

GPAC Meeting #2

June 27, 2018

CITY OF LA VERNE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE



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Meeting Overview



- Review top community priorities
- Discuss two element topic areas, including statute requirements, key issues in La Verne, and questions to inform policy considerations
 - Noise
 - Safety
- Adjourn to GPAC Meeting #3:
Wednesday July 18, 2018

La Verne 2040



Key words to describe the future of La Verne...

Thriving Quaint Place to Live Growth
Charming Strong Old Town Vibrant
Maintain Safety Community
Beautiful Small Town Quality
Safe Housing Family Traffic
Friendly Crime Clean Quiet Green
Hometown Financially Verne Sustainable

SAFETY

LIVE OAK PARK
FIRE STATION NO. 3

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Safety Element



The goal of the **SAFETY ELEMENT** is to reduce the potential short and long-term risk of death, injuries, property damage, and economic and social dislocation resulting from fires, floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, climate change, and other hazards and local issues.

Safety Element



The recent introduction of “climate risk” requires cities to prepare for a changing climate, which includes things like new weather patterns, excessive heat, and flooding (SB 379). Communities must include a climate change vulnerability assessment, measures to address issues, and comprehensive hazard mitigation and emergency response.

Public Comments on Safety



Very Satisfied

La Verne as a place to live

Fire Services

Emergency Medical Services

Police Services

Somewhat Satisfied

La Verne's physical appearance

La Verne as a place to bring your out of state friends/family

Availability of daily goods/services

Existing parks & recreation facilities

Less Satisfied

La Verne as a place to work

Activities for seniors

Activities for youth

Community gathering/events

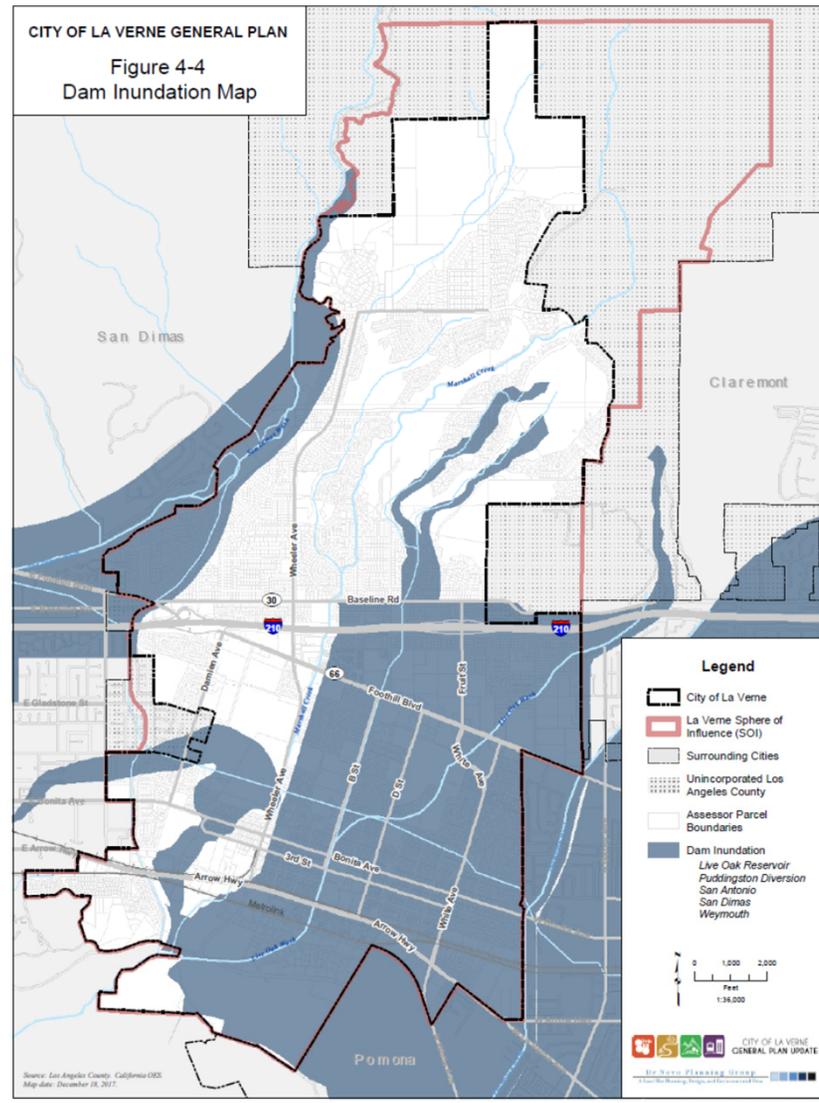
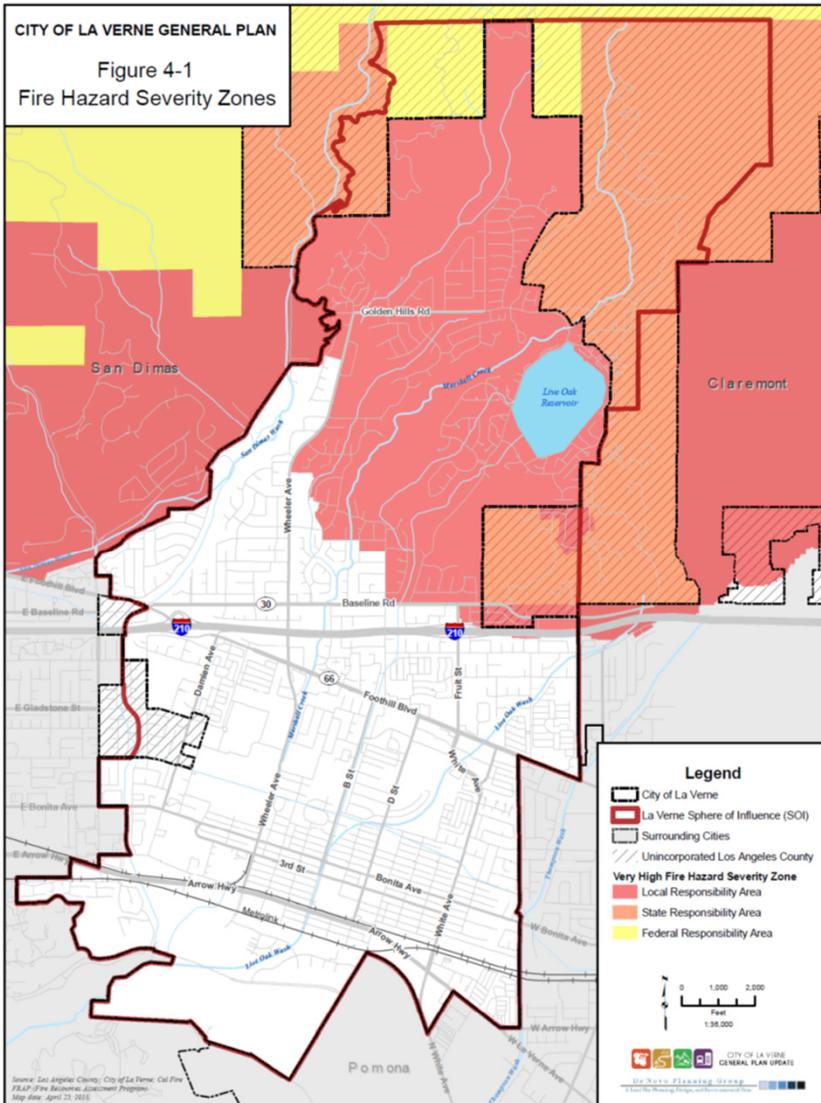
- The community has indicated that they are generally **very satisfied** with La Verne's Fire, Police, and Emergency Medical Services
- The community raised some concerns over public safety and perceived increased crime in La Verne

