

LAND USE
Goal 1. Establish an orderly, functional, and compatible pattern of land uses to guide the future growth and development of Whittier and its sphere of influence, in order to provide a high quality of life for the people.
Policy 1.1 Encourage land uses in the planning area that contribute to making Whittier a desirable community in which to live.
Policy 1.2 Encourage development in the City that is compatible with surrounding uses, provides for civic improvements, increases the potential for future investment, and fulfills the need for high quality residential areas and shopping and employment centers.
Policy 1.3 Conduct and carry out appropriate environmental review for new development and substantial renovation of existing developments.
Policy 1.4 Establish guidelines for land use compatibility in all city ordinances and regulations.
Policy 1.5 Infill development must be sensitive to adjacent land uses to promote compatibility between the new development and existing uses.
Policy 1.6 Promote adaptive re-use of historic structures, where appropriate.
Goal 2. Develop and maintain cohesive, clean, safe, and stable residential neighborhoods in Whittier.
Policy 2.1 Provide city programs to encourage neighborhood or community beautification, safety, and improvement, and continue to encourage Whittier residents to participate and take pride in their neighborhoods and their community.
Policy 2.2 Continue to develop and implement, where appropriate, programs to promote the preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing units.
Policy 2.3 Promote a high degree of personal safety in all residential neighborhoods through design that is sensitive to public safety.
Policy 2.4 Preserve the character of existing neighborhoods and ensure that future residential development is compatible with the surrounding area and the City as a whole.
Policy 2.5 Promote the development of quality housing at a variety of densities, with consideration for the environment, aesthetics, and the need for maintaining and expanding the infrastructure's capacity.
New Policy Ideas?
Policy 2.6 Encourage the assemblage of lots to promote the efficient use of land in areas where multiple family housing is permitted, to facilitate the development of high quality housing.
Policy 2.7 Consider the capacity of existing infrastructure and the potential demand for public services in future planning and review of new development.
Policy 2.8 Continue to implement ongoing planning efforts and continue to work with private groups and organizations in the implementation of development plans.
Goal 3 Promote the development and maintenance of retail and service facilities which are convenient to residents of Whittier, provide the widest possible selection of goods and services, and supplement the City's tax base.
Policy 3.1 Promote convenient access and adequate parking areas in all commercial and retail developments and districts.
Policy 3.2 Encourage the grouping of commercial activities to facilitate access and provide beneficial concentrations of businesses.
Policy 3.3 Improve, protect, and maintain the visual and aesthetic qualities of commercial areas through the control of design, signs, parking, landscaping, and other factors.
Policy 3.4 Discourage large temporary signs and signs that are not directly related to existing commercial buildings (billboards and off-site signs).
Policy 3.5 Encourage the establishment and retention of businesses which provide customers with a variety of high quality goods, reasonable prices and outstanding service.
Policy 3.6 Encourage the development and retention of attractive, safe, and comfortable business buildings and commercial districts.
Policy 3.7 Require high quality design in new commercial development including the use of buffer zones (such as parks, landscaped areas, walls, and high density residential development) between commercial and single-family developments. Encourage the landscaping of blank walls to improve their appearance and to discourage vandalism.

