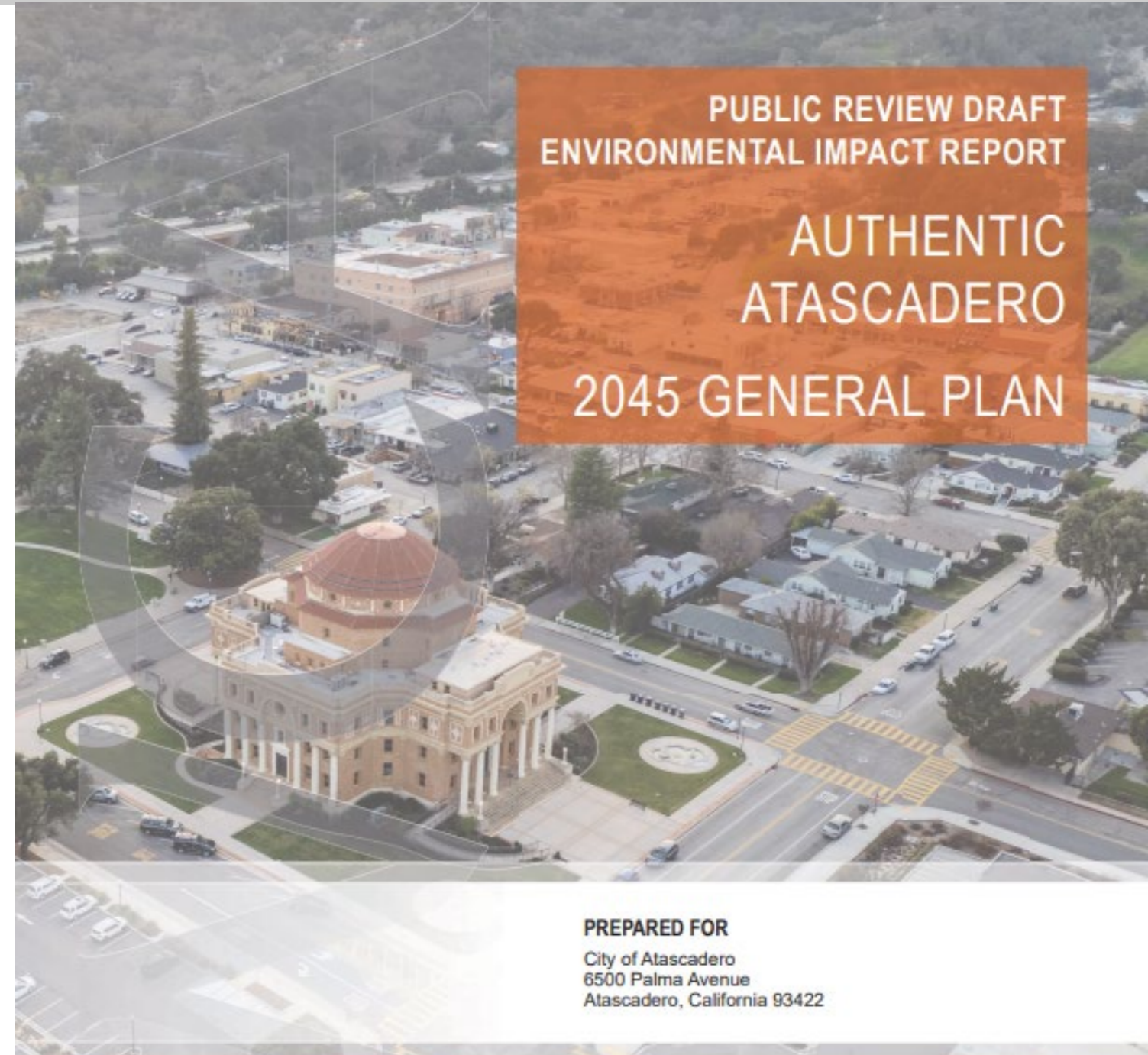


# 2045 GENERAL PLAN DRAFT EIR

# TONIGHT'S DISCUSSION

- I. CEQA Process Overview
- II. Draft 2045 General Plan EIR
- III. Next Steps



PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