

City of Irvine: Irvine 2045 General Plan Update

Safety & Noise Workshop Summary

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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Introduction & Overview

The City of Irvine (City) is updating its General Plan, a state-required document representing the City's vision for the next 20 to 25 years. The 2045 General Plan Update will include goals and policies to help the City reach its long-term vision of preserving and enhancing Irvine's high quality of life as the city matures. As part of the General Plan Update, the City is holding a series of community workshops on specific elements of the General Plan to gather feedback from the public.

During this iteration of the General Plan Update, the City is requesting feedback on the Land Use, Circulation, and Safety & Noise elements. To do this, the City and consultant team organized three workshops, with one workshop dedicated to each element. This summary is for the Noise and Safety Element workshop and includes the workshop format, engagement activities, and major themes.

Objectives

The objectives of the Safety & Noise workshop were to:

- Inform community members and stakeholders about the General Plan Update process
- Share ways to get involved in developing the public's vision for Irvine's General Plan Update
- Gather input to inform the development of the Safety & Noise Elements
- Gather information to understand community priorities and concerns

Format

The project team held a virtual workshop on the Safety & Noise Elements on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Nine members of the public attended the workshop hosted on Zoom. The project team and city staff provided team introductions, an overview of the Safety Element Updates, an overview of the Noise Element Update, and the GPU timeline and next steps. Interactive questions were incorporated into each presentation section. Participants had the opportunity to provide additional comments and ask questions following the second presentation. The interactive activities for the virtual workshop were administered through Slido, a question platform. Participants were able to respond to questions via the Slido website and text-in option.

Major Themes

The major themes from the workshop are provided below:

- Concern related to risk of fires and the damage caused
- Suggestion to integrate dBc limits into City Noise ordinances
- Suggestion to integrate safety measures and proactive changes to keep pedestrians and bicyclists safe

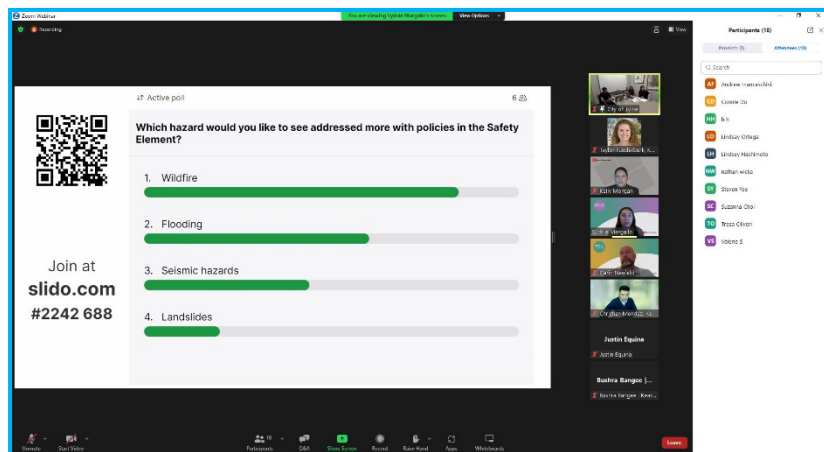
Engagement Activities

Attendees at the Safety & Noise workshop were asked to participate in the two interactive activities. The major highlights for each activity and the additional questions or comments are provided below. See Appendix A for the complete responses from the Slido polling.

Activity One

During the beginning of the Safety presentation, the participants were asked - *Which hazard would you like to see addressed more with policies in the Safety Element?* The participants responded to the multiple-choice question with their priorities regarding safety policies and considerations are listed below:

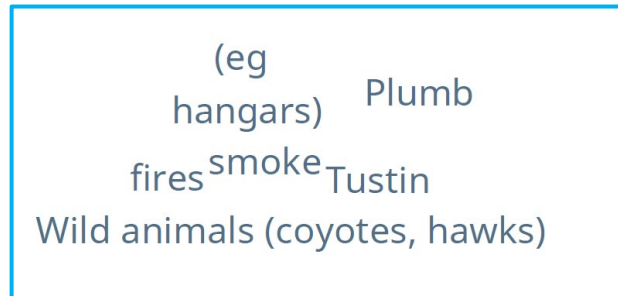
- Wildfire (55%)
- Flooding (38%)
- Seismic Hazards (28%)
- Landslides (11%)



Activity Two

Following the Safety presentation, the participants were asked - *Can you think of any other hazardous conditions or things for us to consider in the Safety Element?* The participants answered with primary safety concerns listed below. The answers were displayed in a word cloud during the presentation.

