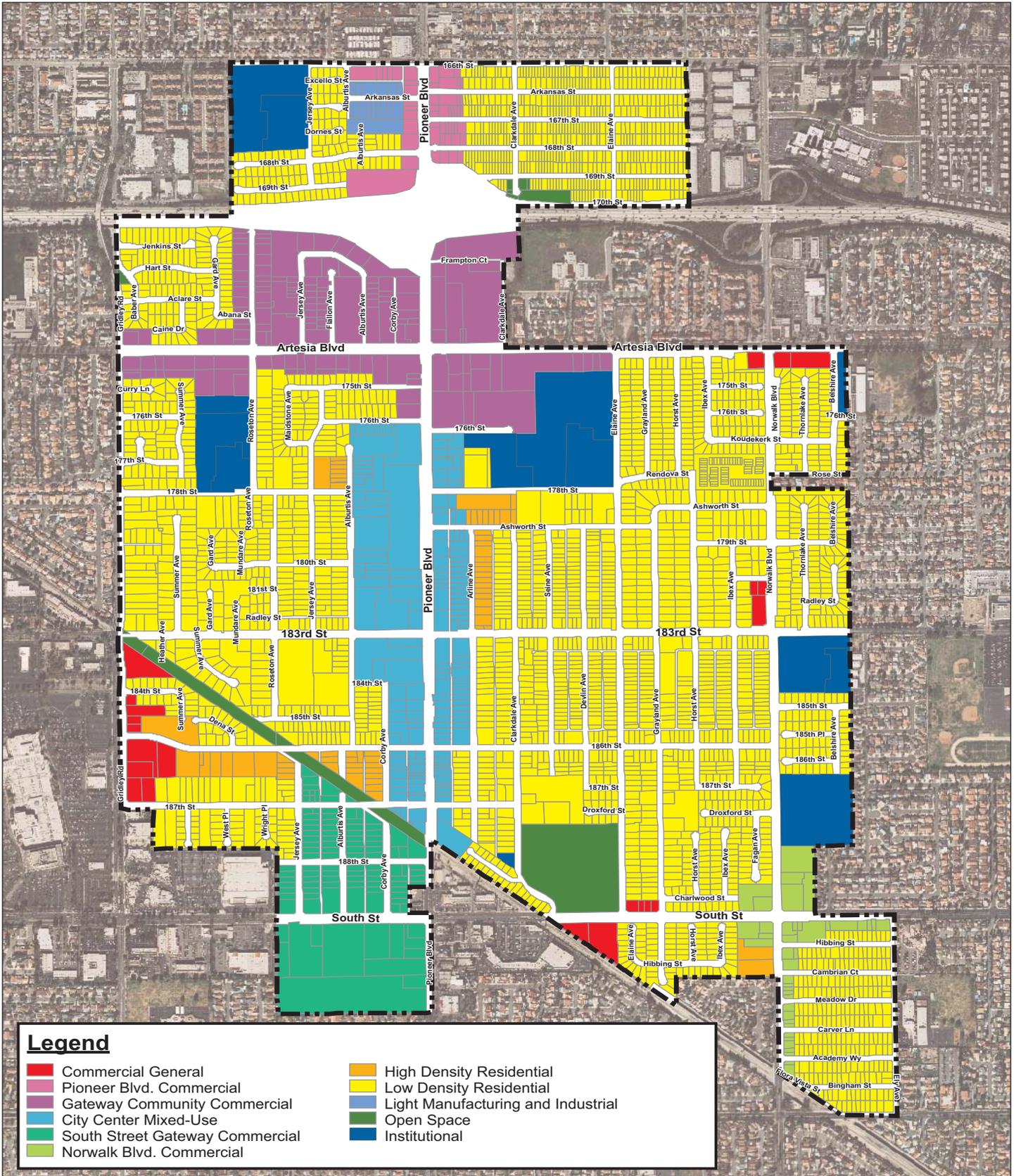
The essential components of the Land Use Element are the General Plan Land Use Map and the Goals and Policies that guide future development. The Land Use Plan is divided into land use designations that define areas of the City by type of use, existing neighborhood character, and intent of future growth. The Land Use Plan, which is illustrated on Exhibit 3-3, *General Plan Update Land Use Map*, serves as a graphic representation of all General Plan Elements’ Goals and Policies. The Map presents the general patterns and relationship of the various land uses in the Artesia General Plan 2030. Table 3-2, *2030 General Plan Update Land Use Summary*, summarizes the intensity/density standards for the new land use designations.

**Table 3-2
2030 General Plan Update Land Use Summary**

Land Use Designation	Acres	Floor Area Ratio (FAR) ¹	Dwelling Units Per Acre ²
Low Density Residential	451.22	N/A	7 du/ac
High Density Residential	21.48	N/A	30 du/ac
Commercial General	14.15	1.0 FAR	N/A
Light Manufacturing and Industrial	4.47	1.0 FAR	N/A
City Center Mixed-Use	59.65	2.0 FAR	30 du/ac
Gateway Community Commercial	77.32	1.0 FAR	N/A
Norwalk Boulevard Commercial	12.50	0.5 FAR	N/A
Pioneer Boulevard Commercial	11.90	1.5 FAR	30 du/ac
South Street Gateway Commercial	43.93	1.5 FAR	N/A
Institutional	61.65	N/A	N/A
Open Space	23.05	N/A	N/A
Right-of-Way	253.53	N/A	N/A
Total	1,036.68		
<p>1. Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is an expression of non-residential land use intensity. The FAR is calculated by dividing the total gross floor area of all buildings on a lot by the total area of that lot.</p> <p>2. Residential density is described in terms of dwelling units per gross acres (du/ac). A dwelling unit is a building or portion of a building used for human habitation and may vary considerably in size. Residential acreage is defined as the area developed for residential use, exclusive of local serving streets, alleys, or arterials.</p> <p>Source: General Plan Update Land Use Element Table A.1-3, <i>2030 General Plan Update Land Use Summary</i>, July 20, 2010.</p>			

Table 3-3, *2030 General Plan Update Buildout*, outlines the City’s designated land uses and maximum potential growth for the various land use designations (i.e., buildout of the proposed General Plan Update). As indicated in Table 3-3, the General Plan Update proposes 4,948 DU at buildout, with a resultant population projection of 18,347 persons (based on 3.708 persons per household).² Additionally, approximately 2.9 million square feet of non-residential land uses are proposed, with an employment potential of approximately 6,079 jobs.

² State of California, Department of Finance, *E-5 Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State, 2001-2010, With 2000 Benchmark*. Sacramento, California, May 2010.



Legend

- Commercial General
- Pioneer Blvd. Commercial
- Gateway Community Commercial
- City Center Mixed-Use
- South Street Gateway Commercial
- Norwalk Blvd. Commercial
- High Density Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Light Manufacturing and Industrial
- Open Space
- Institutional

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General Plan Update Land Use Map

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**Table 3-3
2030 General Plan Update Buildout**

Land Use Designation	Acres	Non-Residential Development Potential (Square Feet)	Residential Development Potential (Dwelling Units) Low Density High Density
Low Density Residential	451.22	0	3,513
High Density Residential	21.48	0	568
Commercial General	14.15	220,135	18
Light Manufacturing and Industrial	4.47	28,295	5
City Center Mixed-Use ¹	59.65	816,345	378
Gateway Community Commercial ^{1, 2}	77.32	1,124,778	265
Norwalk Boulevard Commercial ¹	12.50	143,247	16
Pioneer Boulevard Commercial ¹	11.90	217,534	41
South Street Gateway Commercial ¹	43.93	247,042	145
Institutional	61.65	129,333	0
Open Space	23.05	0	0
Right-of-Way	255.36	0	0
Total	1,036.68	2,926,709	4,948
1. Includes Office Uses.			
2. Includes Office and Light Manufacturing and Industrial Uses.			
Source: General Plan Update Land Use Element Table A.1-4, 2030 General Plan Buildout Analysis, July 20, 2010.			

3.4.3 LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

State General Plan law requires the Land Use Element to establish standards for development density and intensity for land use designations illustrated on the General Plan Land Use Map; refer to Exhibit 3-3. Land Use designations describe purpose, and the type and intensity of development allowed in a given area. While terms like “residential,” “commercial,” or “industrial” are generally understood, State General Plan law requires a clear and concise description of the land use categories that are depicted in the Land Use Plan. This Land Use Element and General Plan Land Use Map contain the following land use designations:

RESIDENTIAL LAND USES

Low Density Residential

The Low-Density Residential designation is characterized by single family, detached housing development. Low-Density Residential development provides for traditional single-lot housing development and encourages the establishment and enhancement of neighborhood quality and character.