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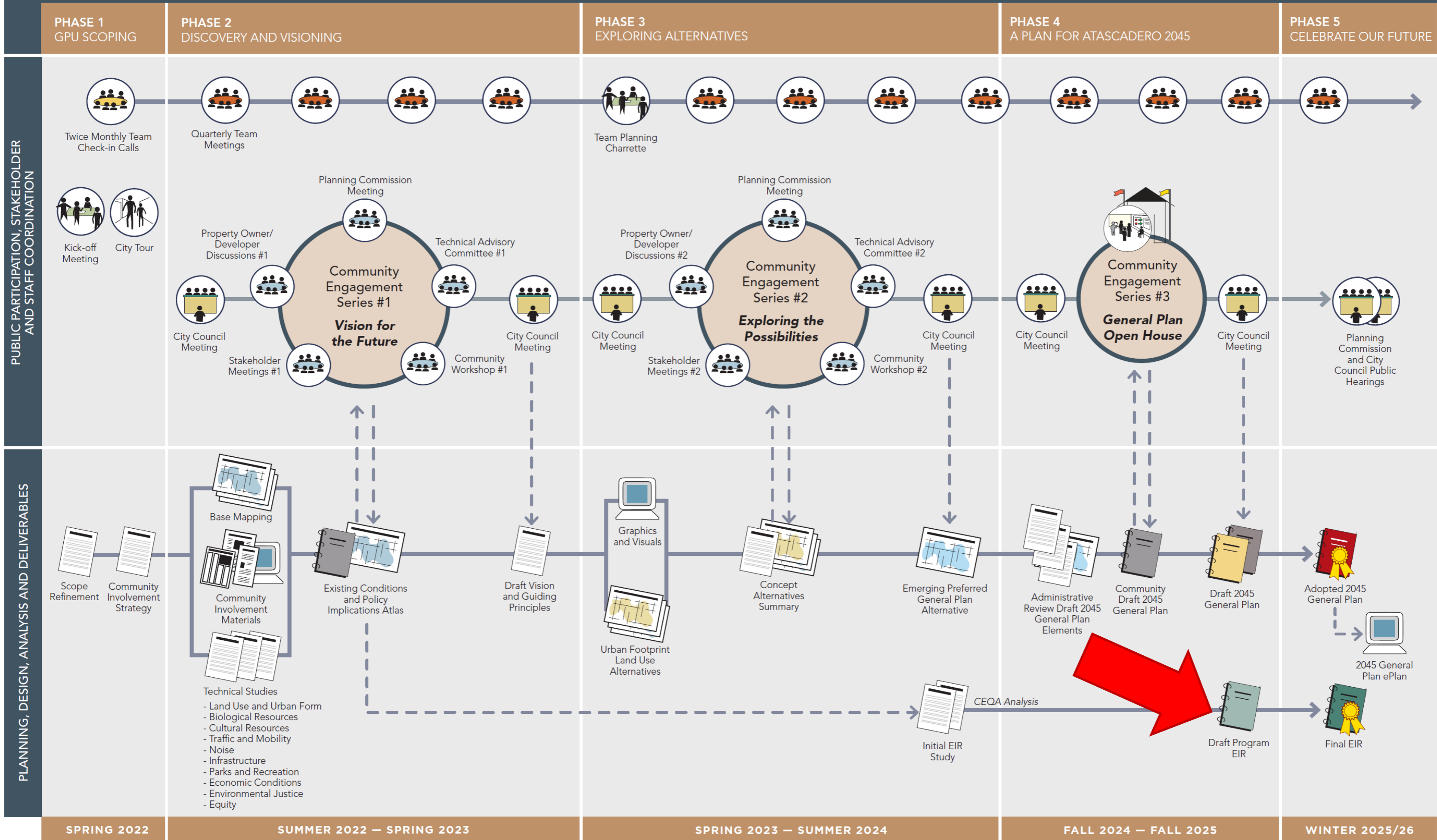
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# Authentic Atascadero: 2045 General Plan Update

