

**CITY OF SAN MATEO
PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. [REDACTED] (2020)**

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
TO REVISE THE LAND USE, CIRCULATION AND HOUSING ELEMENTS, AND
ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR
THE 2020 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the General Plan of the City of San Mateo is a document which reflects current policies of the City and which must therefore be changed from time to time to reflect refinements of policy and acknowledge new proposals; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the State approved Assembly Bill 32 which established a statewide green-house gas (GHG) emissions reduction target of 15% below 2005 levels by 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of San Mateo adopted its first Climate Action Plan (2015 CAP) which provides a comprehensive strategy to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in San Mateo, and identifies measures and implementation strategies to achieve the GHG reduction targets, and streamlines the environmental review of GHG emissions of future development projects in the City of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 CAP demonstrates the City's consistency with AB 32, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183.5(b) in that the CAP identifies reduction measures and implementation strategies the City will use to achieve the State-recommended GHG emissions reduction target and also establishes a clear path for future and continued emissions reductions beyond 2020; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2015 CAP included amendments to the City's General Plan Land Use, Circulation, Housing and Urban Design Elements; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2015 CAP included an Addendum (Addendum No. 1) to the General Plan's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 to address the potential for changes to the anticipated environmental impacts analyzed in the adopted Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the State adopted Senate Bill 32 which established a revised statewide GHG emissions reduction target of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 CAP demonstrates the City's consistency with SB 32 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5(b) in that the CAP identifies reduction measures and implementation strategies the City will use to achieve the State-recommended GHG emissions reduction target of 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and it also establishes a clear path for future and continued emissions reductions beyond 2030; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2020 CAP will require amendments to the General Plan's Land Use, Circulation, and Housing Elements; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum No. 2 to the General Plan EIR was prepared to address the potential for changes to the anticipated environmental impacts analyzed in the EIR and Addendum No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 CAP was developed with community input at workshops and meetings; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission (SIC), the key advisory body for the CAP, recommended the Draft 2020 CAP be brought to the City Council for review; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020, the City Council reviewed the Draft 2020 CAP and provided direction on the overall documents and approach, and directed staff to bring the associated General Plan Amendment and General Plan EIR Addendum to the Planning Commission for review; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA RESOLVES that:

1. The Planning Commission has reviewed Addendum No. 2 to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report and found it adequately describes the potential for minor changes to the anticipated environmental impacts analyzed in the EIR and Addendum No. 1.
2. The Planning Commission has held a public hearing for the amendment of the General Plan Amendment to the Land Use, Circulation and Housing Elements in accordance with government code section 65350 et. seq.
3. The Planning Commission recommends to the City Council, by at least a majority of its members, the following:
 - a. Adoption of the Amendment to the City of San Mateo General Plan which is attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.
 - b. Adoption of the General Plan Environmental Impact Report Addendum No. 2, which is attached as Exhibit B to this Resolution;

RESOLUTION NO. [REDACTED] (2020) adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of San Mateo, California, at a regular meeting held on February 11, 2020, by the following vote of the Planning Commission:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

City of San Mateo Planning Commission

Exhibits:

- A. Amendments to the City of San Mateo General Plan
 - i. Land Use Element
 - ii. Circulation Element
 - iii. Housing Element
- B. General Plan Environmental Impact Report Addendum No. 2