



## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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To the Honorable City Council  
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

#### 1. **General Plan Implementation Program – Upcoming Specific Plan Meetings:**

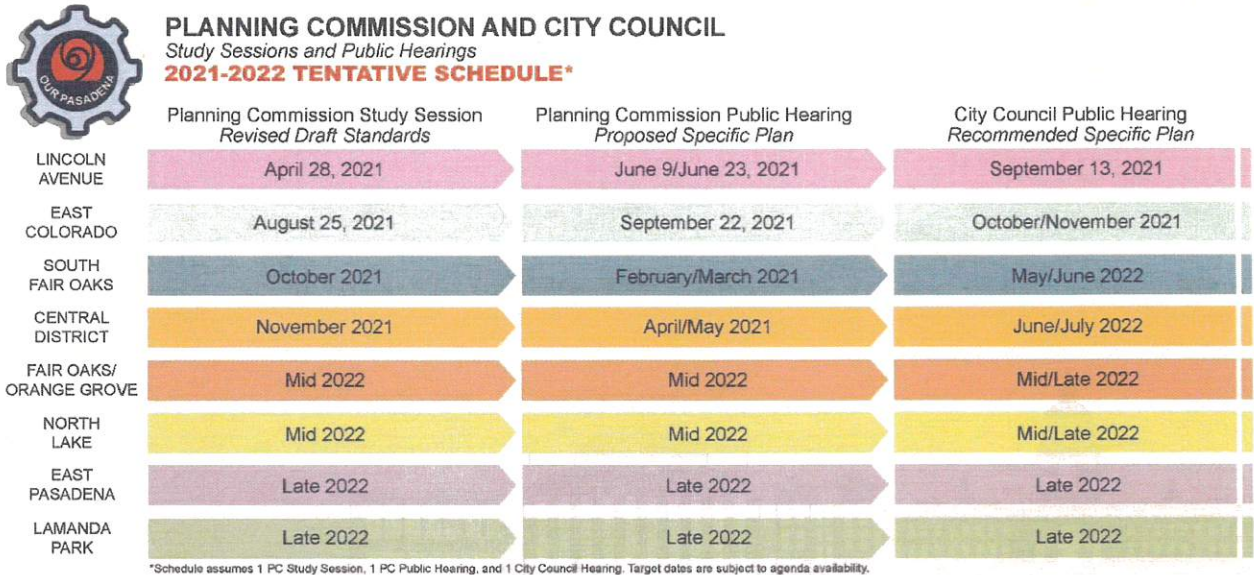
David M. Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development Department reports that since 2018, the Planning and Community Development Department has been working on implementing the General Plan Land Use Element by updating the City's Specific Plans. This program has consisted of numerous public outreach efforts, including open houses, three rounds of community workshops, walking tours, stakeholder meetings, and other outreach strategies for each of the eight Specific Plans that are being updated. In addition to the public outreach efforts, department staff has presented drafts of the Specific Plan updates to the Design and Northwest Commissions, and has coordinated efforts with staff from various departments, including Economic Development, Transportation, and Public Works. The program has now entered the adoption phase, where each draft Specific Plan Update must be reviewed by the Planning Commission for a recommendation, and ultimately brought forth to the City Council for consideration and final approval. The process is expected to include at least two meetings with the Planning Commission – one study session and one public hearing for a formal recommendation – followed by a public hearing with the City Council. The following provides a brief summary of recent progress on these adoption meetings, as well as a tentative schedule for the remainder of the Specific Plan updates.

The Planning Commission held a study session on the draft Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan Update on April 28, 2021, where staff received feedback and questions from Commissioners and members of the public. Subsequently, a public hearing was scheduled for June 9, 2021; however, no action was taken at that time other than staff receiving additional public comment on the proposed plan. The public hearing was continued to June 23, 2021, where the Planning Commission reviewed revisions in response to the feedback received, and ultimately voted to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan Update.

The East Colorado Specific Plan Update is the next plan that is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. A study session is currently scheduled for the August 25, 2021 Planning Commission meeting, where staff will present various components of the draft plan and take feedback from the Commission and members of the public. Following the study session, a public hearing is anticipated to be scheduled for September 22, 2021 for a formal recommendation by the Planning Commission on the proposed East Colorado Specific Plan Update.

The Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan Update is anticipated to be scheduled for a public hearing at the September 13, 2021 City Council meeting. Staff will present the Specific Plan update, share the Planning Commission’s recommendation, and request that the City Council consider approval of the recommended Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan Update and related CEQA documentation.

The following graphic provides the tentative schedule for all eight Specific Plan update meetings, including study sessions and public hearings with the Planning Commission, as well as public hearings with the City Council:



Respectfully Submitted,

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