- Tustin Hangars
- Fires
- Smoke
- Wild Animals (Coyotes, Hawks)



Additional Questions and Comments

Following are additional questions and comments asked by participants during the workshop.

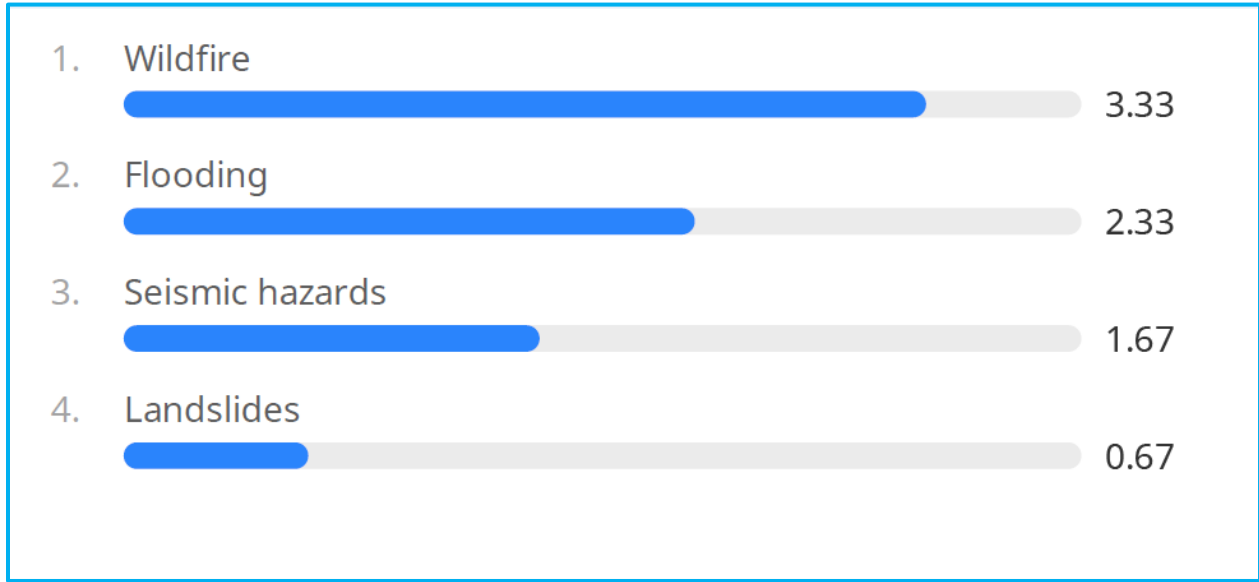
- How long is the review period for the state agency to approve the safety element?
- Would you please explain how dBc (bass tones) will be addressed? This has been a big issue with the now-closed five-point amphitheater. With a new amphitheater being planned for the Great Park, this is a very important topic for residents [who] were heavily impacted by the noise pollution coming from the amphitheater. Neither the police nor code enforcement could address the situation in real time because the city's noise ordinance did not include appropriate limits for dBa and dBc.

- Wouldn't it be wise to include dBc limits in the city's noise ordinance as a safety net?
- Are there safety studies on automotive accidents as well as bicyclist and pedestrian safety?
- Is there a visual map, such as on ArcGIS, on noise levels in Irvine?

Appendix

Below are the responses from the Slido interactive activity:

Question one – Which Hazard would you like to see addressed more with policies in the Safety element?



Question two – Can you think of any other hazardous conditions or things for us to consider in the Safety element?

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