



NOTICE OF PREPARATION

City of American Canyon General Plan Update

Date: July 5, 2022

To: Reviewing Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of American Canyon General Plan Update

The City of American Canyon (City) is preparing an update to the City's General Plan. The City has determined that a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be necessary to evaluate environmental impacts of the General Plan Update pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In compliance with CEQA, the City will be the Lead Agency and will prepare the Program EIR. The City is requesting comments and guidance on the scope and content of the Program EIR from responsible and trustee agencies, interested public agencies, organizations, and the general public (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082).

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) provides a summary of the General Plan Update; includes the City's preliminary identification of the potential environmental issues to be analyzed in the EIR; and provides information on how to comment on the scope of the EIR.

Notice of Preparation Public Review Period: July 5, 2022 to August 4, 2022

The City requests your careful review and consideration of this notice, and it invites any and all input and comments from interested agencies, persons, and organizations regarding the preparation of the Program EIR. Comments and responses to this notice must be in writing and submitted to the Lead Agency Contact through August 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. If applicable, please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization. If your agency is a responsible agency as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15381, your agency may use the environmental documents prepared by the City when considering permits or approvals for action regarding the proposed project.

Lead Agency Contact:

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Written Comments: Please submit written comments within 30 days of the date of this notice to any of the below by 4:00 p.m. on August 4, 2022:

- Email: njones@cityofamericancanyon.org
- Regular Mail: Nicolle Jones, Community Development Department, City of American Canyon, 4381 Broadway Street, Suite 201, American Canyon, California 94503

Public Scoping Meeting: The City will hold a virtual scoping meeting to provide an opportunity for agency staff and interested members of the public to submit written and oral comments on the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR. The scoping meeting will be held on **July 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** To attend the scoping meeting, go to <https://zoom.us/join>.

Webinar ID: 884 4514 1942

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Dial: (408) 638 0968

The scoping presentation will be available to view after July 28, 2022 on <https://www.cityofamericancanyon.org/government/city-hall/city-clerk/meetings-agendas>.

Project Background: The City must undertake a technical update to its General Plan to ensure the General Plan is internally consistent and maintains a balance of land uses; maintains and supports quality-of-life, community satisfaction, and safety for all residents; and meets new State requirements. A Regional Location map is included as Figure 1.

Project Location: The General Plan Update will encompass the City of American Canyon city limits, the Sphere of Influence, Urban Limit Line, and historic water service area (Figure 2).

Proposed Project: The American Canyon General Plan update will serve as a long-term framework for future growth and development. The General Plan represents the community's view of its future and contains the goals and policies upon which the City Council, Planning Commission, staff, and the entire community will base land use and resource decisions. To provide a contemporary plan that will guide the community through the next 20 years, the General Plan update will reflect recent development decisions and changes in State law. Major components of the comprehensive technical General Plan Update include:

- **Land Use Element.** This element will resolve inconsistencies between existing and General Plan land uses, expand the Urban Limit Line to include the "Hess/Laird Property," and accommodate land use amendments for certain properties owned by the Napa Valley Unified School District. Proposed land use amendments are depicted in Figure 3. The proposed Urban Limit Line is shown in Figure 4.
- **Circulation Element.** This element will incorporate Vehicle Miles Travelled policies consistent with Senate Bill 743 (SB 743); update street standards for all modes, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit consistent with the California Complete Streets Act; include two new Industrial Collector roadways: 1) a new "West Side Connector" roadway segment and 2) a Newell Drive roadway segment between Paoli Loop and S. Kelly Drive and delete former planned connection between Commerce Court and Eucalyptus Drive. See Figure 5.
- **Community Services Element.** This element will focus on goals and policies related to public services, including police, fire, and emergency services.

- **Open Space and Recreation Element.** This element will address the wide variety of parks, trails, and open spaces serving the diverse recreation needs of American Canyon residents, particularly youth, and emphasize the unique features of the City's natural environment – from the Newell Open Space to the east to the wetlands and trails to the west.
- **Conservation Element.** This element will consider the effects of existing and planned development on natural resources located on public lands, including military installations, consistent with Government Code Section 65302(d). This Element will address State law requirements, including air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate change adaptation.
- **Safety Element.** This element will cover seismic activity, other geologic hazards, fire hazards, hazardous materials, flooding, and other potential hazards, consistent with Government Code Section 65302(g). It will also address resiliency and risks from natural hazards in American Canyon, pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 379. This element update will require a vulnerability analysis to comply with State law.
- **Noise Element.** This element will require, consistent with Government Code Section 65302(f), the inclusion of new existing noise contours as well as projected noise contours based on future traffic volumes projected to arise from improvements planned for in the Circulation Element.
- **Housing Element.** This element will be an update for the 2023-2031 RHNA cycle to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community, consistent with Government Code Section 65583. Due to State-Mandated deadlines, the Housing Element update is anticipated to be completed earlier than the rest of the comprehensive technical General Plan update.
- **Implementation.** This chapter will be a comprehensive implementation strategy with discrete, tangible actions that the City will undertake to carry out all the Plan's goals, policies, and objectives. It will also highlight goals, policies, and programs related to administration of the General Plan. The chapter will detail timing, potential funding sources, and the responsible parties for each implementation measure.

