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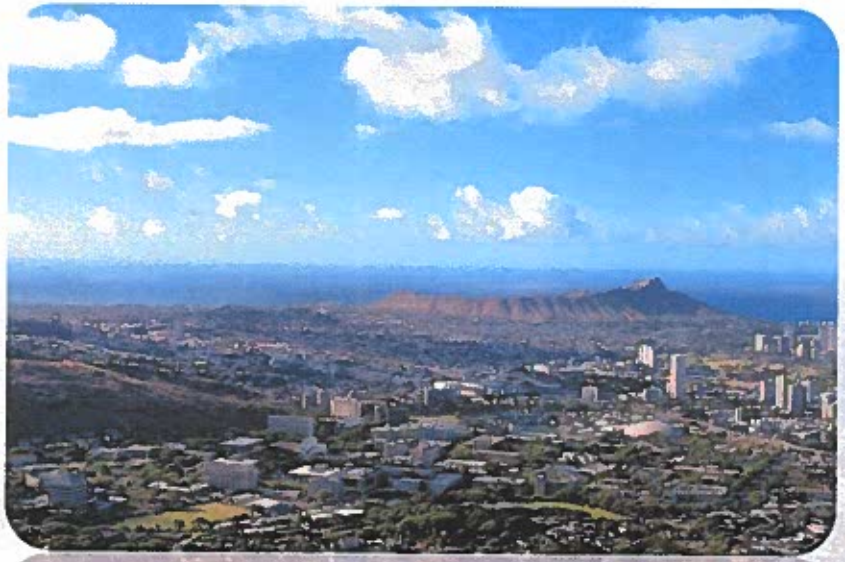

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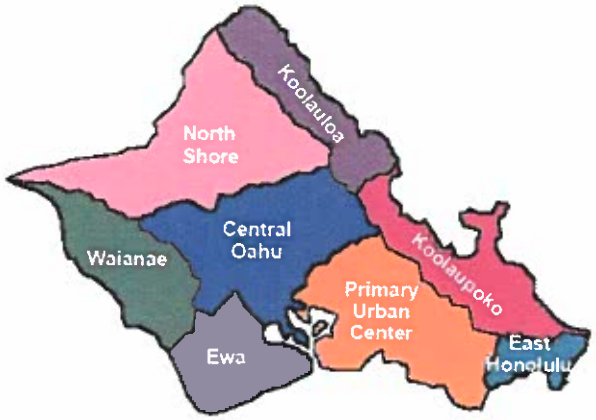
Role of the General Plan:



General Plan

Development Plans & Sustainable Communities Plans

Implementing Ordinances and Regulations

- Zoning
- Stormwater Rules
- Park Dedication
- Subdivision Ordinance, Etc.

Special Area Plans
TOD Plans

Functional Plans

- WATER USE
- WASTEWATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- SOLID WASTE
- PARKS
- ETC.

CIP Projects

Preparation of the General Plan:

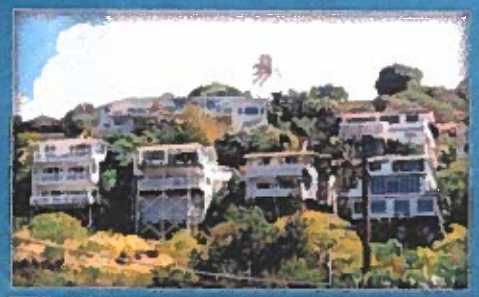
Revised Charter of Honolulu *Section 6-1508. General Plan*

"The general plan shall set forth the city's objectives and broad policies for the long-range development of the city. It shall contain statements of the general social, economic, environmental and design objectives to be achieved for the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the city and the most desirable population distribution and regional development pattern."

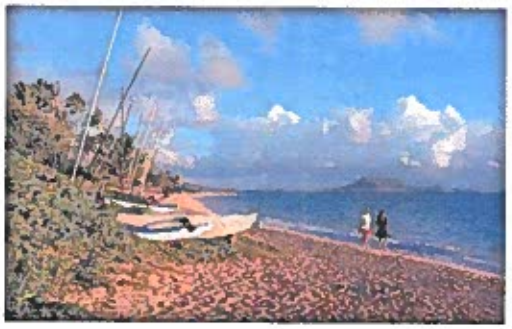
Section 6-1510. Preparation and Review of the General Plan and Development Plans

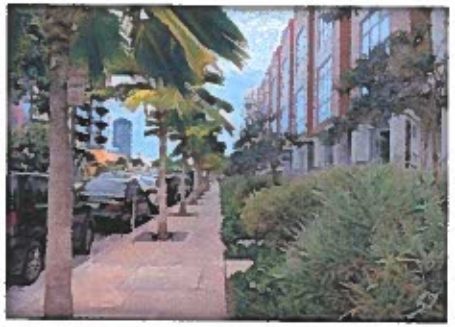
"In addition, the director shall undertake a comprehensive review of the general plan at least once every ten years."

