

(GPA22-001) Circulation & Mobility, and Economic Development Elements
(GPA22-002) Public Safety Element
(GPA 22-003) Introduction Chapter Update

Adoption of a CEQA Addendum to the General Plan EIR
Adoption of Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines, and Master Plan of
Arterial Highway (MPAH) Designations

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City Council | October 7, 2025

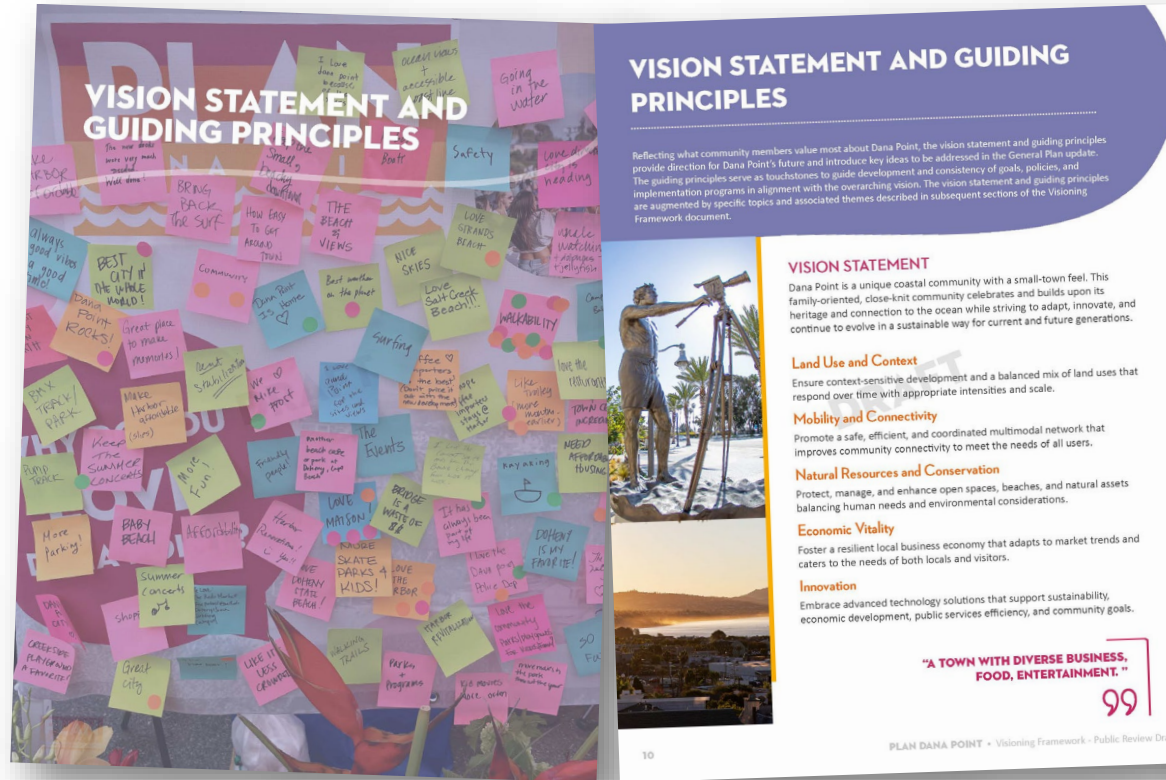
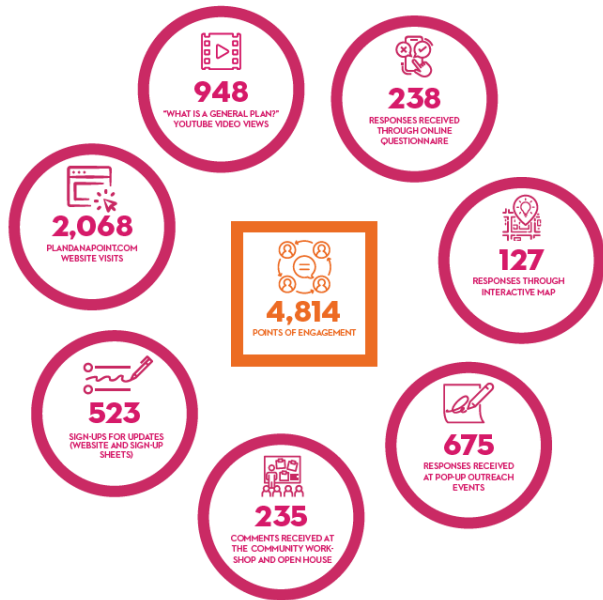
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General Plan Timeline