High Density Residential

The High Density Residential designation provides opportunities for rental and for-sale multiple housing. High density residential development provides opportunities for entry-level housing, senior housing to serve a variety of income levels. High density residential development provides opportunities for transportation accessibility, enhanced access to local services in quality designed, functional environments that provide onsite amenities to serve residents.

COMMERCIAL LAND USES

Commercial General

The Commercial General Designation provides for office and retail commercial activities which serve both the local and regional markets. The Commercial General designation encourages commercial and retail development adjacent to primary transportation corridors to enhance local and regional accessibility to goods and services.

Pioneer Boulevard Commercial

The Pioneer Boulevard Commercial designation encourages locally serving commercial retail development that enhances functional integration and buffering of adjacent single family neighborhoods. Integrated, mixed-use commercial and residential development that provides residential development and complimentary, pedestrian-friendly retail activities are encouraged.

Gateway Community Commercial

The Gateway Community Commercial designation provides for a complimentary mix of job-creating industrial, manufacturing uses and local/regional-serving commercial retail and office uses. The Gateway Community Commercial designation encourages enhancement and expansion of manufacturing and industrial job-creating enterprise to attract higher wage, high skilled employment opportunities. Commercial retail development is encouraged adjacent to the Artesia Boulevard and Pioneer Boulevard corridors to enhance local and regionally-serving commercial activity. Well designed, functionally integrated retail development is encouraged at primary intersections.

City Center Mixed-Use

The City Center Mixed-Use Designation encourages the development and redevelopment of a complementary mix of commercial retail, office and residential uses to expand economic vibrancy and livability in the City's core commercial area. The City Center Mixed-Use designation is intended to serve as the City's core. The City Center Mixed-Use designation encourages physical and functional integration of adjacent residential areas to ensure the protection and enhancement of adjacent residential neighborhoods.



South Street Gateway Commercial

The South Street Gateway Commercial designation provides for the enhancement of retail and service uses along the South Street corridor. The South Street Gateway Commercial area is envisioned as a commercial node that enhances functional connectivity with the City Center Mixed-Use area. Higher intensity, integrated developments area encouraged. Complimentary urban design and streetscape improvements are envisioned to enhance the area's function and a southern gateway to the City.

Norwalk Boulevard Commercial

The Norwalk Boulevard Commercial designations encourages neighborhood serving commercial and retail uses to provide greater accessibility to local services for residents in the southwest portion of the City. Street-oriented commercial retail uses are encouraged to provide a higher quality pedestrian environment for local patrons and ensure adjacent residential neighborhoods are buffered from potential

LIGHT MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL LAND USES

Light Manufacturing and Industrial designation provides opportunities for less intensive assembly and manufacturing uses that low impact type noise and traffic, as well as non hazardous operations and/or materials.

INSTITUTIONAL LAND USES

This designation includes educational facilities, schools, public and civic facilities.

OPEN SPACE

The Open Space designation provides for areas for active and passive recreational activities in a safe, attractive, and comfortable environment. Open Space facilities include parks and recreational trails.

3.4.5 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE ASSUMPTIONS AND GROWTH

The General Plan Update EIR analysis is based upon several assumptions regarding existing and future conditions in the City of Artesia. Unless otherwise stated, the assumptions are identified in Table 3-4, *General Plan Update Growth Assumptions*.



Table 3-4
General Plan Update Growth Assumptions

Table with 4 columns: Description, Existing 2010, General Plan Buildout 2030, Change. Rows include Residential Uses, Household Size, Population, Non-Residential Development, Employment, and Vacant Land.

3.4.6 PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES

Each element of the General Plan contains goals and policies based upon the needs and desires of the community, as derived during the General Plan process. The goals and policies are defined, as follows:

Goal: A general, overall, and ultimate aim or end toward which the City will direct effort.

Policy: A specific statement of principle or of guiding actions that implies clear commitment but is not mandatory.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN ELEMENT

Land Use

COMMUNITY GOAL LU 1: A well planned community with sufficient land uses and intensities to meet the needs of anticipated growth and achieve the community’s vision.

Community Policy LU 1.1: Identify appropriate locations for residential and non-residential development to accommodate growth through the year 2030 on the General Plan Land Use Diagram.

Policy Action LU 1.1.1: Evaluate proposed amendments to the General Plan Land Use Diagram to consider the effect such amendments will have on the city’s ability to achieve its goals.

Policy Action LU 1.1.2: Update the Zoning Ordinance to establish development standards and guidelines for all land uses in accordance with the land use classification system described in the Land Use Sub-Element.



Community Policy LU 1.2: Encourage a wide variety of retail and commercial services in appropriate locations.

Policy Action LU 1.2.1: Analyze the current inventory of developed and undeveloped commercial sites in the City in order to assess which are economically viable commercial developments that can be supported.

Policy Action LU 1.2.2: Outreach to commercial center owners to present topics on lot consolidation, parcel assemblage, and parking/reciprocal access agreements.

Policy Action LU 1.2.3: Develop small-scale neighborhood nodes that provide a range of essential, neighborhood-serving retail and public amenities and services to residents.

Community Policy LU 1.3: Encourage active and inviting pedestrian-friendly street environments that include a variety of uses within commercial and mixed-use areas.

Policy Action LU 1.3.1: Enhance access, safety and the streetscape experience for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders; and focus improvements in areas with the highest need.

Policy Action LU 1.3.2: Develop design guidelines and standards that will build on the Zoning Code to promote high-quality design and address compatibility between new and existing structures, residential and adjacent non-residential uses and urban and natural areas.

Community Policy LU 1.4: Ensure mixed-use developments are integrated with surrounding uses to become part of the neighborhood by utilizing cohesive architecture, lively streetscapes, interesting urban spaces and attractive landscaping.

Policy Action LU 1.4.1: Amend the Zoning Code to implement mixed-use zoning districts that provide development standards for mixed-use development, which should address minimum density and intensity requirements; allowable uses; horizontal and/or vertical mix of uses; building heights; and parking standards.

Policy Action LU 1.4.2: Evaluate mixed-use projects to ensure that there is an adequate mix of uses on the site and in the area.

Community Policy LU 1.5: Promote future patterns of urban development and land use that reduce infrastructure construction costs and make better use of existing and planned public facilities.

Policy Action LU 1.5.1: Encourage infill development that provides community amenities and uses that serve priority community needs.



COMMUNITY GOAL LU 2: Stable, well-maintained residential neighborhoods.

Community Policy LU 2.1: Protect residential areas from the effects of potentially incompatible uses.

Policy Action LU 2.1.1: Maintain standards for circulation, noise, setbacks, buffer areas, landscaping and architecture to ensure compatibility between different uses.

Community Policy LU 2.2: Encourage uniformly high standards of residential property maintenance to preserve real estate values and high quality of life.

Policy Action LU 2.2.1: Continue to monitor maintenance standards in neighborhoods to maintain high standards of appearance and stability in the neighborhood.

Policy Action LU 2.2.2: Encourage the use of property owner and other neighborhood-based associations to maintain neighborhood amenities and character.

Community Policy LU 2.3: Prohibit uses that lead to deterioration of residential neighborhoods, or adversely impact the safety or the residential character of a neighborhood.

Policy Action LU 2.3.1: Require that the commercial and industrial developments adjoining residential uses be adequately screened and buffered from residential areas.

Policy Action LU 2.3.2: Monitor existing and review all requests to expand intensive commercial or industrial uses.

Community Policy LU 2.4: Ensure that the distinct character of Artesia's neighborhoods are preserved and reflected in all new development and redevelopment projects.

Policy Action LU 2.4.1: Encourage new development to be similar in scale to the adjoining residential neighborhood.

Policy Action LU 2.4.2: Use set-aside or other appropriate funding to assist in the maintenance or improvement of ill-maintained housing.

COMMUNITY GOAL LU 3: Revitalization of aging, underused, or deteriorated commercial corridors, centers, and properties in the City.