Existing Safety Issues



- There are a variety of natural and/or human-caused hazards in La Verne.
 - Northern half of the community (north of Foothill and east of Wheeler) are in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone of Local Responsibility
 - Southern half of the community (south of Baseline and east of Wheeler) is subject to dam failure inundation
 - Wildlife hazards (bears and mountain lions) interface with the urban community in La Verne, especially in the northern area of the City
 - Although crime statistics fluctuate up and down year-over-year, there is some indication that crime stats are increasing in La Verne (and the region as a whole)

Existing Safety Issues



Current General Plan



Current Vision: We aim to keep our community safe through:

Prevention

- Provide youth programs to reinforce social values, building self-esteem, and teach resistance toward drug and alcohol abuse and gang activity
- Educate our residents so that they can protect themselves against avoidable accidents
- Patrol our neighborhoods for dangerous activity
- Prepare a plan of action to combat all potential disasters
- Practice emergency response through disaster drills
- Plan development to safe standards

Intervention

- Provide a fully staffed and properly equipped Police and Fire force
- Encourage the community to report any criminal activity to the proper authorities
- Interact effectively and efficiently in the case of emergency

Safety Element Discussion



What safety concerns do you think are most relevant to La Verne?
What top three issues do you think the City should prioritize?

Required Topics

- Fires
- Floods
- Droughts
- Earthquakes
- Landslides
- Climate change

Local Topics

- Airport safety concerns
- Emergency response
- Hazardous waste spills
- Public safety services
(police and fire protection)
- Wildlife hazards

Safety Element Discussion



- How can the City prepare for climate-related hazards (increased flooding, sea level rise, extreme heat events etc.)?
- Are there opportunities to improve emergency services within the community?
- What opportunities are there within the city to increase community safety, and what measures should be taken (i.e. increased lighting, design considerations etc.)?
- Should the General Plan address emerging technology and potential safety risks?
- Should the General Plan take additional steps to reduce hazardous and toxic substances use within the community?

NOISE



Noise Element Background



The **NOISE ELEMENT** provides a basis for cities to control and abate environmental noise and to protect residents from excessive exposure. Basic goals include:

- Provide sufficient information **so noise can be considered** in the land use planning process.
- Develop strategies to **decrease excessive noise**.
- **Protect areas of the city** where noise levels are already acceptable
- **Protect “noise-sensitive” uses** like schools, churches, and open space
- Demonstrate **compliance with State Noise Insulation Standards**