PROCESS SCHEDULE  
REVISED: 07/21/2025



# CEQA Process Overview

## CEQA requires that:

- All discretionary actions be analyzed for potential impacts on the environment, and
- Those impacts be disclosed to the public

## EIRs circulated for 45 days

- Public Comment ends June 4, 2026

## Three classes of impacts

- Class 1: Significant and Unavoidable
- Class 2: Significant but Mitigatable
- Class 3: Less than Significant



# CEQA Process Overview

## 1. Impacts need to be mitigated to the greatest extent feasible

- Mitigation must be measurable and implementable
- Staff worked with the applicant to identify mitigation that responds to the City goals and meet State requirements

## 2. Impacts can remain significant even with mitigation identified

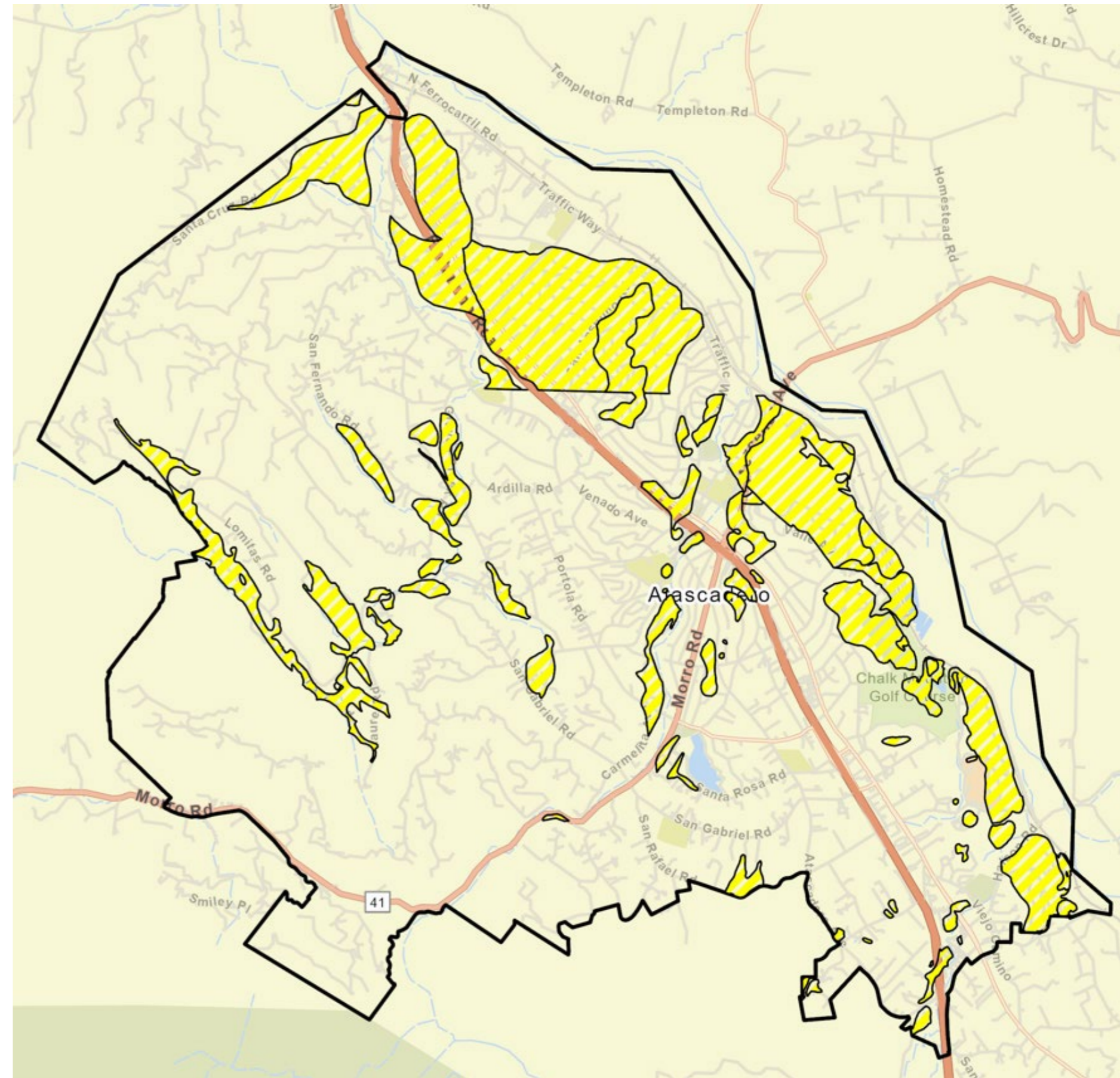
- State thresholds
- Best management practices from State Agencies