Community Policy LU 3.1: Encourage a mix of retail shops and services along the commercial corridors and in centers that better meet the needs of the area's present and future customers.

Policy Action LU 3.1.1: Rezone underperforming commercial properties in order to effectively transition them to more viable land uses.

Community Policy LU 3.2: Monitor the appearance of commercial and retail service facilities to prevent areas of decline by requiring improved maintenance of rehabilitation, as necessary.



Policy Action LU 3.2.1: Encourage façade renovation, enhanced parking area landscaping, improved lighting, and the use of pedestrian amenities.

Policy Action LU 3.2.2: Apply City plans and codes to rehabilitation efforts to ensure City standards for maintenance, landscaping and community design are met.

Community Policy LU 3.3: Work with property owners of commercial developments that are currently in a state of deterioration to revitalize these centers.

Policy Action LU 3.3.1: Assist property owners to secure financing for the appropriate rehabilitation of commercial property

Housing

GOAL HE 1: Provide affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing of all types and costs, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, or disability.

Policy HE 1.1: Provide homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income households.

Policy Action HE 1.1a: Mortgage Credit Certificate Program. All Housing Element Policy Actions are outlined herein, however, included in their entirety in Housing Element Section 5, *Housing Plan*.

Policy HE 1.2: Increase the extremely low, very low, low and moderate income housing stock.

Action HE 1.2a: Redevelopment Housing Set Aside Fund

Action HE 1.2b: Maximize External Funding Resources

Action HE 1.2c: Compliance with State Density Bonus Law

Action HE 1.2d: Participation in Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Action HE 1.2e: Second Units

Action HE 1.2f: Housing for Extremely-Low Income Households

Policy HE 1.3: Encourage mixed-use (residential/commercial) development on existing commercial zoned land.

Action HE 1.3a: Mixed Use in the C-G Zone

Action HE 1.3b: Amend the South Specific Plan

Action HE 1.3c: Adopt the Downtown Specific Plan



Policy HE 1.4: Provide housing opportunities for the special needs groups (elderly, female head of households, persons with disabilities, homeless, and large households).

Action HE 1.4a: Expedited Processing for Special Needs Housing

Action HE 1.4b: Technical Assistance for Special Needs Housing Development

Action HE 1.4c: Adequate Sites for Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing

Action HE 1.4d: Revise the City's Definition of "Family"

Policy HE 1.5: Encourage energy conservation in new residential development and rehabilitation or remodeling of existing housing units.

Action HE 1.5a: Green Building Practices and Energy Conservation

GOAL HE 2: Maintain and Improve the Existing Housing Stock in Artesia.

Policy HE 2.1: Encourage the rehabilitation of the City's existing low- and moderate-income housing.

Action HE 2.1a: Housing Rehabilitation Loans

Action HE 2.1b: Outreach to Spanish-Speaking Residents

Action HE 2.1c: Amend Redevelopment Plan

Policy HE 2.2: Encourage the rehabilitation of the City's mobile homes in order to continue providing the residents with affordable housing.

Action HE 2.2a: Rehabilitation Loans for Mobile Homes

Policy HE 2.3: Continue to enforce the City's Municipal Code to ensure that the existing housing stock does not pose serious health and safety hazards to its occupants.

Action HE 2.3a: Priority Code Enforcement

GOAL HE 3: Provide suitable sites for housing development to accommodate all ranges of housing type, size, location, and price.

Policy HE 3.1: Identify properties within the City that are suitable for housing development.

Action HE 3.1a: Land Inventory

Action HE 3.1b: Redevelopment of Underutilized Sites



Action HE 3.1c: Provide for Adequate Sites for Housing Development

GOAL HE 4: Continue to provide free housing choice, equal opportunity, and access for all Artesia citizens, housed and non-housed alike.

Policy HE 4.1: Provide fair housing services to residents and ensure that all are aware of their rights and responsibilities regarding housing.

Action HE 4.1a: Fair Housing Referrals

Policy HE 4.2: Support local, non-profit agencies near Artesia that serve the homeless.

Action HE 4.2a: Coordination with Homeless Service Providers

Policy HE 4.3: Provide rental assistance to low-income households.

Action HE 4.3a: Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

GOAL HE 5: Remove governmental constraints to development, maintenance, and improvement of housing stock.

Policy HE 5.1: Provide guidance for decision-making regarding quality, inventory, and conservation of the City's housing stock

Action HE 5.1a: Informational Manuals/Handouts

Action HE 5.1b: Annual Housing Report

Policy HE 5.2: Provide efficient development of project processing.

Action HE 5.2a: Development Review Process Handouts

Action HE 5.2b: Pre-Application Coordination with Developers

Action HE 5.2c: Expedited Processing and Fee Waivers

Policy HE 5.3: Provide flexible development standards.

Action HE 5.3a: Reasonable Accommodation Procedures

Action HE 5.3b: Revise Parking Requirements for Housing for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities

Action HE 5.3c: Review and Revise Multi-family Parking Requirements



Circulation and Mobility

COMMUNITY GOAL CIR 1: A transportation system that balances mobility, cost efficiency of maintenance and quality of the environment while maximizing freedom of movement.

Community Policy CIR 1.1: Maintain a citywide circulation system that is balanced with the future land use development anticipated in the General Plan Land Use Sub-Element.

Policy Action CIR 1.1.1: Require new development or redevelopment projects to identify direct project impacts and provide associated mitigation at the time of key decision points, such as site plan approval or significant change in the land use of an approved development.

Policy Action CIR 1.1.2: Look for opportunities to have new development or redevelopment, or expansion of existing development, pay the full cost of circulation improvements needed to serve the development (i.e. signalization, turn lanes, etc.).

Policy Action CIR 1.1.3: Identify necessary improvements associated with growth and land use change through the City's Capital Improvements Program.

Policy Action CIR 1.1.4: Actively pursue Federal, State and regional funds for local and regional roadway, bikeway, pedestrian walkway and other transportation improvements.

Community Policy CIR 1.2: Strive to achieve a minimum traffic Level of Service (LOS) D through the City.

Policy Action CIR 1.2.1: Ensure that new development can be accommodated within the existing circulation system, or planned circulation improvements, such that the standard of LOS D is maintained.

Policy Action CIR 1.2.2: Monitor key intersections where congestion is likely to occur as a result of increasing traffic volumes.

COMMUNITY GOAL CIR 2: Improved aesthetic quality and maintenance of arterial highways and local roadways.

Community Policy CIR 2.1: Provide landscaped medians and greenbelts along major arterials, highways, and freeways where economically feasible.

Policy Action CIR 2.1.1: Target and prioritize street beautification programs along major arterials.

Policy Action CIR 2.1.2: For targeted major arterials and entryways to the City, develop a comprehensive landscape, signage and entryway plan to efficiently direct traffic to appropriate routes and destinations.



Policy Action CIR 2.1.3: Select and locate landscape materials, streetscape furniture and public art in such a way as to avoid blocking motorists' sight distance or impeding vehicular movement.

Policy Action CIR 2.1.4: Work with Caltrans to ensure that sound walls along State facilities are landscaped and maintained with plant materials.

Policy Action CIR 2.1.5: Maintain and replace street trees as needed to achieve their aesthetic purpose and avoid damage to streets and sidewalks.

COMMUNITY GOAL CIR 3: Minimize intrusion of commuter traffic on local streets through residential neighborhoods.

Community Policy CIR 3.1: Create disincentives for traffic traveling through neighborhoods, where feasible.

Policy Action CIR 3.1.1: Review new development or redevelopment projects adjacent to established residential neighborhoods for potential traffic intrusion impacts. Should potential traffic intrusion impacts be identified, require development to implement access and traffic management plans that may include strategies such as turn restrictions, diverters, entrance treatments and/or travel demand strategies.

Policy Action CIR 3.1.2: Continue to enforce truck routes. Evaluate the City's truck routes to ensure that movement of truck traffic is accommodated by and confined to the designated streets to the greatest extent possible.

Community Policy CIR 3.2: Provide adequate capacity on major arterials to encourage through traffic to stay on the major arterial street system and to discourage diversion onto the residential street system.

Policy Action CIR 3.2.1: Identify and implement necessary improvements associated with growth and land use change to maintain adequate capacity on major arterials.

COMMUNITY GOAL CIR 4: Reduced vehicle miles traveled.