Project Alternatives: The EIR will evaluate a reasonable range of proposed project alternatives that, consistent with CEQA, meet most of the proposed project objectives and reduce or avoid potential environmental effects, including a required No Project Alternative.

Potential Environmental Effect Areas: The EIR will describe the reasonably foreseeable and potentially significant adverse effects of the proposed project (both direct and indirect). The EIR also will evaluate the cumulative impacts of the proposed project when considered in conjunction with other related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects. The City preliminarily anticipates that the proposed project could result in potentially significant environmental impacts in the following topic areas, which will be further evaluated in the EIR.

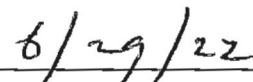
- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire
- Cumulative Effects
- Growth Inducing Effects

When the Draft EIR is completed, it will be available for review at the City's offices located at 4381 Broadway Street, Suite 201, American Canyon, California 94503 and online at: <https://www.cityofamericancanyon.org/government/community-development/planning-zoning/general-plan-update>. The City will issue a Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR at that time to inform the public and interested agencies, groups, and individuals of how to access the Draft EIR and provide comments.

If you have questions regarding this NOP or the scoping meeting, please contact Brent Cooper at (707) 647-4335 or via email at bcooper@cityofamericancanyon.org

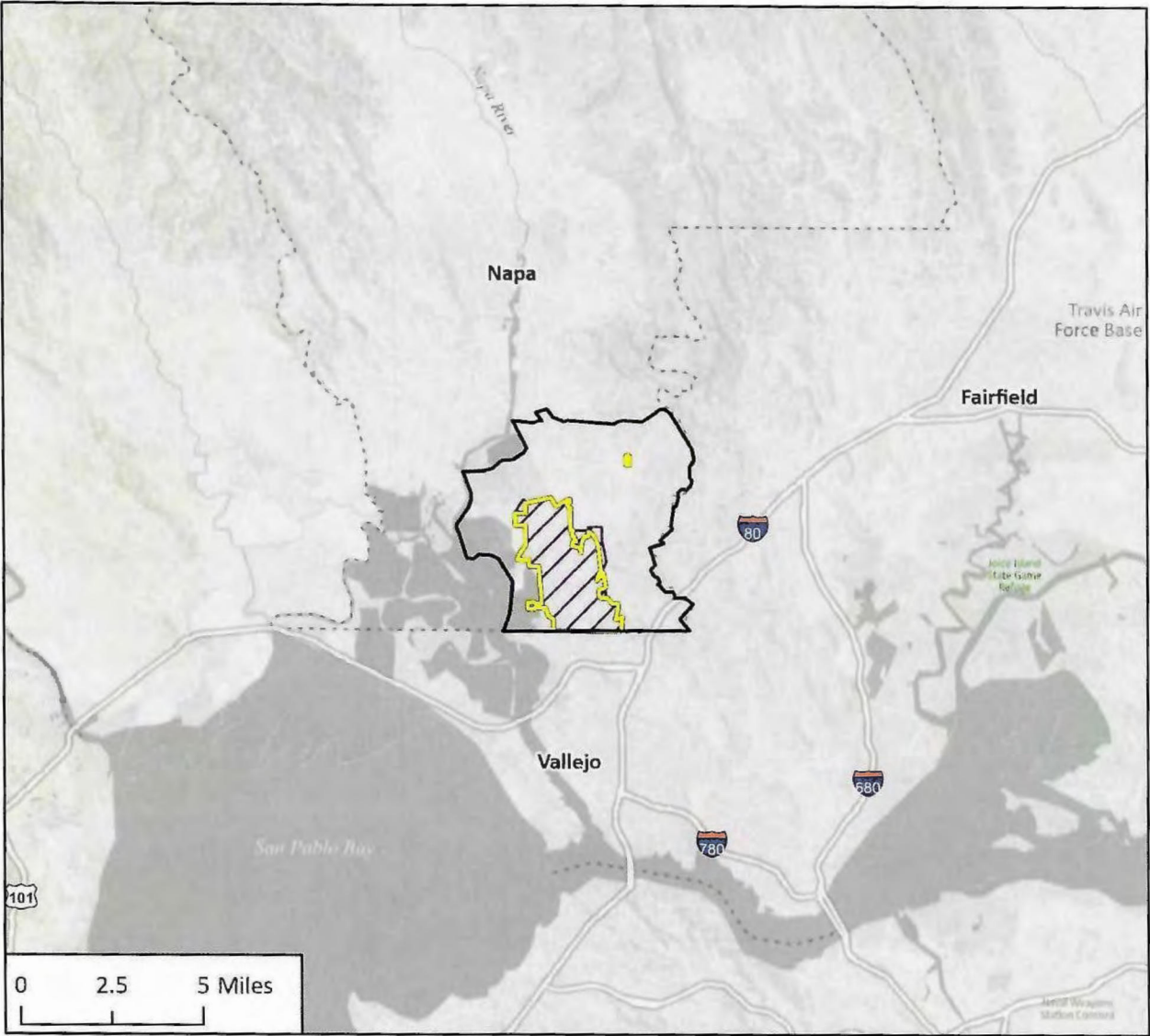


Brent Cooper, Community Development Director



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Figure 1 Regional Location



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


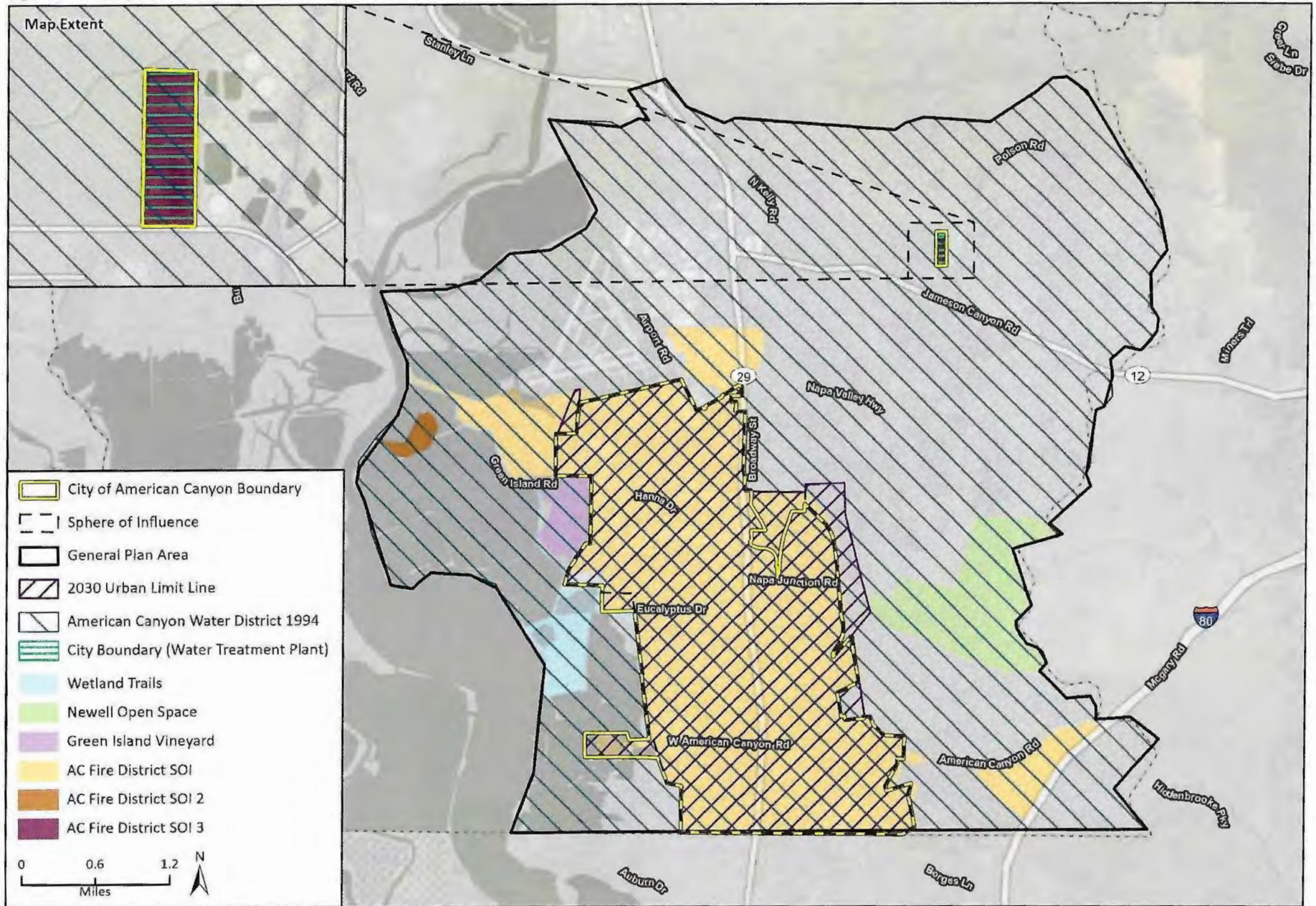
-  City of American Canyon Boundary
-  General Plan Area
-  2030 Urban Limit
-  Project Location