Public Comments on Noise

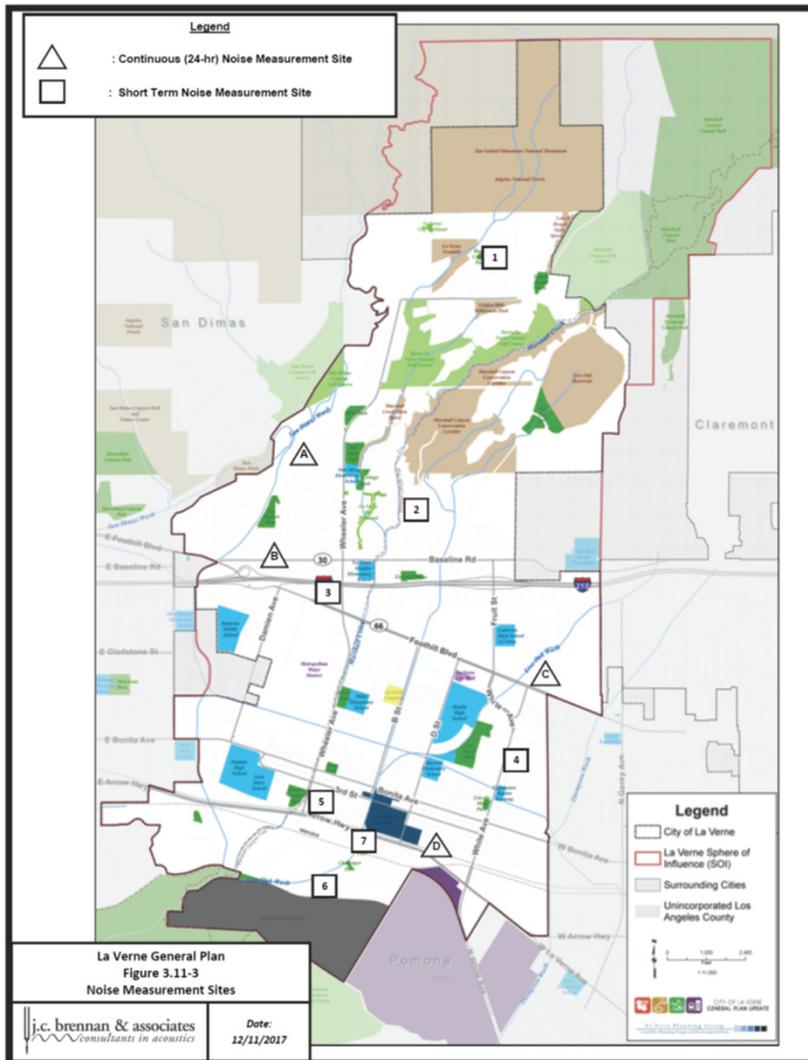


- There is a general feeling that La Verne is a quiet community and that this is a community asset
- The community identified a number of noise concerns:
 - Traffic along the freeway and major roadways (White Avenue was specifically addressed a few times)
 - Noise from the Fairplex associated with drag races
 - Train noise and additional concerns about how the Gold Line will impact noise
 - Public nuisances like barking dogs or landscaping equipment