Community Policy CIR 4.1: Promote a balance of residential, commercial, institutional and recreational uses with adjacencies that reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Policy Action CIR 4.1.1: Encourage mixed use developments that combine residential and/or commercial or recreational uses, thereby improving convenience and reducing trip generation.

Policy Action CIR 4.1.2: Encourage infill development projects that create or support job centers and transportation nodes.



Policy Action CIR 4.1.3: Increase residential and commercial densities around bus transit facilities and major corridors.

Community Policy CIR 4.2: Encourage practices which reduce dependency on single-occupant vehicle trips.

Policy Action CIR 4.2.1: Encourage incentives for the creation and use of carpools or vanpools for City employees.

Policy Action CIR 4.2.2: Continue to implement the provisions of the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance.

Policy Action CIR 4.2.3: Promote and encourage ridesharing activities within the community.

Policy Action CIR 4.2.4: Encourage alternate modes of transportation, including but not limited to light rail, vanpooling, carpooling, pedestrian walkways, bicycling and Transportation Demand Management plans and programs.

Policy Action CIR 4.2.5: Encourage alternative commute patterns.

Policy Action CIR 4.2.6: Consider alternative work schedules for City employees to reduce employee driving.

COMMUNITY GOAL CIR 5: Increased awareness and use of alternate forms of transportation to circulate in the City and to/from surrounding communities.

Community Policy CIR 5.1: Promote the use of public transit.

Policy Action CIR 5.1.1: Explore development of City shuttle system using fuel-efficient/alternative fuel vehicles.

Community Policy CIR 5.2: Encourage bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation in the City.

Policy Action CIR 5.2.1: Identify potential bikeways through Artesia that would maximize linkages with regional and intercity bikeways, and pursue development of those bikeways where feasible.

Policy Action CIR 5.2.2: Encourage existing and new major traffic generators to incorporate facilities, such as bicycle racks and showers, into the development.

Policy Action CIR 5.2.3: Provide bicycle safety educational materials and classes in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department.

Community Policy CIR 5.3: Provide for safe pedestrian access throughout the City.



Policy Action CIR 5.3.1: Consider implementing the Safe Routes to Schools program to qualify for funding.

Policy Action CIR 5.3.2: Identify and implement improvements that remove barriers to pedestrians in the City.

COMMUNITY GOAL CIR 6: Coordination and partnerships with surrounding cities and regional agencies provides for an efficient and effective circulation system.

Community Policy CIR 6.1: Coordinate with Caltrans to monitor and improve the interface between the City's circulation network and that of the State.

Policy Action CIR 6.1.1: Work with Caltrans to review, monitor and improve as necessary on-/off-ramps at the 91 freeway.

Community Policy CIR 6.2: Continue to comply with and participate in Federal, State, and regional planning efforts as a means of maintaining eligibility for future transportation funding.

Policy Action CIR 6.2.1: Compliance with provisions of the Congestion Management Program (CMP).

Community Policy CIR 6.3: Continue to foster partnerships with adjoining cities and regional agencies, as well as utility companies and transportation agencies with right-of-ways within the City, in order to facilitate transit opportunities.

Policy Action CIR 6.3.1: Review and participate in planning for future transit hubs to ensure Artesia's interests are represented.

Community Facilities and Infrastructure

COMMUNITY GOAL CFI 1: Serve a diverse range of community needs.

Community Policy CFI 1.1: Maintain facilities and infrastructure to serve diverse community needs

Policy Action CFI 1.1.1: Provide storm drainage in accordance with best management practices and all adopted plans. Assess the system's ability to accommodate current and future users and include all necessary improvements in development plans.

Policy Action CFI 1.1.2: Regularly review and update the City's waste management services, systems and associated programs.

Policy Action CFI 1.1.3: Assess the City's public utilities systems' ability to serve current and future residents, recommend improvements and identify funding mechanisms and partners for implementation.



Policy Action CFI 1.1.4: Continue to provide municipal water service that meets or exceeds State and Federal health standards and monitor water quality according to established criteria, with respect to health standards.

Community Policy CFI 1.2: Promote equitable distribution of community facilities and infrastructure

Policy Action CFI 1.2.1: Conduct a community needs assessment to determine where service gaps exist in community facilities and where particular types of programs could best meet neighborhood needs.

Policy Action CFI 1.2.2: Provide for the efficient and economic distribution of adequate water supply and pressure to all residential, commercial, industrial and public areas served by the City.

Policy Action CFI 1.2.3: Identify and improve areas experiencing localized storm drainage problems for storm drain improvements.

Community Policy CFI 1.3: Require new development to provide proportionate facilities and infrastructure improvements as the new development occurs.

Policy Action CFI 1.3.1: Coordinate development with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to ensure completion of high-priority facility and infrastructure elements.

Policy Action CFI 1.3.2: Ensure that sewer improvements required for new development or redevelopment are installed prior to or concurrently with development.

COMMUNITY GOAL CFI 2: Encourage efficient use of community facilities and provide adequate maintenance.

Community Policy CFI 2.1: Employ ongoing maintenance and upgrades to protect the City's long-term investment in community facilities.

Policy Action CFI 2.1.1: Continue to inspect, maintain and enhance City facilities relative to their water use.

Policy Action CFI 2.1.2: Continue to maintain, improve, and replace aging wastewater collection facilities and storm drain systems to ensure the provision of these services to all areas of the community.

Policy Action CFI 2.1.3: Update the City's Water Master Plan, as necessary.

Policy Action CFI 2.1.4: Update the City's Sewer Master Plan and Sewer System Management Plan, as necessary.



Policy Action CFI 2.1.5: Amend as necessary and adopt a Seven-year Capital Improvement Program.

COMMUNITY GOAL CFI 3: Promote green and sustainable standards and practices.

Community Policy CFI 3.1: Promote green and sustainable practices and approaches in planning, design, construction, renovation and maintenance of public facilities.

Policy Action CFI 3.1.1: Continue to sponsor and provide water conservation and education programs.

Policy Action CFI 3.1.2: Examine and utilize the use of alternative water supplies, such as grey water and reclaimed water, where appropriate and feasible.

Policy Action CFI 3.1.3: Support sustainable wastewater services that respect and improve the natural environment.

Policy Action CFI 3.1.4: Continue to participate in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program.

Policy Action CFI 3.1.5: Review the use of natural features such as bioswales, wildlife ponds, and wetlands for flood control and water quality treatment in conjunction with new development or redevelopment projects.

Policy Action CFI 3.1.6: Provide public education information and outreach materials regarding proper materials handling practices to assist residents and businesses in complying with surface water quality regulations and to increase awareness of potential impacts to the environment resulting from improper containment or disposal practices.

Policy Action CFI 3.1.7: Review and revise planning and building codes to provide for new technologies (i.e. low flow fixtures, low flow toilets, drought tolerant landscaping, etc.).

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND WELLNESS ELEMENT

Air Quality and Climate Change

COMMUNITY GOAL AQ 1: City air resources are protected and upgraded to promote consistent attainment of regional air quality standards.

Community Policy AQ 1.1: Work with community and regional partners to reduce the number of unhealthy air quality days per year based on an established baseline.

Policy Action AQ 1.1.1: Promote and participate in cooperative efforts with agencies and communities in the South Coast Air Basin to achieve clean air.



Policy Action AQ 1.1.2: Continue to implement the provisions of the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance.

Community Policy AQ 1.2: Increase awareness and participation throughout the community in efforts to reduce air pollution and enhance air quality.

Policy Action AQ 1.2.1: Promote and encourage ridesharing activities within the community.

Policy Action AQ 1.2.2: Encourage, publicly recognize, and reward innovative approaches that improve air quality.

Policy Action AQ 1.2.3: Allow or encourage programs for priority parking in City and private parking lots for alternative fuel vehicles, especially zero and super ultra low emission vehicles (ZEVs and SULEVs).

Community Policy AQ 1.3: Strive to reduce particulate emissions from paved and unpaved roads, parking lots and building construction.

Policy Action AQ 1.3.1: Continue to enforce procedures that control dust from building demolition, grading, and construction activities.

Policy Action AQ 1.3.2: Support programs that reduce emissions from building materials and methods that generate excessive pollutants through incentives and/or regulations.

COMMUNITY GOAL AQ 2: The City's greenhouse gas and toxic air contaminant emissions are reduced.