Figure 2 Project Location



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Figure 3 Area of Proposed Land Use Element Amendments

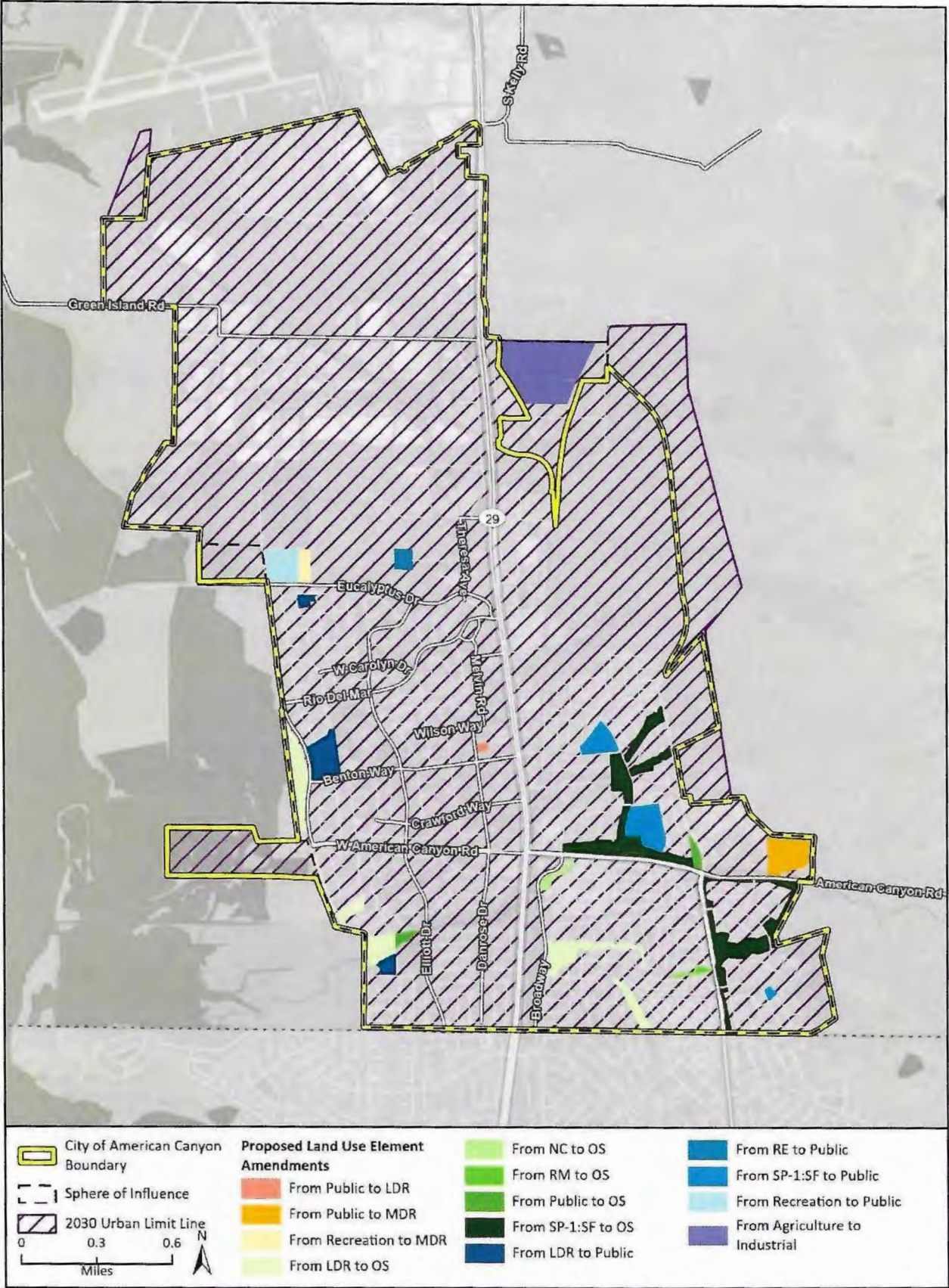
