

Notice of Availability

Draft Program Environmental Impact Report Moreno Valley Comprehensive General Plan Update (MoVal 2040)

- Date:** April 2, 2021
- To:** State Clearinghouse
State Responsible Agencies
State Trustee Agencies
Other Public Agencies
Organizations and Interested Persons
- Lead Agency:** City of Moreno Valley
14177 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
- Project Title:** Draft Program Environmental Impact Report
Moreno Valley Comprehensive General Plan Update (MoVal 2040)
- Project Location:** All lands within the City of Moreno Valley General Plan Planning Area

Project Description: The City of Moreno Valley (City) is preparing a comprehensive update to its existing General Plan. The Moreno Valley General Plan Update (MoVal 2040) will guide the City's planning and development through 2040. MoVal 2040 provides policies and implementing actions that would allow the City to achieve the plan's vision through 2040. MoVal 2040, the City's Zoning Ordinance and pertinent sections of the Municipal Code, will serve as the foundation for all future planning and development decisions made by City staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council.

State law requires the City to adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan for the physical development of its planning area. MoVal 2040 includes several Elements, which include both the State-mandated Elements and several discretionary Elements. The Elements include: Land Use and Community Character, Open Space and Conservation, Housing, Circulation, Noise, Safety, Environmental Justice, Economic Development and Healthy Community. The specific details of each Element reflect local conditions and circumstances. MoVal 2040 will also incorporate a Climate Action Plan that will include a community-wide inventory of GHG emissions and a strategy for reducing such emissions to meet State-mandated targets.

Buildout under MoVal 2040 projections include adding 48,303 new residents which will increase the City's population to 256,600, adding 20,992 new households which will increase the total number of households in the City to 73,000, and adding 38,869 new jobs which will increase the total number of jobs in the City to 83,200. "Buildout" would occur at the point every parcel in the City has been developed pursuant to the respective densities and intensities permitted under

MoVal 2040. When buildout actually occurs will depend on a variety of factors such as future real estate market conditions, new state and federal laws and regulations, property owner preferences, site-specific constraints, technological advancements, and other factors.

It is anticipated that the MoVal 2040 General Plan Update will be presented to the City Council for its review and consideration in June 2021.

Draft Program Environmental Impact Report: The Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) evaluates the anticipated “buildout” of the “Planning Area,” which consists of approximately 42,900 acres (67 square miles) of land within the City’s boundaries and land outside the City’s boundaries within the City’s Sphere of Influence. As described in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, the Planning Area includes a total of 10 sites that are on the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. This disclosure is provided to address the requirement of Section 15087(c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Significant Environmental Impacts: The Draft EIR identifies significant environmental impacts related to the following environmental topics: Air Quality, Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Noise, and Transportation (Vehicle Miles Traveled [VMT]).

45 Day Public Review Period: April 2, 2021 through May 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Document Availability: The Draft EIR and the MoVal 2040 General Plan Update are available for review in person by appointment only (due the COVID Pandemic) at City Hall located at 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, on the “2040 General Plan Update” webpage at <http://www.moval.org/cdd/documents/general-plan-documents.html>, and on the Community Development Department’s “Current Projects” webpage at <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/cdd/documents/about-projects.html>.

In addition, the Draft EIR and the MoVal 2040 General Plan Update are available for review at the City’s three Library Branches located at:

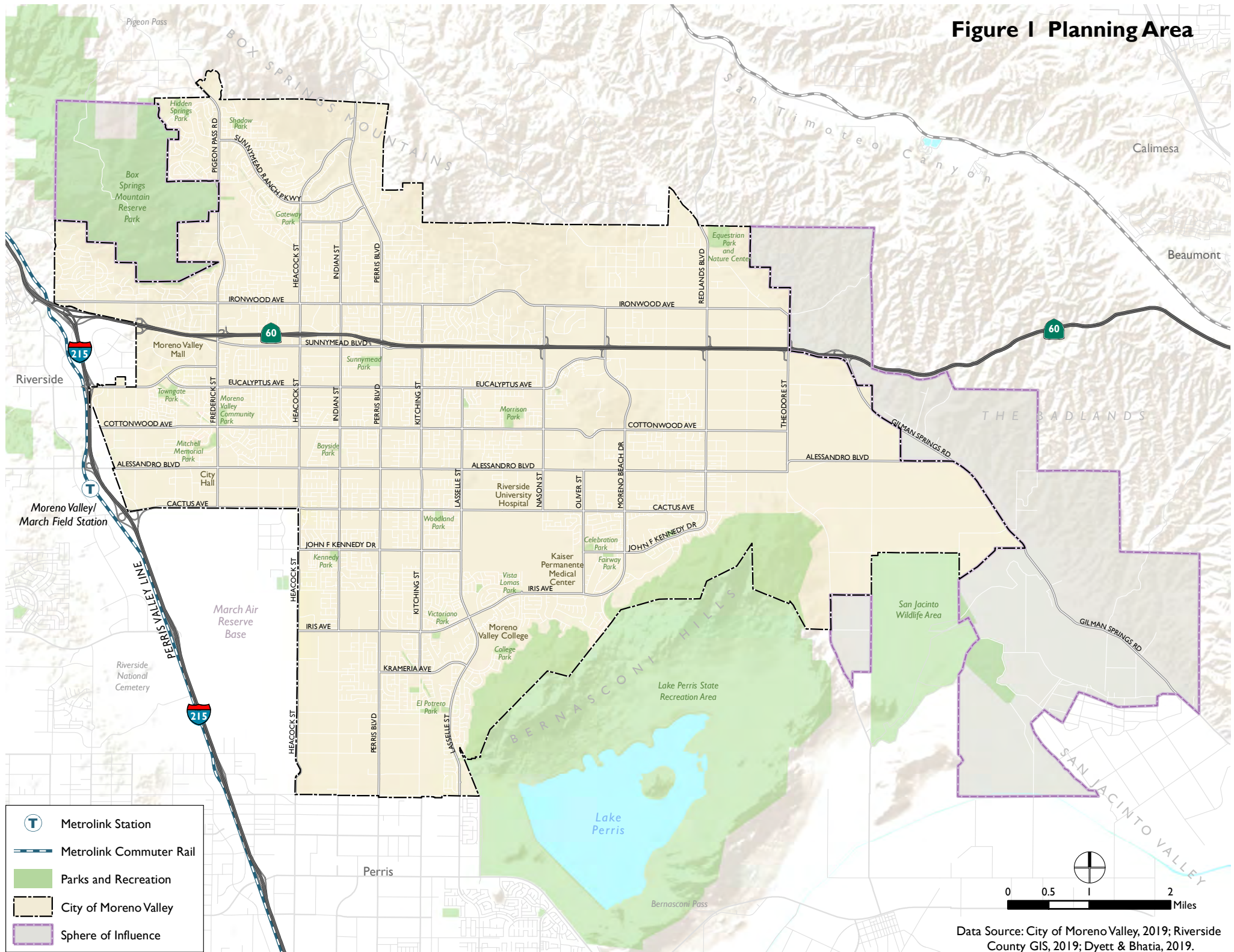
- Main Branch, 25480 Alessandro Boulevard
- Mall Branch, 22500 Town Circle
- Iris Plaza Branch, 16170 Perris Boulevard

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Submission of Written Comments: Members of the public, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties may submit written comments (including emailed comments) regarding the MoVal 2040 General Plan Update and Draft EIR, at any time during the 45-day public review period, to:

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Figure I Planning Area



Data Source: City of Moreno Valley, 2019; Riverside County GIS, 2019; Dyett & Bhatia, 2019.