

Summary of GPWG Comments on Preliminary Draft Goals, Policies, & Actions (Meeting #1 Notes)

Nature & Built Environment Chapter

1. NBE-1

- a. **Action 1.1.5** Suggested edit: "Update the Tree ~~Protection~~ Ordinance to preserve significant native trees of a minimum size." Also consider adding provisions to define and identify heritage trees.
- b. Suggestion to add an historic resources "element" or topic area that draws applicable concepts from the Napa General Plan. Example policy: "Support apprenticeship programs that teach restoration techniques."
- c. **Action 1.1.2** Suggested edit: "Cooperate with water quality and wildlife protection agencies to protect waterways, wetlands, and watershed ~~areas from impacts related to new and existing development and infrastructure.~~"
- d. **Action 1.1.3** Suggested edit: "Update the Municipal Code to require that new development ~~utilize low water use landscaping.~~ include continuous high quality landscape maintenance standards and enforcement of code with routine inspections of commercial properties."
- e. **Policy 1.2 Open space and trails.** Suggested edit: "~~Cooperate with federal, State, and local agencies and non-profit organizations to~~ Promote and enhance natural open space in and adjacent to Vallejo and it's waterfront."
- f. **Action 1.4.3** Suggested edit: "Assess the need for ~~Consider~~ adding an energy audit requirement to the City's review processes."
- g. **Action 1.5.1** Suggestion that State historical building code should be referenced here for rehabilitation of buildings. Also, suggestion that language should also reference expansion, not just updates.
- h. Suggestion to add policy for enhancing the urban forest and recognizing the stormwater run-off mitigation properties of trees
- i. Consider adding an action develop citywide design guidelines and policies to address design
- j. Suggestion to add a New Action into the Mobility, transportation & Connectivity framework: Provide for continued development and enhancement of the Bay Trail in Vallejo

- k. Suggestion to consider historic and cultural resources together as appropriate in the General Plan. Ensure the policy framework protects and enhances cultural resources as well as historic resources.

2. NBE-2

- a. **Action 2.1.2** Suggest this action could include funding mechanisms to achieve its objective.
- b. **Action 2.2.2** Suggested edit: "Continue to require that new noise-producing uses are either located sufficiently far away from noise-sensitive uses and/or include adequate noise mitigation, such as screening, soundproofing, and limits on operating hours."
- c. Suggest adding a new policy to promote and provide parks and recreational opportunities throughout the city in the appropriate location in the General Plan.
- d. **Suggested New Action:** Consider developing an arts and culture strategic plan
- e. Suggest adding actions involving the beautification of gateways to the city and ways to make them more pedestrian friendly
- f. Suggest adding actions or policies that address bus noise abatement and alternatives to diesel buses (i.e. less noise intensive bus fleet)
- g. **Note:** Suggest reference "arts and culture" wherever arts are mentioned
- h. Suggestions for additional policy action concepts to include: evaluate the municipal code and assess the need for additional noise control. In addition, check what the State standards are to see if we're meeting them already. [Note: evaluations will be done as part of the EIR and may result in additional policies and actions for noise abatement and control].

3. NBE-3

- a. **Action 3.1.2** Suggested edit: "Seek funding for infrastructure improvements, landscaping, and new outdoor amenities to increase pedestrian, bike, and transit access, and linkage to Downtown."
- b. **Action 3.1.3** Suggested edit: "Assess the need to update the Zoning Ordinance to facilitate near-term location of high tech business near the Waterfront, ~~in a mixed use environment.~~"
- c. **Suggested New Action:** Consider developing a master plan for the whole of the waterfront from the Mare Island Causeway to where the Mare Island Strait enters San Pablo Bay.
- d. Suggestion to add policies and actions around performance space on the waterfront

4. NBE-4

- a. **Action 4.1.3** Recognize the role and jurisdiction of VSFC and reword this policy as needed..