Phase 1: Visioning Framework (2022-2023)



Current Elements & Topics

Phase 2 Topics

- Land Use
- Econ Devt.
- Circulation
- Public Safety



**CONSERVATION/
OPEN SPACE**

1991



**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

1991



NOISE

1991



**PUBLIC
FACILITIES/
GROWTH
MANAGEMENT**

1991



CIRCULATION

1995



**URBAN
DESIGN**

1995



LAND USE

1999



HOUSING

2022



**PUBLIC
SAFETY**

2022



**State-Required
Elements**



**Optional
Elements**



**Recently
Updated**



**Certified Land Use Plan of the
City's Local Coastal Program**

Environmental Justice is only a mandatory element for jurisdictions with disadvantaged communities. Dana Point does not contain any such communities.

Dana Point GPAC



Jamey Federico, *Council Member, City Council*

Matt Pagano, *Mayor, City Council (Alt)*

Eric Nelson, *Chair, Planning Commission*

Jennifer Rosales, *Traffic Imp Subcommittee*

John Hatch, *Traffic Imp Subcommittee (Alt)*

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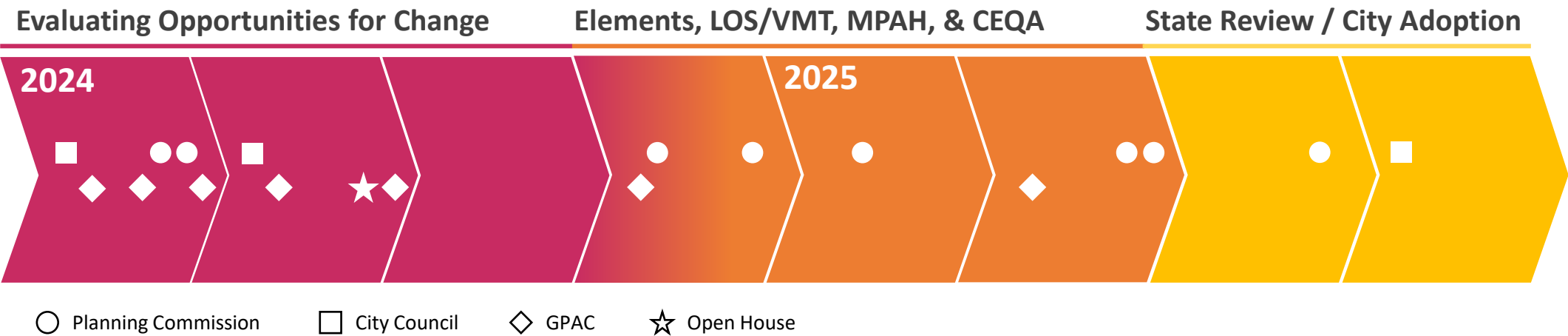
Naomi Hawkes, *Youth Board Member (Alt)*

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Catrina Crawford, *At-Large*

Phase 2 Timeline



2024
2025

GPAC Meetings

January 23
February 27
March 26

April 30
June 25
October 16

PC/CC Meetings

January 14
March 11
March 25

April 16
October 28
December 9

February 4
June 9
June 23

Sept 8
Oct 7

Open House

Open House | June 5
Virtual Open House | June-August

Phase 2 Objectives

- Evaluate changes in land use, economics, circulation, and safety
- Apply Phase 1 Vision Statement and Guiding Principles
- Continue engagement with Dana Point community
- Update Element format to be simpler and more accessible
 - Streamlined and concise content
 - Web-based format to be aligned with City's new website (forthcoming)