Policy 3.8 Encourage building design that promotes energy conservation and efficiency.
Policy 3.9 Consider the capacity of existing infrastructure and the potential demand for public services in future planning and review of new development.
Goal 4 Encourage the maintenance and continued improvement of industrial areas which support and enhance the physical and economic well-being of Whittier.
Policy 4.1 Encourage new industrial development to be sensitive to adjacent or nearby properties and to be compatible with the environment.
Policy 4.2 Improve the City's industrial and employment base to meet the needs of Whittier.
Policy 4.3 Require high quality design in new industrial developments and promote the use of buffer zones between industrial areas and sensitive uses such as schools, parks, or residential areas.
Policy 4.4 The City will cooperate with county, state, and federal agencies in protecting local groundwater resources, air quality, and other environmental resources from the adverse effects of industrial development.
Policy 4.5 Encourage industrial development to exceed development standards.
Policy 4.6 Consider the capacity of existing infrastructure and the potential demand for public services in future planning and review of new development.
Goal 5 Provide a wide range of safe, attractive and accessible recreational opportunities to meet the needs of individuals of all ages, families, community groups, and the physically challenged who live in the City.
Policy 5.1 Develop and retain parks and recreation areas throughout the City to serve the greatest number of residents.
Policy 5.2 Acquire appropriate sites for recreational activities and land for urban or wilderness parks when possible.
Policy 5.3 Develop parks and recreational facilities to complement and support other community facilities.
Policy 5.4 Develop park facilities in areas where there are identified deficiencies.
Policy 5.5 Avoid the destruction of an existing park, unless another park of larger size is created in the immediate vicinity.
Goal 6 Encourage the retention and development of parkways, median strips, green belts, bike trails, and other open landscape areas, which provide scenic variety and aesthetic improvement.
Policy 6.1 Promote the retention and development of landscaped buffer zones along major thoroughfares, streets, and railroad lines.
Policy 6.2 Promote the maintenance and development of sidewalks and planted parkways along Whittier's streets and promote the planting and maintenance of parkway trees.
Policy 6.3 Promote the conversion of both active and abandoned railroad right-of-way to multi-use trails, greenbelts, and other recreation open space uses, where appropriate.
Policy 6.4 Promote the preservation of important ecological resources within the planning area through a variety of means, including setting aside areas for open space, trails, and recreational uses.
Policy 6.5 Work with property owners and government agencies to promote the preservation of as much of the Puente Hills as possible, for both passive and active recreation.
Goal 7 Promote mixed-use development in those areas of the City, so designated, to provide additional housing and to assist in the revitalization of commercial districts.
Policy 7.1 Encourage housing development with commercial uses in the designated Urban Design Districts where lots are underutilized or contain deteriorating commercial and industrial developments.
Policy 7.2 Encourage the development of "mixed-use" projects that include commercial and residential uses in areas with excess retail space, including areas along-- South Greenleaf, Penn Street, Philadelphia Street, Hadley Street, and Whittier Boulevard and ensure that the design and signage is sensitive to surrounding uses.
Goal 8 Preserve existing institutional land uses in the City.
Policy 8.1 Continue to preserve and maintain institutional uses to serve the current and future residents in the City.
Policy 8.2 Work with institutions (churches, schools, etc.) to support the services they provide and ensure that institutional developments are compatible with the community.

TRANSPORTATION

Goal 1 Provide a comprehensive transportation system for the movement of persons and goods with maximum efficiency and convenience, and with a minimum of danger, delay, and cost.

Policy 1.1 Eliminate or reduce congestion at critical locations within the City.

Policy 1.2 Emphasize traffic solutions that are both innovative and creative, without involving road widening projects if possible.

Goal 2 Provide a public road system which will move private automobiles within the City safely, efficiently, and with minimum impact on residential neighborhoods.

Policy 2.1 Encourage the routing of through traffic to designated arterial streets and (discourage through traffic in residential neighborhoods by employment of traffic engineering practices that are sensitive to adjacent land uses.

Policy 2.2 Designate through truck routes for the use of commercial and industrial traffic.

Policy 2.3 Provide adequate, clean, safe, and accessible off-street parking areas throughout the City.

Policy 2.4 Review current on-street parking requirements to ensure they are sensitive to safety, air quality planning, and other issues.

Policy 2.5 Establish right-of-way easements for future street widening, only where absolutely required, to improve traffic flow and to support existing and future land uses, keeping in mind other policies that focus on non-engineering solutions.

Policy 2.6 Develop alternatives to the widening of roads, and the construction of new roads that would bring more traffic through residential neighborhoods or open space areas.

Policy 2.7 Investigate methods to reduce traffic speed and volume on residential streets.

Policy 2.8 The Uptown Specific Plan will continue to be implemented, as it relates to circulation and parking in the Uptown area.

