

City Council

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Item #5 RTC 25-608

Action on a General Plan Amendment to Remove the Lawrence Station Phase II, Central Expressway, and De La Cruz Focus Areas

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Focus Area Removal



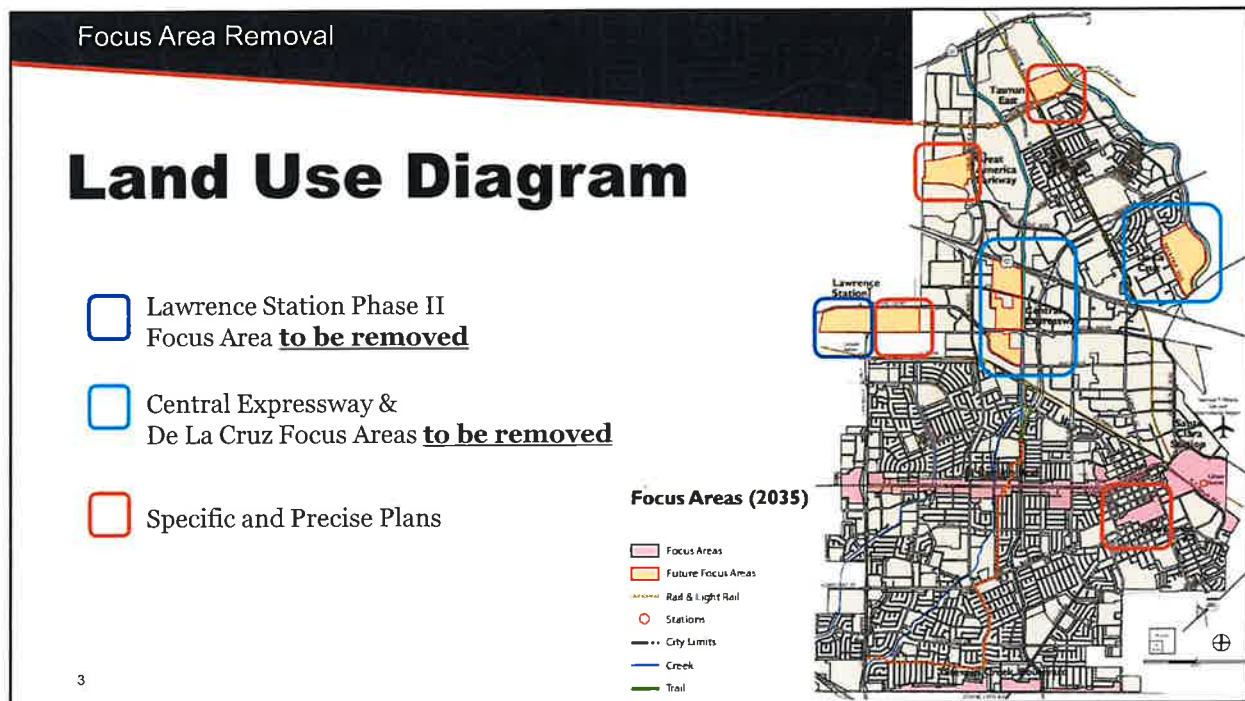
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Request

Action on a General Plan land use diagram and text Amendment to remove the following three Focus Areas:


- Lawrence Station Phase II (west of Lawrence Expressway),
- Central Expressway, and
- De La Cruz

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Purpose

- Reflect existing uses and realistic development patterns.
- Provide clear direction to property owners and developers that the City no longer intends for these areas to be developed with residential uses.
- Continue to apply the existing Heavy Industrial, Light Industrial, and Low Intensity Office Research & Development (R&D), land use designations consistent with existing uses.

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Lawrence Station Phase II

(West of Lawrence Expressway)

Zoning: LI – Light Industrial
General Plan: Light Industrial
Existing Uses: Manufacturing; Offices



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Central Expressway

Zoning: LI – Light Industrial; PD – Planned Development
General Plan: Light Industrial
Existing Uses: Data Centers; Offices





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De la Cruz

Zoning: LI – Light Industrial; HI – Heavy Industrial
General Plan: Light Industrial; Heavy Industrial
Existing Uses: Manufacturing; Warehouse; Offices

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Planning Commission Action

At a publicly noticed meeting on April 16, 2024, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposal and voted 4-3 to recommend that the Focus Areas not be removed and from the General Plan and that the item be forwarded to City Council with no recommendation.

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Public Outreach

- On March 20, 2023 - Community Meeting
 - 20 attended
 - Three spoke on affordable housing and transition of housing to Specific Plan areas.
- January 29, 2025 – Referral for tribal consultation per SB 18.
 - No consultation was requested.
- April 2, 2025 – Notice of public hearing mailed to property owners within 500 feet and published in The Weekly.
- Two callers and one email received requesting clarification of the amendment request.

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Environmental Review

- The City prepared an Addendum to the 2010-2035 General Plan Environmental Impact Report for the sixth Cycle (2023-2031) Housing Element, which considered the removal of the subject Focus Areas.
- And, at a public hearing on January 31, 2023, the City Council approved the Addendum with the adoption of Resolution No. 23-9188.

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Recommendation

Adopt a resolution amending the General Plan land use diagram to remove the Lawrence Station Phase II, Central Expressway, and De La Cruz Focus Areas and make associated text edits.