



Planning Commission

April 16, 2025

**Item #4:
General Plan Amendment
to Remove Focus Areas**

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Request

Recommendation to the City Council to approve the General Plan Amendment to remove the following three Focus Areas:

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









General Plan Amendment Scope

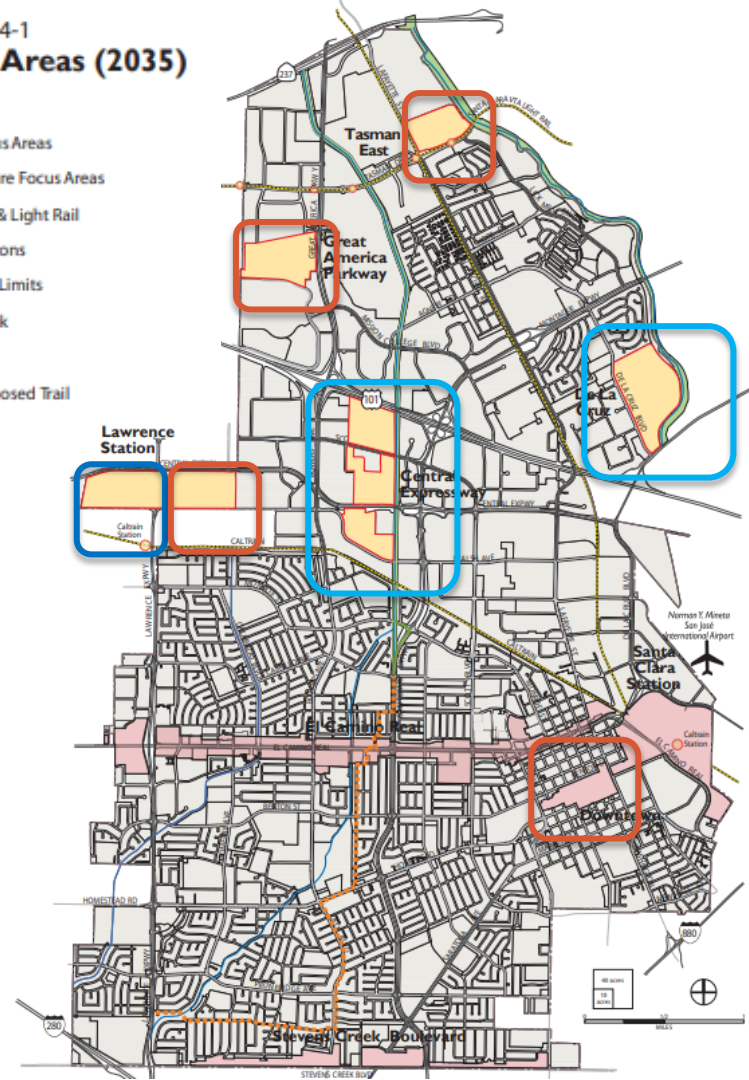
 Lawrence Station Phase II
Focus Area

 Central Expressway &
De La Cruz Future Focus
Areas

 Specific and Precise Plans

Figure 5.4-1
Focus Areas (2035)

-  Focus Areas
-  Future Focus Areas
-  Rail & Light Rail
-  Stations
-  City Limits
-  Creek
-  Trail
-  Proposed Trail