Final GPAC Land Use Recommendations

- No recommendations to update land use map
- Currently adopted land use goals and policies are still appropriate
- Certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) includes the Land Use, Urban Design, and Open Space / Conservation elements
- Without changes to the Land Use Element, a Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment would not be necessary
- Defer Land Use Element update (and LCP amendment) until clearer vision / plan for PCH Capo Beach and/or Monarch Bay Plaza is brought forward

Economic Development Element

- Current element drafted at time of City incorporation
- With City maturing, focus shifts to managing and improving what exists, while allowing growth in sectors that align with City's vision
- Provide guidance to maintain the City as a premier destination, enhance quality of life, and enable new development options while preserving commercial assets
- Provide high-level guidance on economic development policies and leverage City's Strategic Plan for implementation and strategy

Economic Development Element

Policy 1.2

Invest in the City's economic development program to maintain and enhance the attractiveness of Dana Point for private investment that leads to the retention and expansion of existing businesses, attraction of businesses from elsewhere, and the fostering of business startups. Support and attract local entrepreneurs that work remotely and live in Dana Point.

Action ED-A1.1

Action: Conduct an economic and market analysis of the City's local economy.

Timeframe: Following completion of Harbor renovation

New Development Options: Monarch Bay Plaza





New Development Options: Coast Highway

Circulation & Mobility Element

- Expand mobility options through NEVs, e-bikes, and other micromobility and non-motorized methods while applying local and state regulations to maximize the safety and comfort of all users in public spaces
- Implement a Safe Systems Approach into roadway design and identify Priority Safety Corridors
- Coordinate with OCTA to provide efficient and convenient regional and local bus service, including options to fund expansions in the frequency and duration of trolley service

Circulation & Mobility Element

Policy 2.1

Include improvements in the Capital Improvement Program to complete the gaps in the City's pedestrian and bicycle networks, prioritizing areas with high pedestrian and/or bicycle traffic and those that expand public access to the shoreline.

Action ED-A2.1

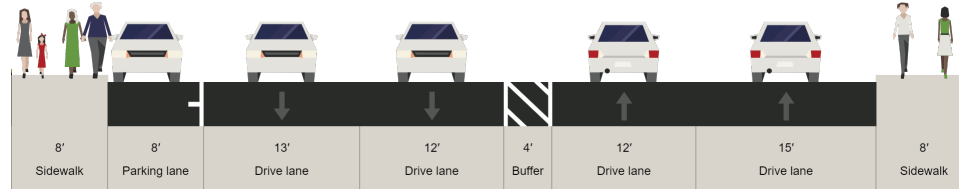
Action: *Evaluate feasibility of bicycle network gap recommendations. Study feasibility and variations of bike network improvements along Stonehill Drive, Dana Point Harbor Drive, and a portion of Del Prado.*

Timeframe: 2025-2030

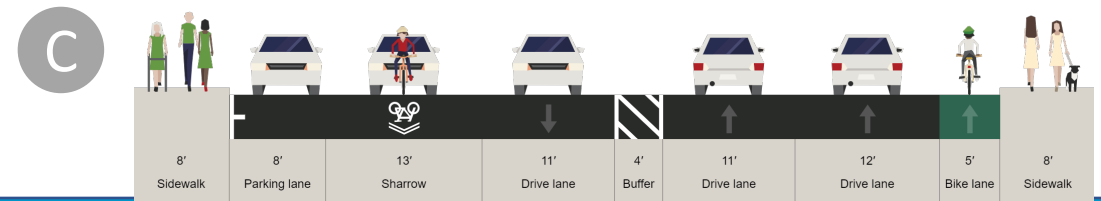
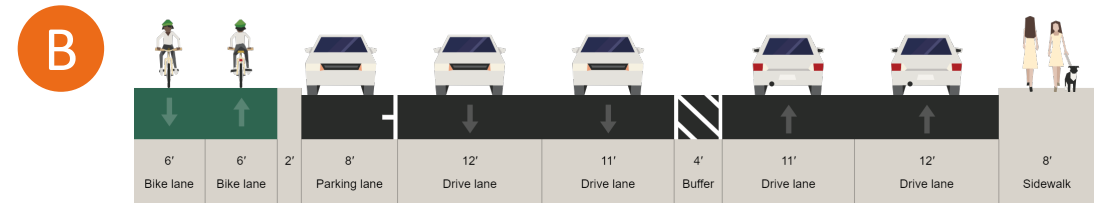
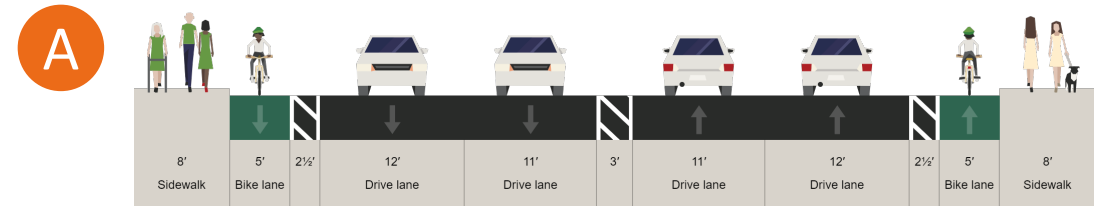
Options to Expand Bikeway Network

