



# City of Carpinteria

MAY 7, 2026

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
AND NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING  
(held in-person and virtually) MAY 18, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.**

**COASTAL LAND USE PLAN/GENERAL PLAN (CLUP/GP) UPDATE  
PROJECT NO. 16-1810-GPA/LCPA**

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE AND SCOPING MEETING:** This Notice of Preparation (“NOP”) is being issued by the City of Carpinteria (“City”) for the above-referenced project (“Project”). The purpose of the NOP is to advise the public and Responsible Agencies that a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (“PEIR”) is being prepared to study the environmental impacts of the Project and to provide the opportunity for comment on the anticipated range of issues to be studied within the PEIR.

The City is the lead agency for the Project and has determined that a PEIR in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations) will be prepared for the Project. The City is seeking input on the scope of topics to be addressed within the PEIR. The topics to be analyzed within the PEIR are outlined in the Section below entitled “**PEIR Scope of Analysis**”. This NOP is being circulated pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21092(b) and Section 15082(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”), is being provided for thirty (30) days. The NOP period is expected to commence on May 7, 2026, and will conclude on June 5, 2026.

In addition, an in-person and virtual scoping meeting will be held on May 18, 2026, at Carpinteria City Hall located at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013 at 5:30 p.m. as indicated below.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Under Government Code §65300, all cities and counties must adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of their jurisdiction, and any other land area outside of the jurisdiction that bears relation to its planning. Because the City lies entirely within the Coastal Zone, the CLUP is combined with the General Plan as the primary planning policy document for the City. The California Office

of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) recommends local jurisdictions periodically update their general plans to reflect changes in community characteristics, challenges, values, and planning priorities. Accordingly, the City is proposing a comprehensive update to the 2003 General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan to maintain compliance with the California Coastal Act and California general planning guidance, reflect current community goals and priorities, integrate sea level rise adaptation planning considerations and current hazard mitigation planning, ensure consistency with the City's certified Housing Element, address new State laws enacted since preparation of the 2003 General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan, and modernize the document for accessibility and readability.

The proposed Project consists of the adoption and implementation of the updated CLUP/GP, which will guide development and activity toward the City's vision of high quality of life, small beach town character, and natural resource preservation through the identification of issue areas, objectives, policies, and implementation measures over the next 20 years or more. The Zoning Code would also be amended to ensure consistency with the CLUP/GP. The proposed CLUP/GP will include updates to the following existing elements that address mandatory and optional Elements consistent with State law: (1) Land Use Element; (2) Community Design Element; (3) Circulation Element; (4) Open Space & Conservation Element; (5) Safety Element; (6) Noise Element; and (7) Public Facilities & Services Element. The updated CLUP/GP also includes two new elements - the Coastal Resiliency Element and the Healthy Community Element. The Coastal Resiliency Element addresses coastal hazards and the projected effects of sea level rise on the City. The Healthy Community Element addresses health-related topics such as nutrition/food access, medical and health care services, active transportation, and air quality. Further, the City's 2023-2031 Housing Element was certified in January 2025. The CLUP/GP has been updated to ensure consistency with the certified Housing Element; however, no additional updates to the Housing Element are proposed as part of the CLUP/GP Update.

A key component of the CLUP/GP is an updated Land Use Designation map, which indicates the intended use of each parcel of land and depicts the organization and design of the City that will support changes in economic conditions and community development over the long term. Each land use designation is subject to policies and standards for the designation, including limits to allowed density and intensity. The updated Land Use Designation map is provided as Attachment 1.

To view the Draft CLUP/GP and related information, please visit the City's webpage at: <https://carpinteriaca.gov/city-hall/community-development/planning/general-plan-local-coastal-plan-update/>.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15124(b) states that an EIR's description of the project must include a statement of the objectives sought by the proposed project to help the lead agency develop a reasonable range of alternatives to evaluate in the EIR and aid the decision makers in preparing findings or a statement of overriding considerations, if necessary. The preliminary objectives of the Project are as follows:

1. Preserve the City's small beach town character and high quality of life for residents and visitors, while supporting economic vitality, enhancing recreational and housing opportunities, and protecting coastal and natural resources.
2. Ensure that future development is compatible with community-wide design principles, neighborhood context, and applicable planning subareas.
3. Maintain and enhance a multimodal transportation system that improves community-wide mobility, supports walking, bicycling, and transit use, promotes safety and accessibility, reduces vehicle miles traveled and reliance on single-occupant vehicles, and improves circulation and traffic flow.
4. Protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources, sensitive habitats, and open space areas to support biodiversity, scenic values, and environmental sustainability.
5. Minimize risks to public safety and reduce the loss of life, property, and economic and social disruption resulting from natural and human-induced hazards.
6. Ensure that new and intensified development is compatible with existing land uses by minimizing exposure to excessive noise from mobile and stationary sources.
7. Provide and maintain a high-quality, reliable, and equitable system of public services, facilities, and utilities sufficient to meet current and future community needs.
8. Promote a healthy, clean, and inclusive community that supports active living and healthy lifestyles; provides equitable access to parks, trails, open spaces, and beaches; ensures access to healthcare and community services; and fosters overall physical, mental, and social well-being.
9. Reduce risks to life and property while enhancing community and ecosystem resilience to sea level rise, coastal hazards, and climate change impacts.
10. Accommodate a reasonable share of projected regional population and housing growth in a manner that is environmentally responsible, economically viable, and consistent with community values.
11. Recognize and balance community and stakeholder interests through transparent public engagement and collaborative planning processes that strive for broad-based understanding and consensus.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The City is a distinctive coastal community located on the south coast of Santa Barbara County, adjacent to Ventura County, approximately 7 miles southeast of the City of Santa Barbara and 16 miles northwest of the City of Ventura along U.S. Highway 101. The City encompasses approximately 2.6 square miles of generally level land and is comprised of suburban residential neighborhoods, small- to medium-scale commercial and light industrial development, developed public parks and natural open space, and some limited agricultural uses. The Draft CLUP/GP encompasses the entirety of the City of Carpinteria and its Sphere of Influence. The CLUP/GP Update does not currently propose any modifications to the existing City boundary or Sphere of Influence.

**PEIR SCOPE OF ANALYSIS:** As the Lead Agency, the City will prepare a PEIR to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Project. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, a PEIR may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related in connection with the issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program, such as the proposed Project. The following topics will be evaluated in the PEIR:

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials (including Coastal Hazards)
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15130, the PEIR will assess the significant cumulative impacts to which the Project may make a “cumulatively considerable” contribution. Further, the PEIR will include a section that addresses other issues for which CEQA Guidelines Section 15126 requires analysis beyond the environmental topical areas described above. In this section, the PEIR will analyze the Project’s additional possible impacts, including growth inducement and significant irreversible environmental change. Effects found not to be significant also will be summarized and likely will include topical areas such as forest resources and mineral resources that are determined not to be affected by the implementation of the proposed Project, due to the lack of presence of such resources within the City.

**PROJECT ALTERNATIVES:** The PEIR will describe a reasonable range of alternatives to the Project that would feasibly attain most of the basic objectives of the Project but would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the Project, as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6. The alternatives discussion in the PEIR will include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison with the Project. The PEIR will programmatically describe the major characteristics and significant environmental effects of each alternative and will also include a brief discussion of each alternative considered but rejected from further analysis in the PEIR (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6).

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING:** The City will conduct an in-person and virtual public scoping meeting to solicit comments regarding the list of topics to be studied within the PEIR. The Scoping Meeting has been scheduled as follows:

**MEETING DATE AND TIME:** May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Carpinteria City Hall – Council Chambers  
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

**VIRTUAL LINK:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84177087240>

NOTE: The Scoping Meeting on May 18, 2026, is to answer clarifying questions and receive public comments. It is not a decision-maker meeting.

Interested people are encouraged to provide public comments during the meeting in-person or virtually through the Zoom teleconference, by following the instructions listed below. Written comments may be submitted prior to the close of the public comment period by e-mailing [GPUUpdate@CarpinteriaCA.gov](mailto:GPUUpdate@CarpinteriaCA.gov).

**TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM:**

- Join the meeting using the link below.
- You must have audio and microphone capabilities on the device you are using to participate in the meeting.
- When you join the meeting make sure that you join the meeting with audio and follow the prompts to test your speakers and microphone prior to joining the meeting.

**TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM USING ZOOM:**

- Staff will first give a presentation.
- Click on the Raise Hand icon if you would like to speak.
- Staff will call your name when it's your turn to speak.
- When your name is called, you will be prompted to unmute yourself.
- When your time is up, you will be muted.

**JOIN THE ZOOM TELECONFERENCE AT:**

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84177087240>  
Webinar ID: 841 7708 7240  
Join via audio: +16694449171,,84177087240#

**ACCESSIBILITY:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Development Department by email at [lorenae@carpinteriaca.gov](mailto:lorenae@carpinteriaca.gov) or by phone at (805) 755-4410 or through the California Relay Service at (866) 735-2929. Notification two business days prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements for accessibility to this meeting.

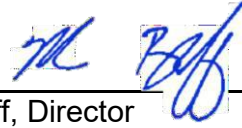
**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ALTERNATIVES:** Submit your comments via email at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please submit your comments to [GPUUpdate@CarpinteriaCA.gov](mailto:GPUUpdate@CarpinteriaCA.gov). Your comments will be placed into the record and reviewed by staff.

