

A P P E N D I X J

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NO. 1272

Before the San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission Approving the City of Tracy Sphere of Influence Update

WHEREAS, Section 56425 of the Government Code requires the Commission to review and update each sphere of influence every five years; and

WHEREAS, Section 56076 of the Government Code provides that “Sphere of Influence” means a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local governmental agency; and

WHEREAS, the Commission must prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to four specific factors; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Service Review in compliance with Section 56430 of the Government Code has been prepared in conjunction with this sphere update; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held a workshop on December 9, 2011 and received comments; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held a public hearing on the Sphere of Influence Update on January 20, 2012 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 44 North San Joaquin Street, 6th Floor, Stockton, CA pursuant to notice of hearing which was posted, mailed, and published in accordance with State Law; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing the Commission heard and received evidence, both oral and written regarding the sphere of influence update, and all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has duly considered the City of Tracy sphere update; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Certifies that, as a Responsible Agency, the Commission has reviewed and considered the City of Tracy’s Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2008092006) and adopts the CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations as certified by the City of Tracy.

Section 2. The determinations required by Section 56428 of the Government Code have been made and are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. The City of Tracy Sphere of Influence update is hereby approved and is depicted in Exhibit B, attached.

Section 4. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of the adopted Sphere of Influence Update and this resolution to affected agencies and interested parties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of January 2012 by the following roll call votes:

AYES:

NOES:



KEN VOGEL, Chairman
San Joaquin Local Agency
Formation Commission

Sphere of Influence Determinations

According to Government Code 56425 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, in determining the SOI of a local agency, LAFCo shall consider and prepare written determinations with respect to the following four factors:

- The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands.
- The present and probable needs for public facilities and services in the area.
- The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.
- The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.

Each of these determinations is analyzed in detail in Chapter 3, Sphere of Influence Plan, and summarized below.

1. Present and Planned Land Uses

Existing land use data is collected by the San Joaquin County Assessor on a periodic basis. Existing land uses as of 2003 are shown in Figure 3-2 and summarized in Table 3-1 in Chapter 3. Approximately two-thirds of the land within the city limits and SOI is agricultural or vacant land. Over 15 percent of the land within the city limits and SOI is comprised of single-family homes.

The General Plan contains the following land use designations: Residential Very Low, Residential Low, Residential Medium, Residential High, Traditional Residential, Traditional Residential – Ellis, Commercial, Office, Downtown, Village Center, Industrial, Urban Reserve, Public Facilities, Parks, Open Space, Agriculture, and Aggregate. Present and planned land uses specified in the General Plan are appropriate for existing and future Tracy residents. The City of Tracy General Plan contains goals, objectives, policies, and actions that address growth, development, environmental protection, and conservation of open space. The land use goals and policies of the General Plan promote orderly development and balanced growth that expand economic opportunities while preserving Tracy's small town character.

2. Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services

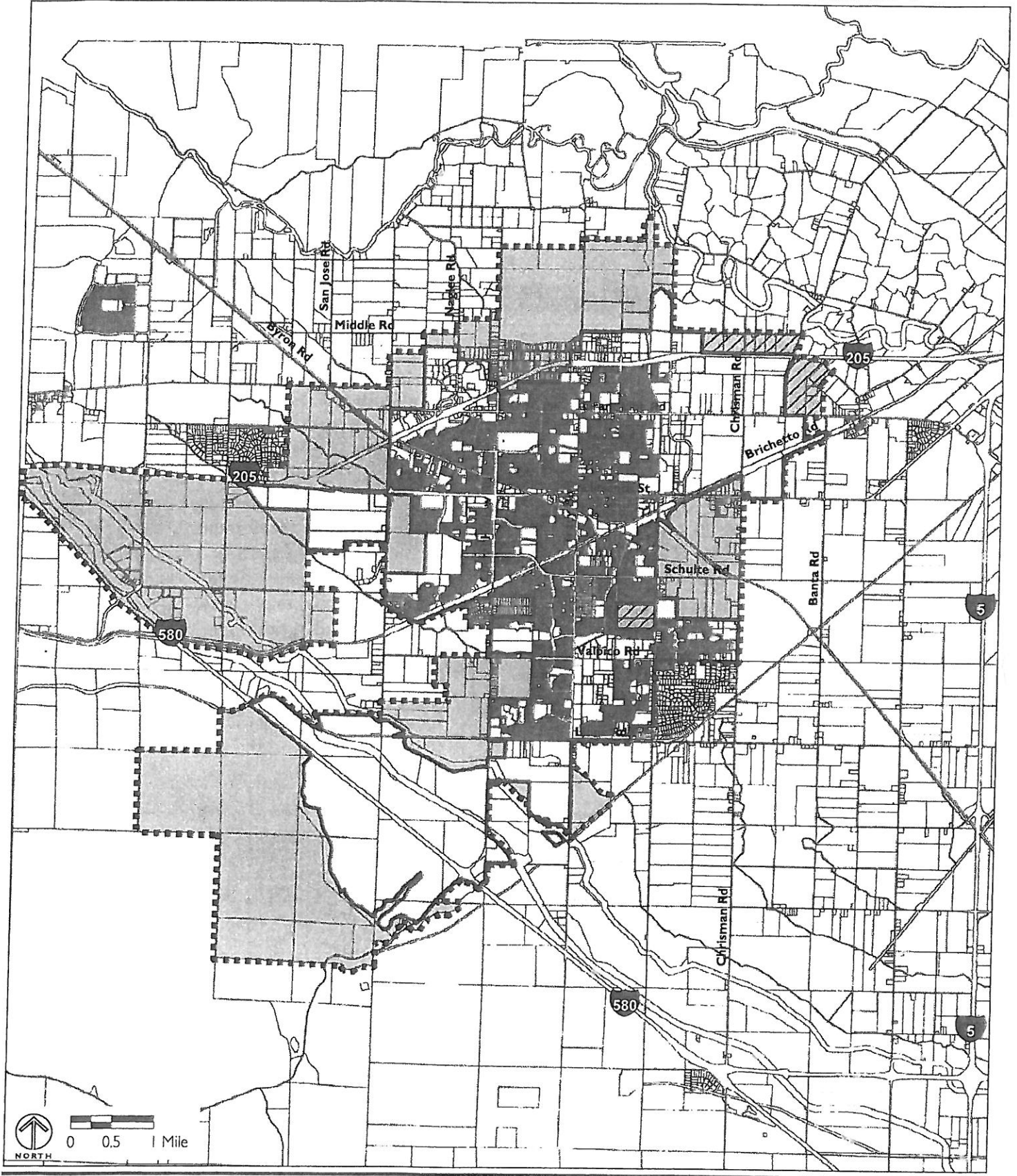
The City of Tracy provides adequate services to meet the needs of its existing population. The City provides fire (through a Joint Powers Agreement with the Tracy Rural Fire Department), emergency medical, police, water, wastewater, and stormwater drainage services, as well as public facilities including transportation, libraries, and recreational facilities. Although new population growth will result in the need for additional service provision, the financing mechanisms described in Chapter 6 and General Plan policies will ensure adequate service provision to meet the needs of current and future populations.

3. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services

Existing public facilities and services are adequate for serving the needs of Tracy's existing population. Although some capacity increases may be necessary to meet the needs of future populations as the city grows, the City of Tracy outlines several methods for reducing service needs in its General Plan policies. More information on existing and future service needs and capacity can be found in Chapter 5.

4. Social and Economic Communities of Interest

Lands in the proposed SOI are unincorporated but are historically, socially, and economically related to the City of Tracy. Although none of the land in the proposed SOI is incorporated or associated with another city, some informally defined neighborhoods and communities do exist in areas of the SOI. Therefore, some impacts to social and economic communities in the SOI may occur as land is annexed to the City of Tracy. Other impacts to economic communities will come as commercial, office, and industrial development occurs under the General Plan. Much of the development under the General Plan is planned to occur on infill land or land that is currently vacant or underutilized. In places where growth occurs in an existing community, the goals, policies, and actions in the General Plan's Community Character, Circulation, and Land Use Elements will promote the preservation and enhancement of the character, identity, and quality of these areas. The General Plan also contains several policies that strive to protect agricultural production and reduce impacts between future urban development and agricultural land uses.







-  City Limits
-  Proposed Sphere of Influence
-  Proposed 10-year Horizon
-  Proposed 30-year Horizon

FIGURE 3-1

**PROPOSED 30-YEAR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
AND 10-YEAR HORIZON**

