



Long Range Planning Services

City of Scottsdale
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Project Narrative – Non-Major General Plan Amendment Non-Major Amendment to City of Scottsdale General Plan 2001 Case 5-GP-2019 / 665-PA-2019

Non-major amendment request to the Scottsdale General Plan 2001 to add State Statute required content.

INTRODUCTION

The General Plan is a legal document that establishes Scottsdale’s vision and goals for growth, development, design character, economic vitality, tourism, mobility and a variety of other aspects important to the community. The goals and policies are implemented through private sector actions, city boards and commissions recommendations, and decisions made by City Council. The current Scottsdale General Plan was adopted in 2001 and ratified by the voters in 2002. Per State Statute, the city is required to update and ratify the General Plan every ten (10) years. Previous efforts to update the Plan in Scottsdale have either failed to be ratified by public vote (2011 effort) or were not considered for adoption by City Council (2035 effort); thus, the 2001 General Plan remains in effect until the city adopts and ratifies a new General Plan.

STATE STATUTE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE

Since the 2001 General Plan adoption, there have been two state statute changes regarding the requirements municipalities must have as part of their adopted General Plan. These requirements include:

- Two new elements – an Energy Element and a Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Element; and,
- Information regarding the identification of known sources of mining aggregates (e.g. sand, gravel) and how to locate them.

Staff reviewed the entire Scottsdale General Plan 2001 to determine all content updates that would need to be made, to bring the Scottsdale General Plan up to existing community conditions. During this review, staff decided that it would be less confusing and more direct to make the following changes to comply with state statutes:

- Add the Draft General Plan 2035 Task Force created Energy Element;
- Delete the existing Neighborhoods Element and add the Draft General Plan 2035 Task Force created Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization and the Conservation, Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Elements;
- Add the Draft General Plan 2035 Task Force created Bicycle Element;
- Add the state required aggregates information; and,
- Update all maps, graphics, demographics and other such information to bring the City of Scottsdale General Plan 2001 up to existing community conditions.

This application (Case 5-GP-2019) is intended to ensure Scottsdale’s 2001 General Plan is compliant with state statutes, specific to the items outlined above. A future initiative to provide a more comprehensive update will be done by separate process and application.