Goal 3 Encourage the development of a comprehensive public transportation system and alternative modes of transit.

Policy 3.1 Encourage the utilization of Dial-a-Ride, light rail transit, carpools, Whittier Transit, RTD buses, park-and-ride, and other mass transit systems through publicity programs and cost subsidies.

Policy 3.2 Promote the use of alternative forms of transportation (other than single passenger cars) to reduce congestion, traffic, noise, and air quality impacts.

Policy 3.3 Promote the use of carpools, whenever possible.

Policy 3.4 Provide pollution-free and congestion-reducing bicycle, jogging, walking, handicapped-accessible pathways, and lanes which link major destination centers within the City. (Link homes, stores, parks, schools in a network).

Policy 3.5 Promote bicycle use by establishing secure and adequate areas for the parking and storage of bicycles, showers, lockers, and other facilities.

Policy 3.6 Encourage and support the development of a rail transit system through the City which may utilize existing railroad rights-of-way and the Whittier Depot as a transportation center.

Policy 3.7 Continue the local bus system to provide rapid, convenient transportation within the City and connections with the regional bus system.

Policy 3.8 Work towards the conversion of the City's vehicle fleet to flexible-fuel vehicles or lower-emission transit alternatives.

Goal 4 Encourage the creation of a multi-use trails network in the City.

Policy 4.1 Pursue the acquisition of linear park space along existing railroad rights-of-way for use as bicycle paths, walking paths, and equestrian trails.

Policy 4.2 Designate bicycle lanes along major traffic arteries or nearby streets parallel to them, and establish bike paths on residential streets connecting major activity centers such as parks, colleges, Uptown Village, the Quad, Whittwood Mall, the new YMCA, etc.

Policy 4.3 Encourage the development of multi-use trails to connect existing and future parks and open space and utilize parks and other open spaces for bicycle paths and trails, whenever possible.

Policy 4.4 Encourage businesses to install facilities such as bicycle lockers, bicycle racks, showers, and changing areas for people using other forms of transportation to make home-to-work commutes.
Policy 4.5 Prioritize bike lane construction on a few north-south and east-west routes to serve as major bikeway corridors.
Policy 4.6 Provide adequate facilities for use by pedestrians, the handicapped, bicycles, horses, and other forms of personal transportation.
Policy 4.7 Establish guidelines for the use of skateboards, roller skates, and other personal transportation to avoid danger or conflict with other forms of transportation.
Policy 4.8 Work towards the creative recycling of railroad easements.
Goal 5 Establish a comprehensive system of sidewalks and pedestrian walkways.
Policy 5.1 Provide pedestrian safety via sidewalks and crosswalks on a priority basis throughout the City. Top priority should be given to highly-travelled streets near schools, parks, and shopping centers.
Policy 5.2 Complete gaps in the sidewalk system, with priority to those leading to parks and schools.
Policy 5.3 Plant street trees and develop rest areas to serve pedestrians.
Policy 5.4 Expand the existing system of sidewalks in the City, particularly near schools.
Goal 6 Consider environmental and socio-economic impacts, along with the circulation benefits, of street extensions and widening projects.
Policy 6.1 Any future extension of roadways should be sensitive to existing wildlife and their habitats.
Policy 6.2 Road widening and extension projects shall be evaluated for the disturbance to existing developments, the potential loss of affordable housing and the displacement of residents, and the economic impacts on abutting businesses and land uses.
Policy 6.3 The City will evaluate potential traffic impacts (congestion, level of service, etc.) which will occur in the absence of roadway improvements (roadway extensions, widening, etc.).

E.R.M.E.

Goal 1 Preserve or conserve natural and cultural resources that have scientific, educational, economic, aesthetic, social, and cultural value.

Policy 1.1 Cooperate with state, federal and regional agencies to monitor water quality and to provide an adequate supply of high quality water for local and regional needs.

Policy 1.2 Encourage practices that stress soil conservation as a means to retain native vegetation, maximize water infiltration, provide slope stabilization, allow scenic enjoyment, and reduce flood hazards.

