



# GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

## LAND USE & CIRCULATION 2021



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

A General Plan can be described as the “blueprint” for the community’s vision of future growth. California state law requires that each city adopt a general plan addressing seven mandatory components or “elements”: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, and Open Space, Noise and Safety. In addition, Buellton’s current General Plan includes additional elements for Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, and Public Facilities and Services.

#### WHAT IS COVERED IN THE LAND USE ELEMENT?

The Land Use Element designates the general location and intensity of housing, businesses, industry, open space, educational facilities, public buildings, waste disposal facilities and other land uses. It helps guide future development and preserves environmental resources.

#### WHAT IS COVERED IN THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT?

The Circulation Element includes goals and policies relating to how people, products and visitors move around Buellton. This includes transportation infrastructure for cars, bicycles and pedestrians, as well as public transportation such as buses and shuttles.

#### WHY ARE WE UPDATING THE LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENTS?

The last time these elements were updated was in 2007 and we want to reflect any changes that have happened since then. Beyond that, we want to identify the best uses for vacant and underutilized properties in Buellton. We also want to establish relevant long-term improvements to our circulation system, especially for Highway 246.

#### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Check out the “Get Involved” tab on this website for all the ways you can participate and to view notices for upcoming workshops and public hearing.

#### HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UPDATE?

Check out the “About the Project” tab on this website to find out more information.