Community Policy AQ 2.1: Encourage and, where feasible, mandate the implementation of best practices towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Policy Action AQ 2.1.1: Encourage alternate modes of transportation, including but not limited to light rail, vanpooling, carpooling, pedestrian walkways, and bicycling.

Policy Action AQ 2.1.2: Encourage alternative commute patterns.

Policy Action AQ 2.1.3: Consider alternative work schedules for City employees to reduce employee driving.

Policy Action AQ 2.1.4: Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to create an integrated system of bike routes through such improvements as signage, additional bicycle lanes and paths, and additional bicycle racks.

Policy Action AQ 2.1.5: Coordinate efforts to increase pedestrian activity through improvements that make walking more safe, convenient, and enjoyable, including sidewalks, accessibility ramps, benches, traffic-calming measures, landscaping, and convenient and safe transit stops.



Policy Action AQ 2.1.6: Coordinate with regional agencies to provide convenient access to commuter-rail and other transit opportunities.

Policy Action AQ 2.1.7: Continue preventative maintenance and repair of City vehicles and equipment, and investigate the possibility of converting the vehicle fleet to clean fuel vehicles.

Community Policy AQ 2.2: Promote a balance of residential, commercial, institutional and recreational uses with adjacencies that reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Policy Action AQ 2.2.1: Encourage mixed use developments that combine land uses such as residential, commercial, institutional and recreational uses, thereby improving convenience and reducing trip generation.

Policy Action AQ 2.2.2: Encourage infill development projects that create or support job centers and transportation nodes.

Policy Action AQ 2.2.3: Increase residential and commercial densities around transit facilities and major corridors.

Community Policy AQ 2.3: Cooperate with the State, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to achieve mandates imposed by AB 32, which calls for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; by Executive Order S-3-05, which calls for a reduction of GHG emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and by SB 375, which promotes and prioritizes transit-oriented development.

Policy Action AQ 2.3.1: Coordinate with Gateway Cities COG and participate in development of their Sustainable Communities Strategy, including a regional inventory of current GHG emissions, in compliance with SB 375.

Policy Action AQ 2.3.2: Consider pursuit of State or Federal funding available for sustainable planning efforts and projects that aim to reduce GHG emissions.

Open Space and Conservation

COMMUNITY GOAL OS 1: Parks and open space are preserved, enhanced and expanded to provide access to open space in all of Artesia's neighborhoods.

Community Policy OS 1.1: Ensure no net loss of open space acreage occurs.

Policy Action OS 1.1.1: Continue joint-use agreements with the ABC Unified School District to utilize school sites as community open space resources.

Policy Action OS 1.1.2: Require new development and redevelopment projects to replace any public open space removed with an equal or greater amount of public open space.



Community Policy OS 1.2: Promote development of parks in areas of the community currently lacking access to nearby recreational facilities.

Policy Action OS 1.2.1: Identify where additional parks and recreational facilities are needed.

Policy Action OS 1.2.2: Encourage new development and redevelopment to provide parks, plazas or open space areas.

Policy Action OS 1.2.3: Consider land acquisition of vacant lots, abandoned properties, and unused rail right of way for neighborhood parks, pocket parks and linear parks within existing neighborhoods.

Policy Action OS 1.2.4: Pursue available resources to fund parkland acquisitions and development including Federal, State and local funding grants or donations.

Community Policy OS 1.3: Encourage community stewardship of parks and open space areas in each neighborhood through volunteerism and public involvement programs.

Policy Action OS 1.3.1: Continue and expand partnerships with local organizations to maintain, rehabilitate and improve park facilities.

Policy Action OS 1.3.2: Pursue volunteer opportunities for residents to participate in maintenance and rehabilitation of parks and open space.

COMMUNITY GOAL OS 2: Artesia residents of all ages and abilities have access to high quality recreational programs.

Community Policy OS 2.1: Consider the needs of persons with disabilities when providing park facilities and recreation programs including access points, path surfaces, play equipment and range of programs provided.

Community Policy OS 2.2: Continue to offer recreation facilities and programs that appeal to residents from different generations and cultural backgrounds, and that foster shared experiences across generations and cultures.

Policy Action OS 2.2.1: Research and secure public and private funding for recreational facilities and programs in the City.

Policy Action OS 2.2.2: Continue to provide and expand upon programs designed to meet the recreational, social, physical and economic needs of target populations such as senior citizens and youth.

Policy Action OS 2.3.2: Identify partnerships with schools and/or community organizations to offer joint programs or conduct cross-marketing of existing programs.



COMMUNITY GOAL OS 3: Opportunities for exposure to natural environments are maximized.

Community Policy OS 3.1: Promote visually appealing landscaped corridors and landscape buffers to introduce plant materials into urbanized areas.

Policy Action OS 3.1.1: Require landscaping and tree planting around structures and in parking areas in accordance with the landscaping requirements of the City Zoning Code.

Policy Action OS 3.1.2: Require street trees and median landscaping designs and installations in accordance with the landscaping requirements of the City Zoning Code.

Community Policy OS 3.2: Encourage redevelopment of underutilized land with public green spaces.

Policy Action OS 3.2.2: Continue and expand partnerships with schools and colleges to seek opportunities for community garden spaces and related education.

Community Safety

COMMUNITY GOAL SAF 1: Community safety is achieved through ongoing collaborative efforts between the community, the City of Artesia and outside agencies.

Community Policy SAF 1.1: Provide opportunities for community involvement in crime prevention and control through community policing and public participation programs.

Policy Action SAF 1.1.1: Continue to support Neighborhood Watch programs community-wide.

Policy Action SAF 1.1.2: Continue to utilize the Artesia Public Safety Commission to make recommendations regarding community safety programs and policies.

Policy Action SAF 1.1.3: Encourage cooperative agreements between the Sheriff's Department and local organizations such as schools and business groups.

Policy Action SAF 1.1.4: Encourage the Sheriff's Department to conduct outreach efforts in neighborhoods and ethnic communities throughout Artesia.

Policy Action SAF 1.1.5: Work with the Sheriff's Department, Artesia Beautification and Maintenance Commission and community groups to promote litter pick-up, graffiti removal, and other neighborhood beautification efforts.

COMMUNITY GOAL SAF 2: Artesia community members are protected from potential harm caused by seismic activity.



Community Policy SAF 2.1: Ensure that new structures and alterations to existing structures minimize seismic hazards through proper design and construction.

Policy Action SAF 2.1.1: Review all development proposals to evaluate the presence of any geologic and/or seismic problems and require mitigation measures if necessary.

Policy Action SAF 2.1.2: Adopt and require compliance with the most current versions of State or County building codes, or other relevant codes.

Policy Action SAF 2.1.3: Continue to contract with the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department for building safety review services.

Community Policy SAF 2.2: Encourage rehabilitation or elimination of structures susceptible to collapse or failure in a seismic event.

COMMUNITY GOAL SAF 3: Artesia community members are protected from potential harm caused by flooding.

Community Policy SAF 3.1: Reduce risks associated with flooding through enforcement of regulations.

Policy Action SAF 3.1.1: Continue to require compliance with floodplain management requirements in the Municipal Code and update requirements as necessary.

COMMUNITY GOAL SAF 4: The threat to public health and safety and to the environment associated with the transport, use, storage and disposal of toxic and/or hazardous materials is minimized.

Community Policy SAF 4.1: Reduce risks associated with hazardous waste through community education and enforcement of laws and regulations.

Policy Action SAF 4.1.1: Continue to publicize and conduct household hazardous waste roundups in conjunction with the County of Los Angeles.

Policy Action SAF 4.1.2: Enforce Federal, State and local laws and regulations relating to the use, storage, transport and cleanup of hazardous materials to prevent unauthorized discharges.

Policy Action SAF 4.1.3: Educate residents and businesses about the dangers of hazardous materials by urging minimum use and proper storage, management and disposal of hazardous materials.

COMMUNITY GOAL SAF 5: Artesia is a community with low crime rates and safe neighborhoods.



Community Policy SAF 5.1: Ensure quality police protection services are provided to meet the needs of all Artesia community members.

Policy Action SAF 5.1.1: Continue to contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide quality police protection for the City's population and regularly communicate to ensure needs are met.

Policy Action SAF 5.1.2: Review development proposals for potential impacts to the provision of emergency services.