Stonehill (Blue Lantern to Del Obispo)

- Concepts A & B received similar support at open house/outreach
- City staff will evaluate viability of each concept along entire stretch



EXISTING



LOS & VMT Guidelines

- Establish criteria for when and how transportation analysis is conducted for proposed development
- Criteria to maintain City's desired level of service (LOS) that sets maximize level of congestion acceptable on roadways/at intersections
- Additional criteria to evaluate land use and transportation efficiency (vehicle miles traveled or VMT) for proposed projects subject to CEQA, including General Plan amendments

MPAH Amendment

- Align City's General Plan and OCTA's Master Plan of Arterial Highways
- Ensure OCTA does not over-project future traffic volumes in regional transportation model
- Maintain current roadway widths and road diet projects (Selva, PCH)
- OCTA Board meeting Fall 2025

Proposed Roadway Designations

All requested designation reflect current conditions except:

1. Del Prado Avenue (Golden Lantern to PCH East)
2. Camino De Estrella (Camino Capistrano to City Limit)

Remove Dana Point Harbor Drive west of Golden Lantern (no regional connectivity)

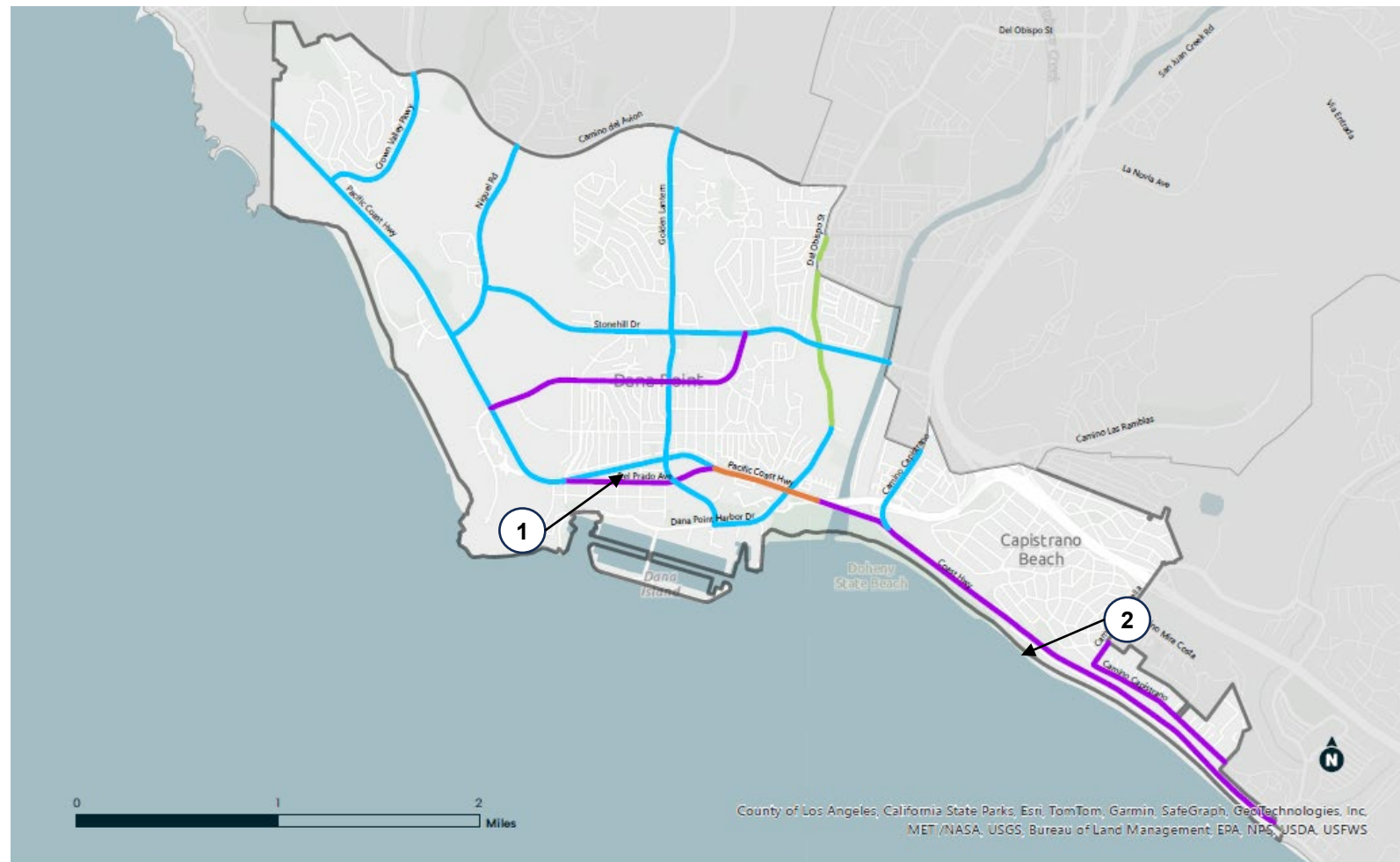


FIGURE 2

Proposed MPAH Designations

Public Safety Element

- Update hazard maps and policies to reflect best available data from regional, state, and federal agencies
- Model evacuation scenarios to better inform planning and response strategies in the City's Emergency Operations Plan
- Ensure continued eligibility for state and federal disaster relief funds

Evacuation Scenarios

- Build off hazards in the LHMP and City Staff discussions
- Scenario 1: Flooding
- Scenario 2: Earthquake/Tsunami/Liquefaction/Hazardous Materials Release
- Scenario 3: Wildfire

