

## **FAQs about Costa Mesa's General Plan Update**

### **What is the Costa Mesa General Plan?**

The General Plan is a state-mandated planning document that acts as the city's Constitution for development decisions. It expresses the community's development goals and incorporates public policies for future public and private land use to achieve those objectives.

The seven state-mandated elements of the General Plan are land use, circulation (traffic), housing, conservation, open space, noise and safety. The General Plan is designed to address the anticipated issues facing the city for the next 15 to 25 years.

### **Why is an update to Costa Mesa's General Plan needed?**

Costa Mesa is updating portions of the General Plan to meet the changing housing, environmental, economic and growth needs of the city and its residents. Most importantly it is being updated to incorporate the community's vision for the future.

### **What input is the city looking for?**

At its heart, the General Plan represents the community's vision for the future of Costa Mesa. The city is looking for the public to identify planning issues, opportunities and challenges; assess the current state of development and anticipate future trends; and provide guidance to the city departments and decision-makers in the planning and evaluation of future decisions.

The community's vision for the future will be a series of options on how to update the General Plan and ultimately a preferred alternative.

### **How can people get involved?**

Residents and other Costa Mesa stakeholders are encouraged to participate any of a series of public meetings devoted to the General Plan update. Please see the schedule of meetings below.

You can also gather more information on the city's website ([www.costamesaca.gov/generalplan](http://www.costamesaca.gov/generalplan)) and submit comments there.

### **When are the public meetings on the General Plan update?**

- **Tuesday, July 23:** General Plan Visioning Workshop, 7 to 8 p.m., City of Costa Mesa Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 99 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 21:** General Plan Land Use Alternative workshop, 6 to 7:30 p.m., City of Costa Mesa Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 99 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18:** General Plan Circulation Element Workshop, 6 to 7:30 p.m., City of Costa Mesa Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 99 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16:** General Plan Circulation Element Workshop, 6 to 7:30 p.m., City of Costa Mesa Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 99 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 20:** General Plan Preferred Alternatives Workshop, 6 to 7:30 p.m., City of Costa Mesa Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 99 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 18:** General Plan Policy Review Workshop, 6 to 7:30 p.m., City of Costa Mesa Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 99 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.

**Where can I get more information?**

You may contact the Planning Division at (714) 754-5245.