Community Policy SAF 5.2: Encourage the use of techniques for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), design that discourages crime and promotes safety, for all new development and redevelopment projects.

COMMUNITY GOAL SAF 6: Artesia's residents, employees and visitors are protected from the threat of urban fires.

Community Policy SAF 6.1: Ensure quality fire prevention and protection services are provided to meet the needs of all Artesia community members.

Policy Action SAF 6.1.1: Continue to contract for service from the Los Angeles County Fire Department to provide quality fire protection services for the City's population and regularly communicate to ensure needs are met.

Policy Action SAF 6.1.2: Strive to maintain necessary water pressure throughout the City and provide necessary water storage to meet peak fire demand.

Community Policy SAF 6.2: Ensure that new structures and alterations to existing structures are properly designed and constructed to minimize fire hazards.

Policy Action SAF 6.2.1: Adopt and require compliance with the most current versions of the California Fire Code, or other relevant codes.

Policy Action SAF 6.2.2: Continue to contract with the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department for building safety review services.

Policy Action SAF 6.2.3: Continue to include the local fire district in the review of development proposals and incorporate their recommendations as conditions of approval as necessary to ensure public safety.

COMMUNITY GOAL SAF 7: Effective emergency and disaster preparedness on the part of the City and its community members minimizes the social and economic impacts a natural or urban disaster could have on Artesia.

Community Policy SAF 7.1: Develop a Citywide Disaster Preparedness Plan



Policy Action SAF 7.1.1: Ensure that adequately trained staff is available to provide essential emergency public services.

Policy Action SAF 7.1.2: Work cooperatively with the Public Safety Commission, community organizations, adjacent jurisdictions and regional agencies to prepare Artesia for emergencies.

Policy Action SAF 7.1.3: Coordinate with regional, State and Federal agencies to prepare for and respond to potential terrorism threats.

Community Policy SAF 7.2: Provide community members with information and education on disaster preparedness.

Policy Action SAF 7.2.1: Promote public education and awareness regarding individual fire prevention and safety, earthquake safety, and other emergency preparedness topics through information resources, programs and seminars in conjunction with the County of Los Angeles and other partners.

Noise

COMMUNITY GOAL N 1: Land use planning decisions, including planning for new development, consider noise impacts.

Community Policy N 1.1: Permit only those new development or redevelopment projects that have incorporated appropriate mitigation measures, so that standards contained in the Noise Sub-Element or adopted ordinances are met.

Policy Action N 1.1.1: Enforce noise standards, as contained in the City's Noise Ordinance.

Policy Action N 1.1.2: Require a noise impact evaluation for projects, if determined necessary through the environmental review process. If noise abatement is found necessary, require implementation mitigation measures based on a technical study prepared by a qualified acoustical professional.

Policy Action N 1.1.3: Implement noise mitigation by placing conditions of approval on development projects, and require a clear description of mitigation on subdivision maps, site plans, and building plans for inspection purposes.

Community Policy N 1.2: Consider noise impacts associated with the development of non-residential uses in the vicinity of residential uses.

Policy Action N 1.2.1: Require that any proposed development near existing residential land uses demonstrate compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance prior to the approval of the project.



Policy Action N 1.2.2: Review the Noise Ordinance to determine if additional or modified standards are necessary to address mixed use development.

Policy Action N 1.2.3: Require the design of mixed use structures to incorporate techniques to prevent the transfer of noise and vibration from the non-residential to residential uses.

Policy Action N 1.2.4: Encourage commercial uses that are not noise intensive in mixed use developments.

Policy Action N 1.2.5: Orient residential uses away from major noise sources, particularly in mixed use areas.

COMMUNITY GOAL N 2: Noise impacts from transportation sources are minimized.

Community Policy N 2.1: Encourage outside agencies to minimize impacts of noise from regional transportation corridors.

Policy Action N 2.1.1: Coordinate sound attenuation projects with Caltrans to meet the State standard of 65 dBA CNEL for exterior noise levels for the 91 Freeway.

Policy Action N 2.1.2: Coordinate sound attenuation projects with Caltrans to mitigate noise to keep interior residential levels below the State standard of 45 dBA CNEL.

Community Policy N 2.2: Reduce noise impacts from transportation corridors under the City's jurisdiction.

Policy Action N 2.2.1: Ensure the inclusion of noise mitigation measures in the design of new roadway projects in the City to reduce noise impacts to residential neighborhoods.

Policy Action N 2.2.2: Evaluate truck movements and routes in the City to provide effective separation from residential or other noise sensitive land uses.

Policy Action N 2.2.3: Discourage through traffic on residential local streets to reduce noise.

Community Policy N 2.3: Encourage programs to retrofit existing homes to reduce noise impacts in the homes.

COMMUNITY GOAL N 3: Noise impacts from non-transportation sources are minimized.

Community Policy N 3.1: Ensure non-transportation sources of noise have incorporated appropriate mitigation measures, so that standards contained in the Noise Sub-Element or adopted ordinances are met.

Policy Action N 3.1.1: Require that noise mitigation techniques are incorporated into all construction-related activities.



Policy Action N 3.1.2: Enforce the Noise Ordinance to ensure that stationary noise and noise emanating from construction activities, private development, and/or special events are minimized.

COMMUNITY GOAL N 4: Noise impacts to noise sensitive receptors are minimized, ensuring that City and State interior and exterior noise levels are not exceeded.

Community Policy N 1.1: Ensure Community Noise Equivalent Levels (CNEL) for noise sensitive land uses meet normally acceptable levels, as defined by State standards.

Policy Action N4.1.1: Require buffers or appropriate mitigation of potential noise sources on noise sensitive areas.

COMMUNITY CULTURE AND ECONOMY ELEMENT

Cultural and Historic Resources

COMMUNITY GOAL CHR1: Resources with cultural and historic significance are preserved.

Community Policy CHR 1.1: Enhance and protect resources that have cultural and historic significance.

Policy Action CHR 1.1.1: Pursue opportunities for the identification, documentation and evaluation of significant cultural and historic resources in the City.

Policy Action CHR 1.1.2: Encourage continued private ownership and utilization of historic structures.

Policy Action CHR 1.1.3: Promote the maintenance, restoration and rehabilitation of cultural and historic resources.

Community Policy CHR 1.2: Strengthen cultural and historic preservation planning.

Policy Action CHR 1.2.1: Integrate the consideration of cultural and historic resource preservation into the land use planning process.

COMMUNITY GOAL CHR 2: Artesia's cultural and historic resources are a source of public pride and a draw for visitors.

Community Policy CHR 2.1: Foster public appreciation for Artesia's cultural and historic resources.

Policy Action CHR 2.1.1: Promote events and activities highlighting cultural and historic resources, and integrate cultural and historic aspects into City-sponsored events and programs.



Policy Action CHR 2.1.2: Maintain information about important cultural and historic resources on the City's website.

Policy Action CHR 2.1.3: Increase opportunities for cultural heritage tourism by supporting efforts such as signage, marketing and beautification.

Economic Development

COMMUNITY GOAL ED 1: Artesia has a competitive and diverse local economy.

Community Policy ED 1.1: Maximize market potential to enhance and retain retail opportunities.

Policy Action ED 1.1.1: Encourage clusters of tourist-supported commercial activities in selected areas of the City in order to create identifiable centers of interest for visitors and opportunities for joint marketing efforts.

Policy Action ED 1.1.2: Monitor the conditions and status of older shopping centers and underutilized commercially zoned parcels.

Community Policy ED 1.2: Attract new businesses while supporting and assisting those already located in the City.

Policy Action ED 1.2.1: Continue to explore traditional, non-traditional, and international marketing approaches to attract local, regional and foreign tourism.

Policy Action ED 1.2.2: Focus on upgrading dilapidated centers in order to encourage new or expanding businesses to relocate to these areas.

Policy Action ED 1.2.3: Support a business friendly environment for businesses to locate in Artesia and existing businesses to flourish.

Policy Action ED 1.2.4: Foster dialogue with local businesses to understand their needs and discover economic growth opportunities.

Community Policy ED 1.3: Encourage programs that increase the ability of residents to find quality employment.

Policy Action ED 1.3.1: Continue to promote resident access to job training, skill enhancement and educational excellence.

Policy Action ED 1.3.2: Encourage partnerships between local employers and educational providers to match training with careers that have favorable growth prospects.