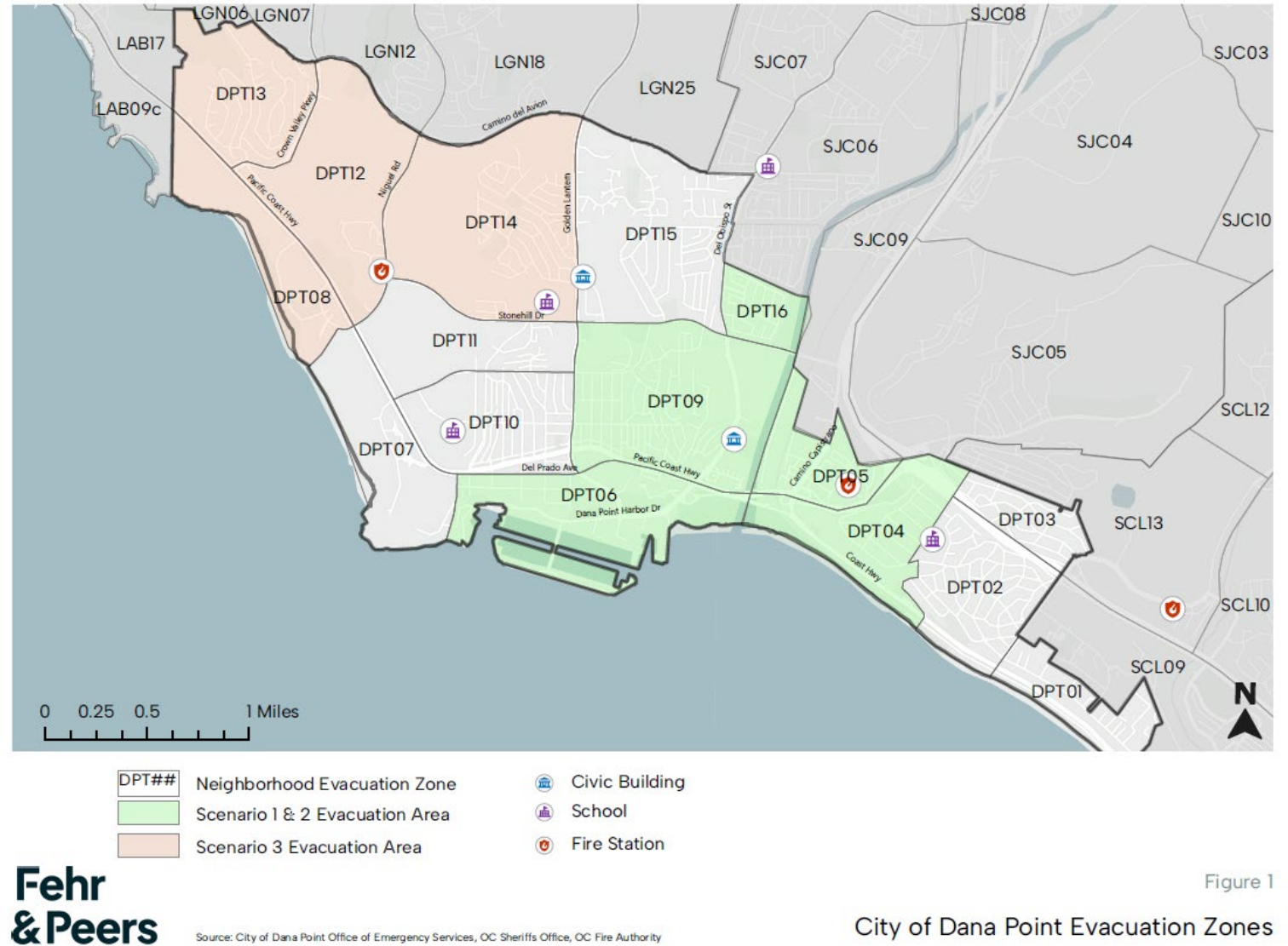


Figure 1

City of Dana Point Evacuation Zones

Public Safety Element

Policy 6.15

Prioritize routine maintenance and capital improvements along designated evacuation routes to ensure ongoing accessibility and serviceability during emergencies. Address pavement conditions, signage, drainage, and vegetation management as part of regular upkeep.

Action PS-A11.2

Action: *Evacuation traffic management procedures. Update traffic management strategies based on the results of the 747 Evacuation Analysis, such as refinements to on-call contracting support for emergency response and typical operating procedures at major intersections and locations that can be deployed on-the-fly.*

Timeframe: *Ongoing*

CEQA: Addendum to the 1991 GP EIR

- Analyzes potential impacts brought about by the proposed revisions in the Phase 2 General Plan Update and associated implementation
- Analysis indicates that none of the proposed updates or implementation actions would create new, or exacerbate previously identified, significant environmental impacts



RECOMMENDATIONS PHASE 2 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE



Recommend City Council Adopt:

- (1) “A resolution of the city council of the city of Dana Point, California, approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-0001 updating the City’s Circulation and Mobility, and Economic Development Elements,” in their entirety.
- (2) “A resolution of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-0002 updating the City’s Public Safety Element,” in its entirety.
- (3) “A resolution of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-0003 updating the Introduction chapter of the General Plan,” in its entirety.

Recommend City Council Adopt:

- (4) “A resolution of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California adopting Transportation Impact Analysis Guidelines for both CEQA and Non-CEQA assessment within the City of Dana Point”.
- (5) “A resolution of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, approving amendments to Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) designations”.
- (6) “A resolution of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, approving a CEQA Addendum to the City’s certified General Plan EIR for amendments to the Circulation and Mobility, Economic Development, Public Safety Elements, and Introduction chapter of the City’s General Plan”.

Questions?