# 2045 GPU Mitigation

## 1. Geology (Class 2)

- Potential Paleontological Resources Impacts
- Required study if within sensitive area



# 2045 GPU Mitigation

## 2. Utilities (Class 2)

- Ensure adequate capacity
- Treatment plant and collection system



## 3. Air Quality (Class 1)

Impact	Description	Mitigation
Impact AQ-1	Conflicts with Air Quality Plan	None feasible
Impact AQ-2	Cumulative Net Increase of criteria pollutants	None feasible
Impact AQ-3	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations	None feasible
Impact AQ-5	Cumulatively considerable impacts to VMT and mobile source emissions	None feasible
Impact GHG-1	GHG emissions that may result in impacts that conflict with applicable plans, polices or regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update Climate Action Plan</li> <li>2. Incorporate new development standards to promote use of public transit</li> <li>3. Incorporate GP policy to participate in SLOCOG RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy</li> </ol>
Impact GHG-2	Cumulatively considerable GHG due to VMT in conflict with state goals	See above measures
Impact TR-2	Project exceeds VMT threshold	None feasible
Impact TR-5	Cumulative VMT impacts	None feasible



## 3. Air Quality/VMT (Class 1)

- Thresholds set by State
- 2045 General Plan less impact than existing General Plan
  - Infill development
  - Improved jobs/housing ratio
- Population estimates more forgiving to allow for flexibility in analyzing future projects



# NEXT STEPS

**Draft Environmental Impact Report**  
NOW!!!

**Draft Fiscal Analysis**  
June 2026

**The Grand Finale – Plan Adoption**  
Fall 2026

YAY! HOORAY!  
CONGRATS!  
WELL DONE!

# PROJECT WEBSITE



[www.atascadero2045.org](http://www.atascadero2045.org)

<https://www.atascadero.org/service/environmentaldocs>

## Physical copies available:

- Atascadero City Hall
- Atascadero Library

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Atascadero 2045 General Plan website. At the top left is the Atascadero logo with the tagline "OUR CITY, OUR PLAN". To the right are navigation links for "SCHEDULE", "EVENTS CALENDAR", "CONTACT US", and "CITY OF ATASCADERO", along with a "Select Language" dropdown. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with links for "ABOUT THE PLAN", "KEY TOPICS", "COMMUNITY IDEAS", "DOCUMENTS", "PRESENTATIONS", and "SIGN UP FOR UPDATES". The main content area features a large aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. On the left side of this area, there is a "Latest News" section with a "SEE ALL" link. The first news item is titled "OPEN HOUSE: DRAFT 2045 ATASCADERO GENERAL PLAN" and includes a short paragraph about an open house event. Below this is another news item titled "THE DRAFT 2045 GENERAL PLAN IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY REVIEW" with a longer paragraph. On the right side of the main content area, there is a "Welcome" section with a paragraph about community input. At the bottom of the page, there is a grid of six interactive cards, each with an icon, a title, and a "LEARN MORE" button. The cards are: "Presentations" (people icon), "Documents" (document icon), "CEQA Process" (leaf icon), "About The Plan" (question mark icon), "Get Involved" (calendar icon), and "Share Your Ideas" (speech bubble icon).