



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 03/19/2025
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Planning and Development Department

2025-104

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION APPROVING CYCLE 2 OF THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR 2025 TO INCLUDE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS 2022-0004 AND 2024-0002 TO AMEND CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE GENERAL PLAN (APPLICANT: CITY OF CORONA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks the City Council to approve a resolution affirming the approvals of General Plan Amendment 2022-0004 (GPA2022-0004) and General Plan Amendment 2024-0002 (GPA2024-0002) as part of Cycle 2 of General Plan Amendments for Year 2025. The City Council at its meeting on March 19, 2025, before considering this resolution, tentatively approved GPA2022-0004 by approving Resolution 2025-012, and GPA2024-0002 by approving Resolution 2025-014. The City is limited to amending mandatory elements of the General Plan to no more than four times per year. This resolution will account for amendment two for Year 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-015 approving GPA2022-0004 and GPA2024-0002, amendments to the City's General Plan as Cycle 2 of General Plan Amendments for 2025.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

Pursuant to Government Code section 65358(b), a mandatory element of the General Plan may be amended no more than four times per calendar year. The City batches the review of General Plan amendments to the mandatory elements into four quarterly cycles to not exceed four amendments within a calendar year. The General Plan amendments associated with Resolution 2025-015 are considered Cycle 2 for Year 2025.

GPA2022-0004 and GPA2024-0002 were reviewed separately by the City Council at a public hearing on March 19, 2025. The City Council at the public hearing makes the recommendation to approve the General Plan amendments under consideration with the final adoption of all amendments being considered in a single resolution, which is the reason for Resolution 2025-015.

ANALYSIS:

The General Plan amendments under consideration in Cycle 2 for Year 2025 include the following:

1. GPA2022-0004 to change the Land Use Plan within the Land Use Element changing the land use designation of a 0.86 parcel from General Commercial to Light Industrial, located on the east side of Promenade Avenue, approximately 170 feet north of East Sixth Street (APN 115-210-032). GPA2022-0004 was tentatively approved by Resolution 2025-012.
2. GPA2024-0002 to revise the Citywide Roadway Plan within the Circulation Element of the General Plan to reflect a change in the Roadway Classification for a portion of West Ontario Avenue from "Major Arterial 4 Lane" to "Major Arterial 6 Lane", as well as revise the Public Safety Element of the General Plan to include an updated definition and description for the City's adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). GPA2024-0002 was tentatively approved by Resolution 2025-014.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No application fee is associated with the preparation of this resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

A Mitigated Negative Declaration ("MND") and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which were prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines and the City of Corona Local CEQA Guidelines was previously approved for GPA2022-0004. The MND indicated that all potential environmental impacts from GPA2022-0004 were less than significant or could be mitigated to less than significant.

An Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Corona General Plan Technical Update (SCH # 2018081039) ("General Plan EIR") was prepared for the Circulation Element Amendment based upon a determination that the potential environmental impacts associated with the Circulation Element Amendment were adequately addressed in the General Plan EIR and was previously approved for

GPA2024-0002; and it was determined that the Public Safety Element Amendment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it simply makes legislative changes to the General Plan to make it consistent with state and federal law.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 2025-015