Mobility, Transportation & Connectivity Chapter

5. MTC-1

- a. **Action 1.1.1** Suggest adding more active language to give tourism a boost and not just support it.
- b. **Action 1.1.2** Suggest modifying language to seek partnership and funding for use of water transportation as a mechanism to promote tourism.
- c. **Action 1.1.4:** Suggested edit: ~~“Request that regional transportation agencies provide~~ Vigorously pursue regional connections between the City’s bicycle and pedestrian network and regional facilities and destinations.”
- d. **Action 1.1.8** Suggest this action could be reworded to specifically reference wayfinding off the freeway gateways
- e. **Action 1.3.1** Suggest strengthening the wording of this policy. Not just request, but work to achieve results.
- f. **Policy 1.4** Suggest this needs additional actions to accommodate these activities while ensuring local resident health and safety
- g. **Action 1.1.6** Suggested edit: “Prioritize planning and seek funding to complete the San Francisco Bay Trail through Vallejo from the Zampa bridge in the South to the Napa Valley Vine Trail in the north. Pursue off-road alignment options.”
- h. Suggestion that air connections in regional connectivity actions or policies

6. MTC - 2

- a. **Action 2.1.7** Suggested edit: “Allow use of sidewalk space by adjacent businesses in locations with sufficient width for pedestrians and landscaping, street furniture, café tables, and displays as appropriate.”
- b. **Action 2.1.3** Suggested edit: “Update the Zoning Ordinance to require all transportation and/or development projects to demonstrate access and connectivity for all travel modes, including through features such as building facade design, shade tree planting, pedestrian scaled lighting, wayfinding, signage, transit shelters, safe and visible bicycle parking, functional bicycle racks, lockers, showers, and other amenities.”
- c. **Action 2.2.1** Suggested edit: “Coordinate with land and water based transit providers to maintain and expand services that are timely, cost-effective, and responsive to community travel patterns and needs.”

- d. **Action 2.2.2** Suggested edit: "Seek funding and partnerships to develop bus rapid transit, para-transit, neighborhood shuttle, pedi-cab, water transit, and other services."
 - e. **Action 2.3.4** Suggested edit: "Implement a "park once" strategy downtown and along the waterfront that encourages people to walk or use transit, shuttles, or other non-motorized modes of transportation between destinations in the downtown and central waterfront areas."
 - f. **Suggest adding new actions to:**
 - Provide new and expanded bicycle facilities on existing roadways
 - Explore opportunities for road diets and complete streets
 - Assess the need for calming traffic or managing traffic in the most appropriate way for individual intersections
 - Develop a bicycle and pedestrian master plan
 - Update the municipal code to limit or control a-frame signs
 - Prioritize roadway maintenance as a way to promote and improve cycling
 - Disseminate schedules and way finding to facilitate and promote the use of transit
7. MTC-3
- a. **Action 3.1.1** Suggested edit: "Plan and seek funding to close gaps in the sidewalk network and improve sidewalk conditions, including widening of substandard sidewalks and introduction of streets trees and lighting.:"
 - b. **Action 3.1.4** Suggested edit: "~~As resources allow, install improvements that~~ Close gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian networks between neighborhoods."
 - c. **New Action:** add action to promote safety and improve landscaping around pedestrian freeway crossing bridges
8. MTC-4
- a. **General comment:** Be more specific about which parts of the waterfront we are referring to with policies actions
 - b. **Action 4.1.2** Suggested edit: "Seek ~~private efforts~~ support to improve existing facilities and encourage private development to expand and maintain ~~construct and~~ provide public access to watercraft launch facilities."
 - c. **Suggestions for additional comments to include:**
 - Bicycle access to open space on the west side of mare island south of the causeway
 - Waterfront connections to Cal Maritime Academy
 - Public art plan and performance/exhibition spaces on the waterfront. Reiterate links to tourism.

9. General/Overall Comments

- a. Incorporate cross references and a glossary of terms into the Draft General Plan.
- b. Incorporate policies and actions that consider new technologies such as drone delivery and self-driving cars
- c. Collaborate with online services on Improving way-finding options in apps like Google maps (explore further)