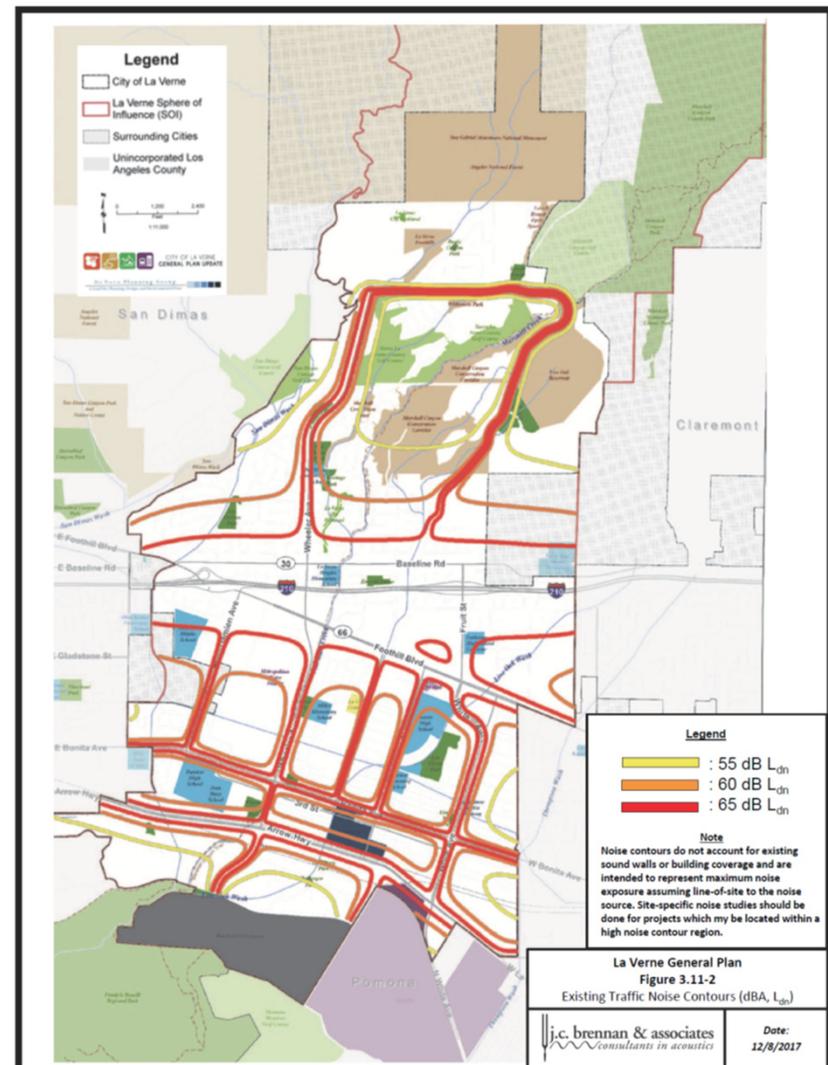
Existing Noise Environment



Measurement Locations



Existing Noise Contours



Existing Noise Environment



- Traffic noise is one of the primary noise sources in the community
 - Freeways
 - Major roadways
 - Cars with loud exhausts or engines
- Current rail activities do not produce a lot of noise right now, but the future Gold Line will increase noise along the track
- Airport noise is also regulated by the ALUP
- Fixed noise sources also generate noise in La Verne
 - Parking lots, loading docks, mechanical equipment, etc.

Current General Plan



Current Vision: We aim to silence excessive noise in these ways:

- Prevent avoidable noise
- Step up defensive measures to help silence increasing traffic noise
- Insulate our neighborhoods through noise conscious development standards
- Buffer between noisy uses and quiet neighborhoods
- Identify noise generators and coordinate efforts to reduce spillover into our neighborhoods

Noise Element Discussion



- Are there areas in La Verne with existing excessive noise issues or that receive regular noise complaints?
 1. Are there particular uses that create a lot of noise?
 2. Are there uses that are especially sensitive to noise?
 3. How severe are the community's noise issues?
- How do you perceive the noise generated from freeways, major roadways, trains, the airport, the Fairplex, industrial uses, commercial businesses, and residential areas? (Mobile sources vs. stationary sources)
- Are there times or places when excessive or unusual noise is acceptable? Times of the year or events? Times of the day or days of the week? Public safety services/vehicles?

Noise Element Enforcement



| Land Use Category | Community Noise Exposure L _{dn} or CNEL, dB | | | | | |
|---|---|----|--------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|
| | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 |
| Residential - Low Density Single Family, Duplex, Mobile Homes | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Residential - Multi-Family | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Transient Lodging - Motels, Hotels | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Schools, Libraries, Churches, Hospitals, Nursing Homes | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Auditoriums, Concert Halls, Amphitheaters | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Sports Arena, Outdoor Spectator Sports | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Playgrounds, Neighborhood Parks | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Golf Courses, Riding Stables, Water Recreation, Cemeteries | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Office Buildings, Business Commercial and Professional | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |
| Industrial, Manufacturing, Utilities, Agriculture | Normally Acceptable | | Conditionally Acceptable | | Normally Unacceptable | |

INTERPRETATION:

Normally Acceptable
Specified land use is satisfactory, based upon the assumption that any buildings involved are of normal conventional construction, without any special noise insulation requirements.

Conditionally Acceptable
New construction or development should be undertaken only after a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements is made and needed noise insulation features included in the design. Conventional construction, but with closed windows and fresh air supply systems or air conditioning will normally suffice.

Normally Unacceptable
New construction or development should generally be discouraged. If new construction or development does proceed, a detailed analysis of the noise reduction requirements must be made and needed noise insulation features included in the design.

Clearly Unacceptable
New construction or development should generally not be undertaken.

- How important is it to you to enforce the community's noise standards? With limited resources, how significantly would you like code enforcement to focus on noise issues?



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