Policy Action ED 1.3.3: Initiate strategies to pursue employers that can provide well-paying jobs.



COMMUNITY GOAL ED 2: A stable fiscal environment provides resources for desired facilities and services.

Community Policy ED 2.1: Maintain a responsible balance of revenue and expenditures.

Policy Action ED 2.1.1: Monitor the fiscal health of the community and prioritize capital improvement investments based on the anticipated revenue stream.

Policy Action ED 2.1.2: Explore opportunities to encourage growth in sectors that provide fiscal revenue.

SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT

Energy

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 1: Reduce municipal, commercial and residential dependence on fossil fuels.

Community Policy SUS 1.1: Maximize energy efficiency and conservation in City operations.

Policy Action SUS 1.1.1: Beginning with an understanding of City energy usage and cost, prioritize energy efficiency in City operations and employ the use of cost effective renewable sources of energy.

Policy Action SUS 1.1.2: Investigate whether cost savings would be achieved by retrofitting City traffic signal lights and street lights with more energy efficient lighting technology.

Policy Action SUS 1.1.3: Prioritize fuel efficiency when replacing City fleet and maintenance equipment and consider alternative-fuel engines.

Policy Action SUS 1.1.4: Explore opportunities to install renewable energy generators such as solar water heaters and photovoltaic systems on municipal property.

Community Policy SUS 1.2: Promote community use of energy efficient practices and technologies.

Policy Action SUS 1.2.1: Support the adoption of standards to require energy efficient technology and conservation measures for major renovations and new construction.

Policy Action SUS 1.2.2: Support the adoption of standards for requiring retrofits of existing homes with energy efficient measures at time of sale, such as increased insulation, weather-stripping, improved lighting and water efficiency.

Policy Action SUS 1.2.3: Prioritize outreach and education to promote energy efficient practices by residents and businesses.



Community Policy SUS 1.3: Encourage the use of renewable energy technology citywide.

Policy Action SUS 1.3.1: Coordinate with utility companies to publicize rebates and incentive programs for renewable energy generation.

Policy Action SUS 1.3.2: Prioritize development of an outreach and education program to promote renewable energy installations by residents and businesses.

Waste Reduction

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 2: Strive for zero waste sent to landfills and incinerators.

Community Policy SUS 2.1: Reduce municipal waste output.

Policy Action SUS 2.1.1: Beginning with an understanding of City energy usage and cost, prioritize strategies for reduction of municipal waste.

Policy Action SUS 2.1.2: Prioritize opportunities to expand municipal recycling programs in order to increase diversion from landfills.

Policy Action SUS 2.1.3: Investigate the feasibility of adopting an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing policy for municipal operations and a phasing program to reduce the purchase and use of disposable, toxic or non-renewable products.

Policy Action SUS 2.1.4: Prioritize the reduction of the amount of paper waste in municipal operations wherever possible.

Policy Action SUS 2.1.5: In municipal construction and renovation, encourage the recycling, salvage, refurbishment or reuse of materials, and the use of materials with recycled content.

Community Policy SUS 2.2: Strive toward an efficient, integrated waste management system that protects the community's health, ensures that the City is aesthetically pleasing, and reduces the City's waste stream.

Policy Action SUS 2.2.1: Explore amendments to the City's waste hauling contract to include weekly curbside recycling and yard waste collection.

Policy Action SUS 2.2.2: Explore options for a city-wide compost program for food waste.

Policy Action SUS 2.2.3: Prioritize the use of grass-mulching mowers on all City property and encourage their use by residents.

Community Policy SUS 2.3: Achieve and exceed diversion requirement per State regulations (AB 939).



Policy Action SUS 2.3.1: Prioritize the creation and implementation of a Construction and Demolition Debris ordinance to divert a minimum of 50% of waste, and monitor construction projects to ensure compliance. Develop a protocol to monitor progress and continuously improve diversion rate requirement.

Community Policy SUS 2.4: Promote and advocate ideas and practices that support a resource-efficient and sustainable society.

Policy Action SUS 2.4.1: Prioritize outreach and education to promote recycling within municipal operations and in residences and businesses throughout the City.

Urban Design

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 3: Approach land use planning with an emphasis on higher density, compact and mixed uses, sustainable building design, transit-oriented districts, and pedestrian and bicycle friendly circulation systems.

Community Policy SUS 3.1: Adopt sustainable building measures for new municipal buildings and major renovations.

Policy Action SUS 3.1.1: Educate municipal employees about sustainable building design and operations.

Policy Action SUS 3.1.2: Consider adopting green building standards for municipal buildings.

Community Policy SUS 3.2: Strongly encourage the use of green building techniques in new construction and major renovations throughout the City.

Policy Action SUS 3.2.1: Prioritize the development and implementation of an outreach and education program to promote green building practices by residents and businesses.

Policy Action SUS 3.2.2: Encourage and explore incentives or mandates for green building techniques in existing building retrofits as well as new buildings.

Community Policy SUS 3.3: Achieve and maintain a mix of affordable, livable and green housing types throughout the City for people of all socio-economic, cultural, and household groups (including seniors, families, singles and disabled).

Community Policy SUS 3.4: Promote neighborhood identity and conservation of individual neighborhood character. Retain Artesia's history and heritage.

Policy Action SUS 3.4.1: Promote code enforcement actions to advance proper maintenance of homes, buildings, yards and neighborhoods in all areas of the city.



Policy Action SUS 3.4.2: Encourage the preservation of existing housing stock in well-maintained condition.

Policy Action SUS 3.4.3: Support adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial buildings where possible.

Policy Action SUS 3.4.4: Promote the maintenance, restoration and rehabilitation of cultural and historic resources.

Community Policy SUS 3.5: Prioritize transit-oriented development within the city in accordance with SB375 and other planning initiatives from the State and Federal governments.

Urban Nature

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 4: Preserve, sustain and restore natural resources within the local, regional and global community in order to increase opportunities for interaction with nature.

Community Policy SUS 4.1: Increase tree canopy and provide natural landscape elements throughout the City.

Policy Action SUS 4.1.1: Explore community interest in conducting an inventory of existing tree canopy coverage, and creation of a prioritized list of planting sites within the City. Strive to plant additional trees and maintain canopy coverage on available sidewalk planting sites.

Policy Action SUS 4.1.2: Encourage use of native and drought-tolerant species of street trees and landscaping whenever possible.

Policy Action SUS 4.1.3: Encourage property owners to landscape their property with plants and trees that are water-efficient, provide habitat for wildlife, produce food, treat stormwater, and/or offer shade.

Community Policy SUS 4.2: Expand public space in the City by establishing new parks, civic plazas, and open space as funding allows. Prioritize development of new park facilities in currently underserved areas within the City.

Transportation

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 5: Reduce congestion within the City and maximize alternative forms of transportation.

Community Policy SUS 5.1: Decrease vehicle miles traveled by increasing per vehicle ridership and decreasing the number of trips by autos and trucks.

Policy Action SUS 5.1.1: Encourage alternative commute patterns.



Policy Action SUS 5.1.2: Wherever possible, encourage opportunities for “park-once” habits for business patrons. Reduce current subsidies to auto commuting by reducing parking required for new transit-oriented or mixed-use developments—with convenient parking reserved for carpoolers, bicycles, customers and guests.

Policy Action SUS 5.1.3: Consider alternative work schedules for City employees to reduce employee driving.

Policy Action SUS 5.1.4: Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to create an integrated system of bike routes, through such improvements as signage, additional bicycle lanes and paths, and additional bicycle racks.

Policy Action SUS 5.1.5: Improve walkability within the City with such elements as pedestrian-friendly streets and urban trails to link neighborhoods with recreation, business and civic areas.

Policy Action SUS 5.1.6: Coordinate efforts to increase pedestrian activity through improvements that make walking more safe, convenient, and enjoyable, including sidewalks, accessibility ramps, benches, traffic-calming measures, landscaping, and convenient and safe transit stops.

Policy Action SUS 5.1.7: Coordinate with regional agencies to provide convenient access to commuter-rail and other transit opportunities.

Community Policy SUS 5.2: Decrease congestion on local and regional roadways to improve safety, reduce emissions and maintain mobility.

Policy Action SUS 5.2.1: Prioritize development and implementation of a traffic signal synchronization and optimization program.