The General Plan's Eleven Areas of Concern:

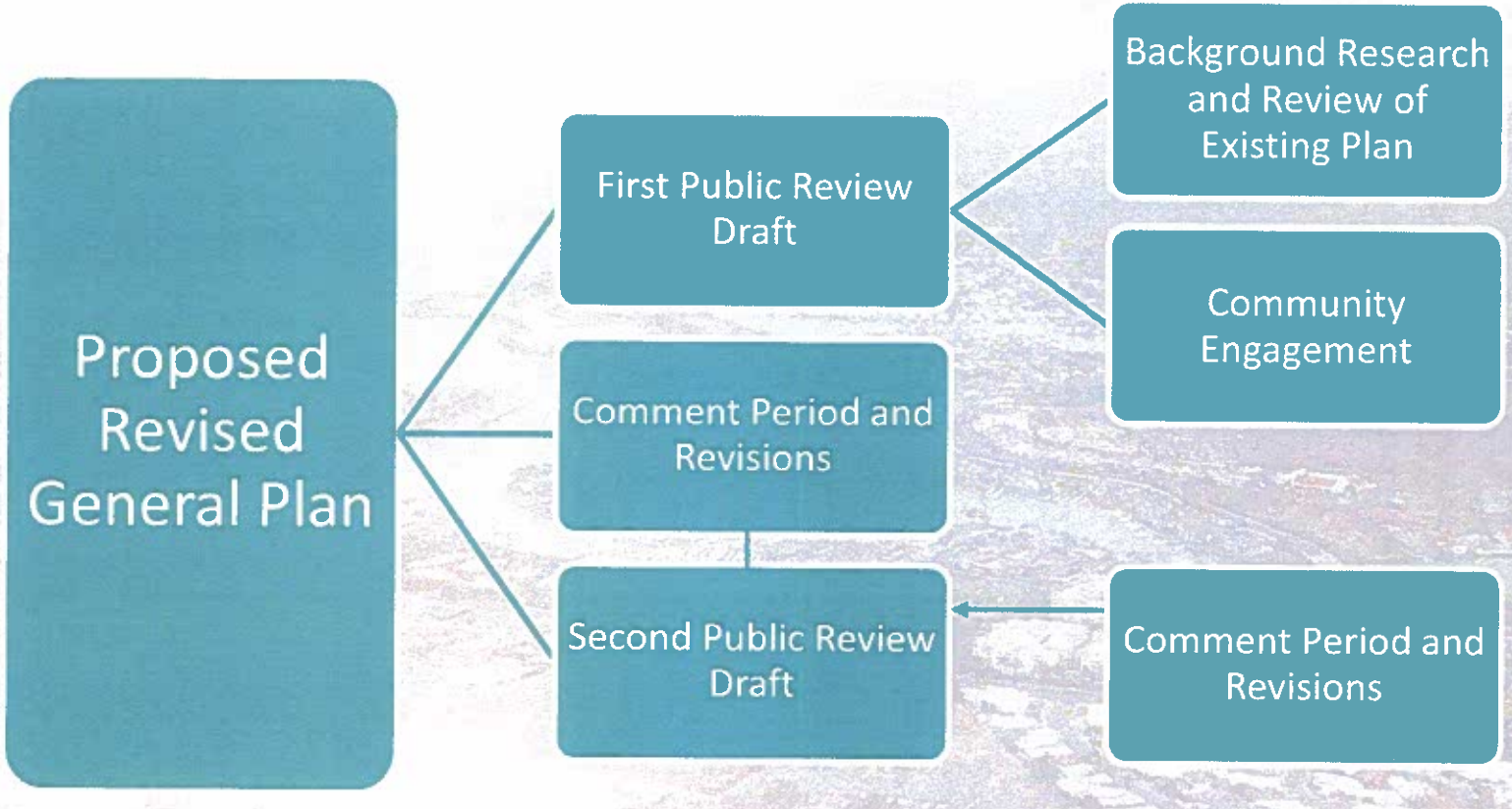


- Population
- The Economy
- Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship
- Housing and Communities
- Transportation and Utilities
- Energy
- Physical Development and Urban Design
- Public Safety and Community Resilience
- Health and Education
- Culture and Recreation
- Government Operations and Fiscal Management





Overview of the Revision Process:



Initial Review Scope:

Conduct a focused update of the existing General Plan, with emphasis on specific issues:

- Tourism
- Agriculture
- Housing
- Economic Health
- Sustainability

1st and 2nd Public Review Drafts:

Broadened scope to incorporate additional policy focus areas including:

- Revised regional pop. projections
- Affordable Housing
- Homelessness
- Resource stewardship & Resiliency
- Climate change & sea level rise
- TOD planning

Public Engagement Process:

Public Input and Changes:

Total Online Survey Responses: 2,413 (1,942 completed the 17 question survey)

Total Open Comments: 141 Individual Comments

Total First Public Review Draft Comments: 796 Individual Comments

Total Second Public Review Draft Comments: 692 Individual Comments

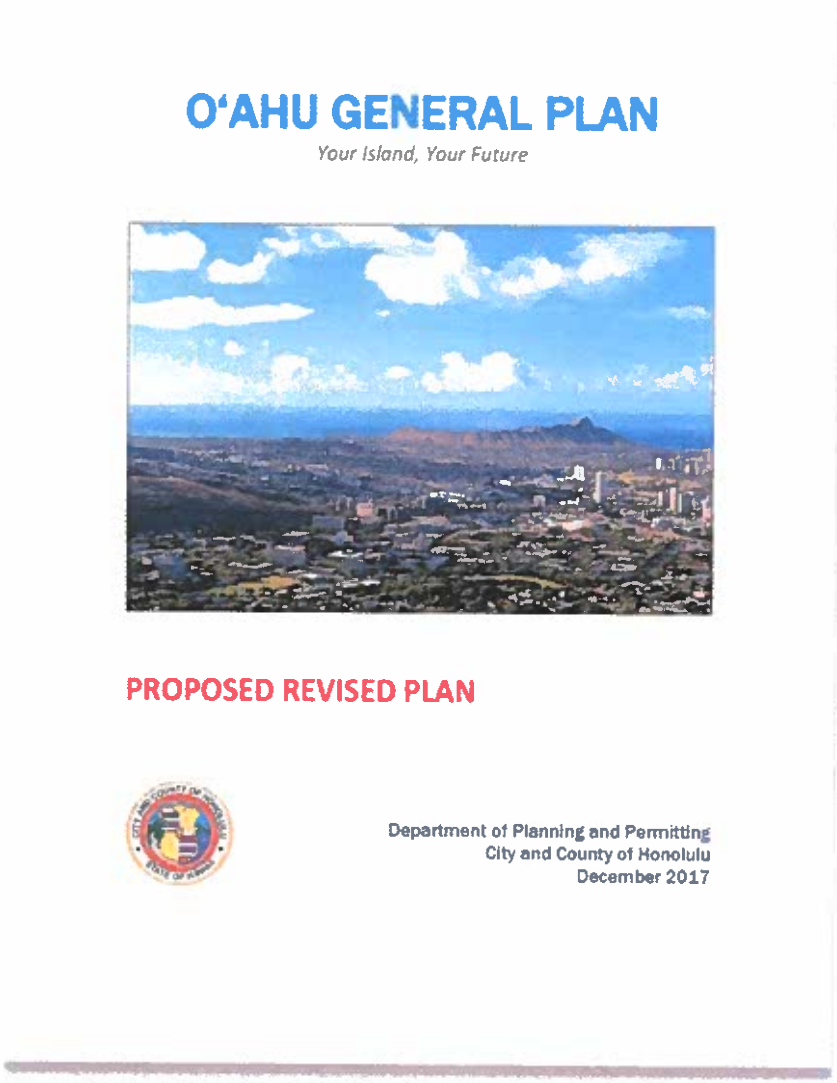
Objectives

# Current GP	# Proposed GP	# Change	# No Change	# Deleted	# New
41	**39**	**23**	**14**	**4**	**2**

Policies

# Current GP	# Proposed GP	# Change	# No Change	# Deleted	# New
246	**284**	**116**	**76**	**54**	**92**

Criteria for Revisions:



- Does a change in conditions warrant the revision?
- Is there a public need for the revision?
- Does the proposed revision reflect public sentiment?
- Does the proposed revision align with the overall goals, mission and interests of the City?
- If the policy is referring to a federal or state function, does the statement appropriately reflect this?
- Is the proposed revision appropriate for the General Plan policy level?
- Is the proposed change a regulatory issue, and thus not appropriate for the General Plan?
- Does the proposed revision conflict with existing federal and state law?

Summary of Planning Commission Recommendations

- *A Planning Commission Hearing on the Proposed Revised General Plan was held on March 21, 2018. Recommended changes include:*
  - Adding the text "Special Management Area" to Figure 1. in the Introduction
  - Retaining Section 1. Population Objective A. Policy 6: "Publicize the desire of the City and County to limit population growth".
  - Strike Section II. Economy Objective B, Policy 11: "Consider small-scale community-oriented visitor accommodations in non-resort areas with attention to community input, compatibility or uses, infrastructure adequacy, and the ability to enforce effectively".
  - Split Section X. Culture and Recreation into two new sections.
  - Other minor wording changes.

Mahalo

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