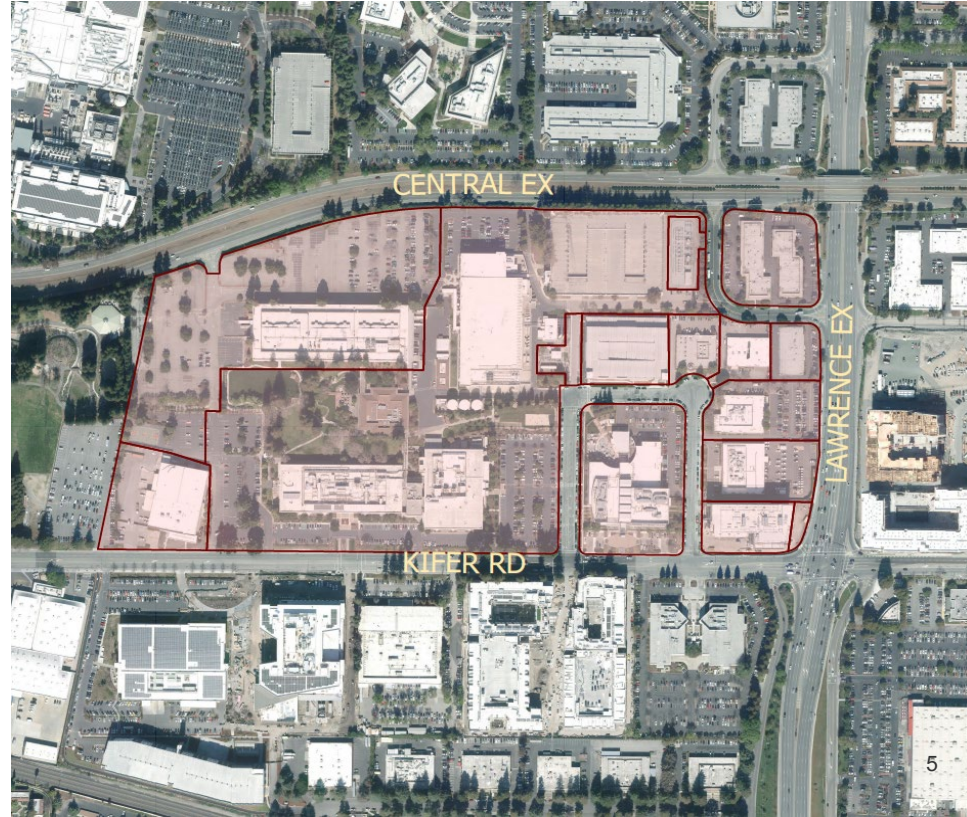


Purpose

- Land Use Transition
 - Housing has transitioned outside of the subject areas.
 - Maintaining existing industrial and office uses.
- State Laws requiring General Plan consistency
- Zoning Code Update
 - Ensure the zoning districts are consistent with the General Plan

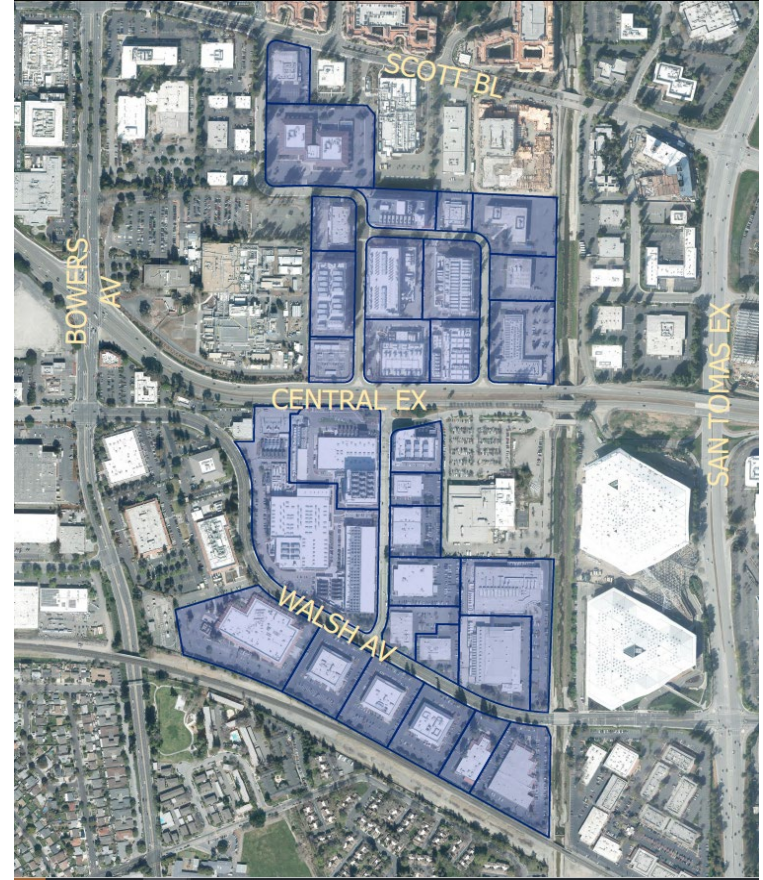
Lawrence Station Phase II Focus Area (West of Lawrence Expressway)

- **Zoning Districts:** LI – Light Industrial
- **General Plan:** Light Industrial
- **Existing Uses:** Manufacture and offices



Central Expressway Future Focus Area

- **Zoning Districts:** LI – Light Industrial and PD – Planned Development
- **General Plan:** Light Industrial
- **Existing Uses:** Data Centers and offices



De La Cruz Future Focus Area

- **Zoning Districts:** LI – Light Industrial and HI – Heavy Industrial
- **General Plan:** Light Industrial and Heavy Industrial
- **Existing Uses:** Manufacturing, warehouse and office





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
- April 2, 2025 – Notice of public hearing mailed to property owners within 500 feet and published in The Weekly.
 - Two callers and one email requesting clarification of the amendment.



CEQA Evaluation

January 31, 2023 - City Council approved an Addendum to the 2010-2035 General Plan Environmental Impact Report for the sixth Cycle (2023-2031) Housing Element, which considered the removal of three subject areas.



Recommendation

- 1) **Adopt a Resolution** to Recommend the City Council Amend the General Plan to remove the Lawrence Station Phase II Focus Area, Central Expressway and De La Cruz Future Focus Areas and make associated text edits.



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