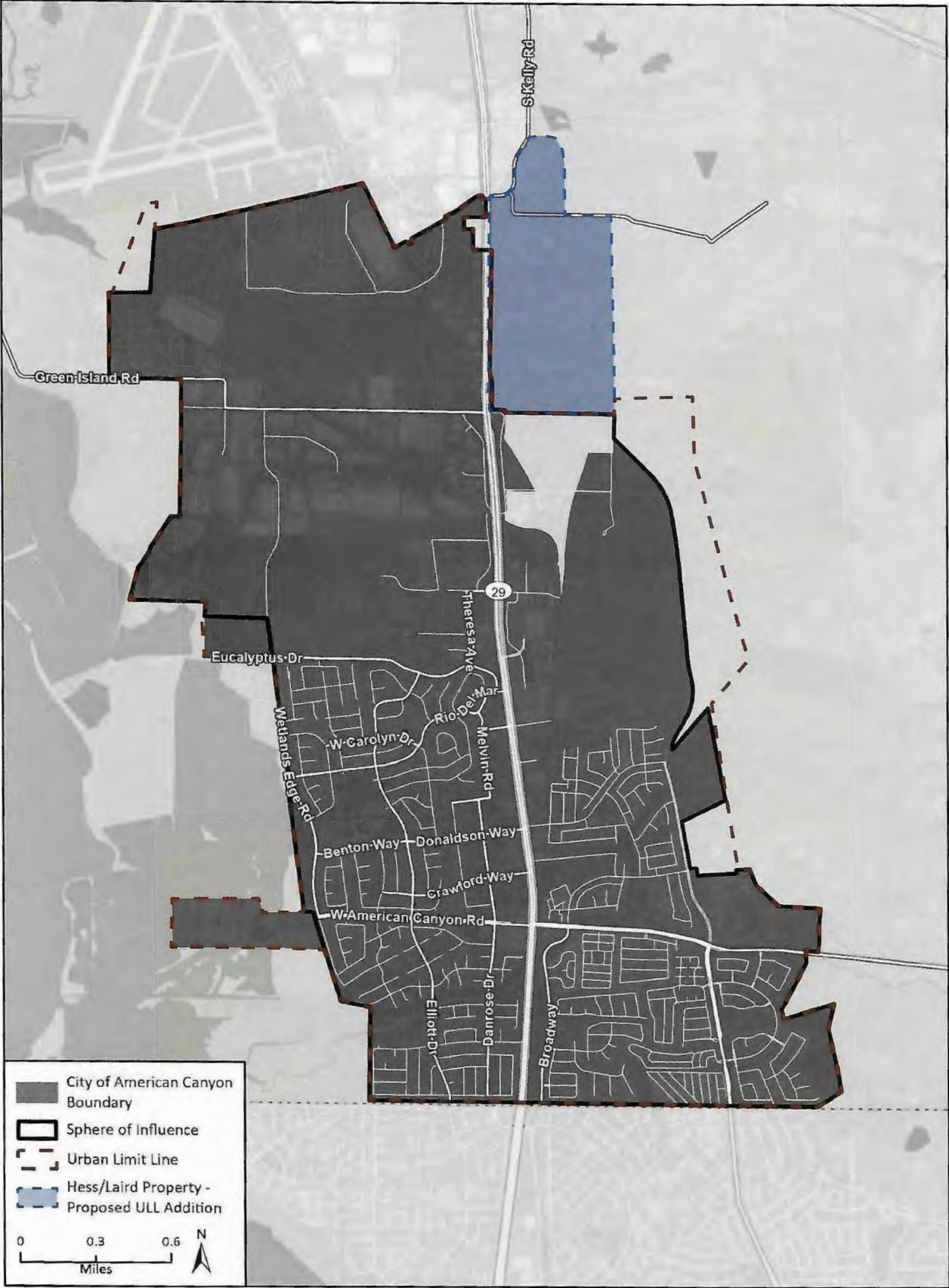


Figure 4 Proposed Urban Limit Line



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Figure 5 Proposed Circulation Element Amendments

