

Following the June 13, 2022, presentation, the Committee requested that staff return to a future meeting after initiating outreach efforts with community stakeholders to obtain feedback on Riverside's regulatory efforts related to industrial development and warehousing and distribution facilities. The Committee also requested that staff further explore protections for sensitive receptors by conducting a geospatial analysis to identify which areas of the city have a high concentration of sensitive receptors relative to industrially zoned land.

On December 12, 2022, staff reported on the community outreach efforts, sensitive receptor analysis, and proposed policy consideration items. An update was also presented on best practices related to industrial development regulatory efforts. Following the presentation, the Committee requested that staff return at a future date with additional information about potential policy updates, including the required level of effort, timeline, and next steps.

On February 13, 2023, staff presented a matrix of potential policy actions for Committee consideration and prioritization (Attachment 2). Following discussion, the Committee recommended that Staff return to the next regularly scheduled meeting with a final recommendation for initiating policy changes based on the direction of the Committee.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has revised the Matrix of Potential Policy Actions to consolidate and prioritize prospective revisions to the City's policies and regulations related to industrial development, warehouses, and distribution facilities along the following parameters:

1. Committee priority;
2. Level of effort and staff capacity;
3. Timeframe to completion; and
4. Required resources.

The Revised Matrix is included as Attachment 1. Staff propose to pursue the requested policy and regulatory changes in two or three phases. A detailed roadmap and work plan will be developed and presented to the Committee at a later date.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority 3 – Economic Opportunity** and **Goal 3.1 – Facilitate** partnerships and programs to develop, attract and retain innovative business sectors, and **Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship** and **Goal 4.4 - Implement** measures and educate the community to responsibly manage goods, products, and services throughout their life cycle to achieve waste reduction outcomes.

This Project aligns with the following Cross-Cutting Threads:

1. **Community Trust** – The update on industrial development regulations is presented at an open public meeting and contains transparent information on City processes and regulations.
2. **Equity** – The update on industrial development regulations seeks to promote environmental justice so that the impacts of new facilities are minimized on residents.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The update on industrial development regulations will not have any fiscal impact to the City.
4. **Innovation** – The update on industrial development regulations is seeking best practices that will innovate how the City addresses these facilities in the future.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The update on industrial development regulations seeks to minimize the environmental impacts of these facilities in the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this report.

Several of the policy options presented would require professional consulting services that may range in cost from \$50,000 to \$200,000 each. If the Committee directs staff to pursue these policy options, funding sources will need to be identified along with Council approval for the appropriation of funds.

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Attachments:

1. Revised Matrix of Potential Policy Actions
2. Land Use, Sustainability and Resilience Committee Staff Report – February 13, 2023
3. Presentation