

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[General Plan Amendments - Glen Park Area Plan]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco General Plan by adding the Glen Park Area Plan; and making findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The General Plan of the City and County of San Francisco is a planning document that sets a strategic and long term vision for the City. State law requires that the General Plan address seven issues: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise and safety. In addition, a general plan can also contain area plans, which cover specific geographic areas of a city. In San Francisco, area plans have been adopted for Balboa Park Station, Bayview Hunters Point, Central Waterfront, Chinatown, Civic Center, Downtown, East Soma (South of Market), Hunters Point Shipyard, Market and Octavia, Mission, Northeastern Waterfront, Rincon Hill, Showplace Square/Potrero, South of Market, Van Ness Avenue and Western Shoreline. In these area plans the more general policies in the General Plan elements are made more precise as they relate to specific parts of the city.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance adds the new Glen Park Area Plan ("Area Plan") to the General Plan. The Area Plan presents a vision and a set of objectives and policies that recognize Glen Park's unique character and seek to enhance the neighborhood's special quality and function. The policies generally seek to protect and reinforce the character of the neighborhood commercial district, resolve challenges caused by the area's massive vehicle infrastructure, enhance pedestrian and transit movement, improve the area's mix of open spaces, and restore connections to Glen Canyon Park and surrounding neighborhoods. The Area Plan recommends modifications to the neighborhood commercial zoning to support a transit-oriented commercial district (Glen Park NCT District), identifies streetscape and pedestrian amenities, suggests open space opportunities and encourages review of future development for compatibility with the neighborhood's scale and distinctive character.

The Area Plan is bounded generally by Chenery Street to the north; Roanoke Street to the east; San Jose Avenue and Bosworth Street to the south; and Elk Street and Glen Canyon Park to the west. It contains the popular Glen Park neighborhood commercial

district (“village”) located on Diamond and Chenery Streets as well as the Glen Park BART Station.

The legislation also makes findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan, as proposed for amendment, and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Background Information

The Area Plan represents the culmination of a community planning process that began in 2002 to create a vision for the Glen Park neighborhood. The Area Plan supports the General Plan’s policies of creating walkable, transit-oriented neighborhoods with vibrant neighborhood commercial areas, nearby public open spaces and an engaging public realm.