Environmental and Public Health

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 6: Protect and enhance environmental and public health by minimizing damage from pollutants, and by facilitating healthy communities capable of adapting to climate change.

Community Policy SUS 6.1: Improve the health of residents through access to a diverse mix of wellness activities and food for a healthy diet, while promoting a food system that is better for the environment.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.1: Coordinate with the school district and Cerritos College, as well as other institutions (including religious institutions and public parks), to create and support opportunities for community gardens.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.2: Promote access to food for a healthy diet, locally and organically grown if possible, in City facilities and schools.



Policy Action SUS 6.1.3: Seek to ensure that a variety of amenities (e.g., park, restaurant, grocery, drug store, etc.) are located within ½ mile of all residents, and promote safe pedestrian and bike access.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.4: Promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and education on
Develop an education program for the community on the benefits of eating locally grown, organic foods.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.5: Investigate with community partners on the feasibility of establishing a local farmers market.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.6: Coordinate with community partners, including the LA County Department of Public Health and local non-profit organizations, to ensure that each neighborhood has safe and efficient access to quality, nutritious food sources and vendors.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.7: Promote healthy lifestyles and activities (including healthy food choices, healthy behaviors, etc) at municipal offices and City-organized events.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.8: Coordinate with LA County Department of Public Health to establish and develop communication and collaboration between health officials and planners.

Policy Action SUS 6.1.9: Encourage local employers to adopt healthy living/healthy employee programs and practices.

Community Policy SUS 6.2: Protect and enhance environmental and public health by reducing or eliminating the use of hazardous and toxic materials; minimizing pollutants entering the air, soil, and water; and lessening the risks which environmental problems pose to human health and prosperity.

Policy Action SUS 6.2.1: Control pests and maintain healthy landscaping in City parks and facilities through an integrated pest management program that eliminates the need for pesticides.

Policy Action SUS 6.2.2: Reduce and eliminate the use of harmful chemicals in City maintenance and operation practices.

Policy Action SUS 6.2.3: Develop protocol to ensure that no one geographic or socioeconomic group in the City is being unfairly affected by environmental pollution.

Policy Action SUS 6.2.4: Continue to promote, spread awareness about, and provide opportunities for proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

Policy Action SUS 6.2.5: Investigate the feasibility of requiring parking lots to incorporate landscaping plans with greenery that holds and filters stormwater runoff while also



reducing the heat island effect and creating a comfortable and safe pedestrian environment.

Climate Protection and Air Quality

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 7: Reduce the City’s GHG and toxic air contaminant emissions.

Community Policy SUS 7.1: Encourage and, where feasible, mandate the implementation of best practices towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Community Policy SUS 7.2: Cooperate with the State, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments to achieve mandates imposed by AB 32, which calls for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; by Executive Order S-3-05, which calls for a reduction of GHG emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and by SB 375, which promotes and prioritizes transit-oriented development.

Policy Action SUS 7.2.1: Coordinate with Gateway Cities COG and participate in development of their Sustainable Communities Strategy, including a regional inventory of current GHG emissions, in compliance with SB 375.

Policy Action SUS 7.2.2: Consider pursuit of State or Federal funding available for sustainable planning efforts and projects that aim to reduce GHG emissions.

Community Policy SUS 7.3: Work with community and regional partners to reduce the number of unhealthy air quality days per year based on an established baseline.

Policy Action SUS 7.3.1: Promote and participate in cooperative efforts with agencies and communities in the South Coast Air Basin to achieve clean air.

Policy Action SUS 7.3.2: Continue to implement the provisions of the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance.

Water

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 8: Reduce potable water consumption per capita City-wide and protect the watershed from pollution.

Community Policy SUS 8.1: Maximize water efficiency and the use of alternative sources of water in City operations.

Policy Action SUS 8.1.1: Prioritize the monitoring, enforcement, and, as necessary, improvement of the Water Conservation Ordinance to reduce City-wide water consumption.

Policy Action SUS 8.1.2: Use an understanding of local water consumption to help create goals, prioritize conservation actions, and gauge progress.



Policy Action SUS 8.1.3: Promote water conservation within municipal buildings and operations, including fixture retrofits and diligent leak repairs.

Policy Action SUS 8.1.4: Promote the use of drought-tolerant plants and high-efficiency irrigation systems in landscaping, through implementation of the Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance and public education.

Community Policy SUS 8.2: Implement outreach and education programs that promote best practices in water conservation.

Policy Action SUS 8.2.1: Promote community water conservation through outreach and consider a hotline for reporting wasteful irrigation.

Policy Action SUS 8.2.2: Promote public awareness of water use issues and support for wise water management.

Community Policy SUS 8.3: Protect the watershed by achieving mandates imposed by regulations.

Policy Action SUS 8.3.1: Prioritize enforcement of NPDES permit guidelines, conduct inspections of businesses and construction projects, and consider providing education and guidance to residents and businesses on proper stormwater management.

Community Policy SUS 8.4: Reduce the volume of wastewater discharges city-wide.

Policy Action SUS 8.4.1: Encourage water conservation and the use of alternative water sources (i.e., graywater, recycled water, etc.) for non-potable uses, such as irrigation, cooling towers and toilet flushing.

Economic Vitality

COMMUNITY GOAL SUS 9: Nurture a stable, local economy that supports the basic needs of all segments of the community.

Community Policy SUS 9.1: Maintain a strong, diversified economy.

Community Policy SUS 9.2: Promote sustainable practices by Artesia businesses, and encourage businesses that provide green jobs to locate in Artesia.

Policy Action SUS 9.2.1: Prioritize the revitalization of aging and underperforming commercial and industrial areas on an on-going basis.

Policy Action SUS 9.2.2: Promote new sustainable development and redevelopment to increase and diversify City revenues.



Policy Action SUS 9.2.3: Using municipal practices as a model, promote sustainable business practices such as resource-efficient building construction and operations, employee incentives for alternatives to single occupancy vehicle commutes, and programs to promote employee health.

3.4.7 GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING CONSISTENCY

State law requires the Zoning Code (Chapter 18 of the City’s Municipal Code) and Zoning Map (Chapter 18.30 of the Zoning Code) to be consistent with the General Plan. The Zoning Code is the primary tool for implementing land use policy. Each General Plan land use designation must have one or more corresponding zone districts. In addition, the land use regulations and development standards in the Zoning Code must reflect the policy statements in the Land Use Element. While General Plan policies are general, Zoning Ordinance regulation and development standards are specific. Table 3-5, General Plan and Zoning Consistency, provides the land use designations and corresponding zoning districts for the City.

Table 3-5
General Plan and Zoning Consistency

General Plan Land Use Designation	Corresponding Zone(s)
Residential	
Low Density Residential	Agricultural-Single Family Residential (A-1) Single-Family Residential Zone (R-1)
High Density Residential	Multiple Residential Zone (M-R) Condominium Zone (C-O)
Non-Residential	
Commercial General	Commercial General Zone (C-G)
Pioneer Boulevard Commercial	Multiple Residential Zone (M-R)
Gateway Community Commercial	Condominium Zone (C-O)
South Street Gateway Community Commercial	Commercial General Zone (C-G)
Norwalk Boulevard Commercial	Commercial Planned Development Zone (C-P-D)
City Center Mixed-Use	Commercial Transition Zone (C-T)
Light Manufacturing and Industrial	Light Manufacturing and Industrial Zone (M-1)
Institutional	Commercial Transition Zone (C-T)
Open Space	Open Space and Recreation Zone (OS-R)

3.5 STATEMENT OF PROGRAM EIR OBJECTIVES

The City of Artesia is approximately 99 percent built-out, and as such, the General Plan Update focuses on preserving residential neighborhoods, guiding the remaining development and redevelopment opportunities, and encouraging the revitalization of selected areas. The City of Artesia’s objectives for the proposed General Plan and General Plan EIR are:

- Update the City’s environmental baseline conditions to the year 2010.



Project Description

- Update the General Plan development projections for the year 2030, including projections for dwelling units, non-residential floor area, population, and employment.
- Provide new goals, objectives, and policies to address future development and growth within the City.
- Provide a basis for informative decisions when considering the 2030 development associated with implementation of the General Plan in the City of Artesia.
- Conform to Section 21000 et seq. of CEQA, which requires that environmental impacts be addressed and mitigated.
- Provide a legally defensible environmental foundation upon which discretionary actions may be evaluated.



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