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The public comment period begins on May 7, 2026, and ends on June 5, 2026 (30 days). Please submit written public comments **by 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2026**. All letters should be addressed to General Plan Update Team, City of Carpinteria, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, CA 93013 or [GPUUpdate@CarpinteriaCA.gov](mailto:GPUUpdate@CarpinteriaCA.gov). Please limit comments to environmental issues. When possible, please use email to submit comments.

**PROJECT WEBSITE:** A copy of the Notice of Preparation and Notice of Completion, as well as copies of the Public Draft CLUP/GP, are available at the City of Carpinteria, Community Development Department at 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013, or online at: <https://carpinteriaca.gov/city-hall/community-development/planning/general-plan-local-coastal-plan-update/>.

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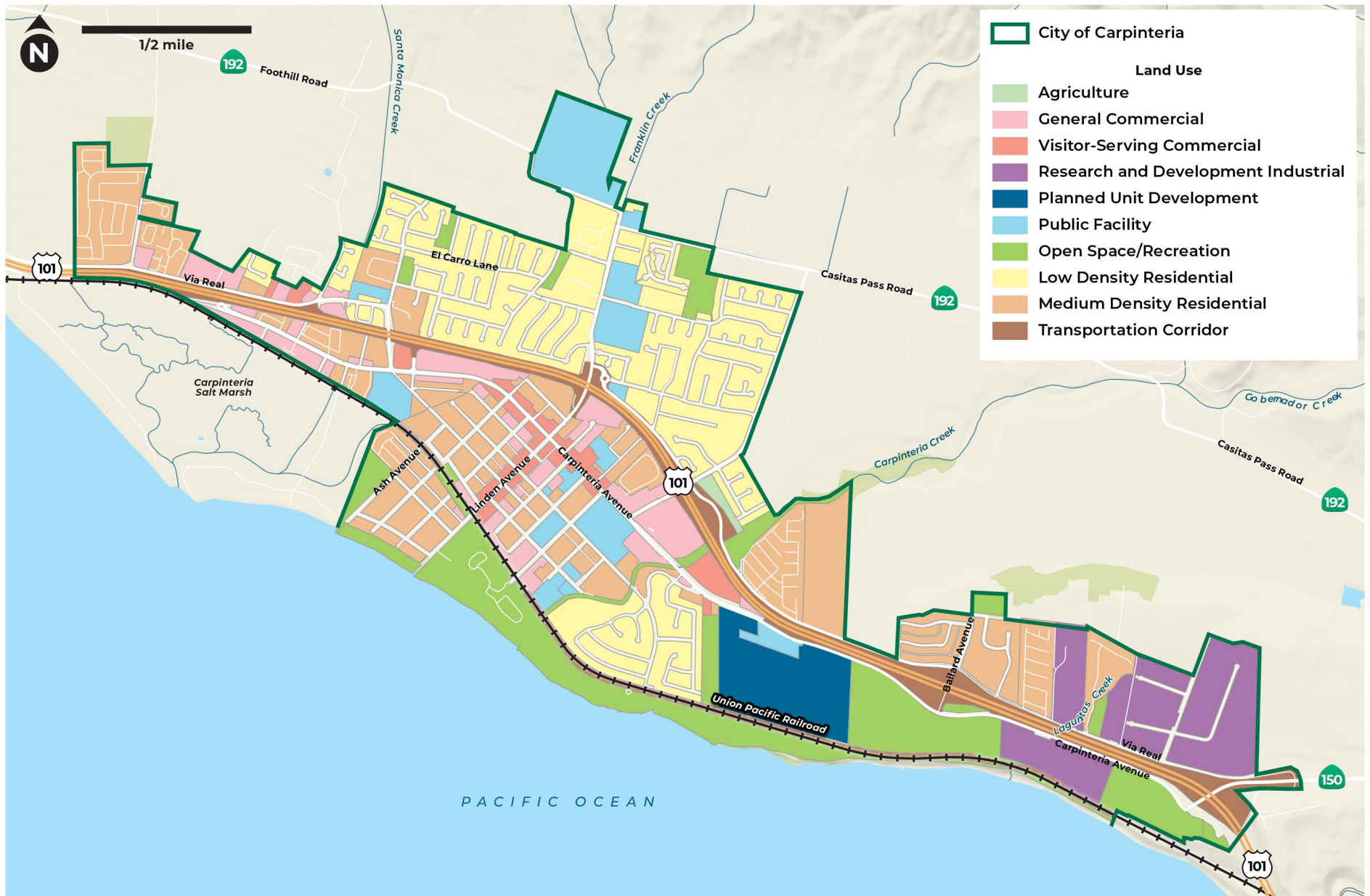
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Attachment 1. Updated Land Use Designation Map



Carpinteria Land Use Designations

**FIGURE  
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