Policy 1.3 Preserve adequate open space areas for major habitat types, so as to maintain ecosystems in a natural balance for recreation, scientific, economic, educational, and scenic purposes.

Policy 1.4 Work with appropriate agencies to rehabilitate the oil fields or encourage the rehabilitation of these lands within the planning area for open space, recreation, or other beneficial resource conservation uses after site reclamation.

Policy 1.5 Encourage property owners to preserve areas with native vegetation, wildlife habitat, and visual beauty.

Goal 2 The City of Whittier recognizes that current sources of energy are limited and should not be wasted. Whenever possible, especially in new development, special energy conservation measures should be included in the design of the project.

Policy 2.1 Encourage energy conservation measures in existing and new developments, whether public or private, within the Whittier planning area.

Policy 2.2 Encourage developments to take advantage of energy conservation programs offered by utility companies and other agencies.

Goal 3 Secure a safe, healthful, and wholesome environment through careful planning and preservation of open space resources.

Policy 3.1 Protect existing wildlife habitats through the preservation of open space.

Policy 3.2 Future hillside development will be permitted or approved only if it involves minimal adverse impacts on the environment and natural topography.

Policy 3.3 Participate with the County of Los Angeles, the Southern California Association of Governments, and other responsible agencies on all open space planning matters to the extent necessary to implement the City's General Plan policies regarding open space, housing production goals, and wildlife preservation within its sphere of influence.

Policy 3.4 Continue to enforce mitigation measures for projects which have the potential for significant and irreversible adverse environmental effects.

Policy 3.5 Work with other agencies and service organizations to identify potential strategies and funding sources for the acquisition of open space within the Puente Hills and other areas of the City and encourage flexibility in the planning of any development in the Puente Hills, to allow innovative planning designs that preserve open space and reduce potential environmental impacts.

Goal 4 Preservation of open space land for resource retention and recreational use will be a priority in future planning.

Policy 4.1 The City should encourage the dedication of open space land for public use whenever possible.

Policy 4.2 Retain existing open space in public ownership, wherever possible, including surplus land within the City limits offered for sale by other public agencies.

Policy 4.3 Encourage the retention of privately-owned outdoor recreation uses and consider the public acquisition of such land when the open space uses located, thereon, may be discontinued by the owners.

Policy 4.4 Actively pursue acquisition of open space areas not only to provide areas for traditional recreation activities, but also to preserve ecological features which are valuable for their scientific, educational, scenic, and cultural values.

Policy 4.5 Pursue the use of open space land used for public and semipublic rights-of-way for possible multiple use which would complement the continuity of other designated open space areas, with the consent of the owners and other appropriate agencies.

Policy 4.6 Make every effort to locate possible sources of funds for the acquisition of open space, including, but not limited to, Federal funds, State funds, County funds, Proposition A (Safe Neighborhoods & Parks Act of 1992), and funds from private sources.
Policy 4.7 Work toward the acquisition and dedication of open space land in the unincorporated county areas for purposes of expanding the Hellman Wilderness Park.
Goal 5 Provide a sufficient range of recreation opportunities to meet the needs of residents of all ages and interests in the community.
Policy 5.1 Identify the needs and possible locations for special use facilities such as trails, swimming pools, multi-use sports fields, walking trails, bicycle and equestrian trails in the City.
Policy 5.2 Encourage cooperation between all user groups and agencies involved with parks and recreation, with special emphasis on the coordination of parks and school programs and facilities.
Policy 5.3 Integrate recreation planning efforts to consider conservation, open space, and scenic highway areas and programs designed to conserve these resources.
Policy 5.4 Identify all land under public and private ownership used for recreation within the Whittier planning area in order to determine the availability of such lands for park and recreation purposes
Policy 5.5 Develop a system of continuous cross town bicycle, equestrian, and hiking trails which will encourage the use and enjoyment of public open space in the City and the surrounding area.
Policy 5.6 Cooperate with the County of Los Angeles in the establishment and acquisition of open space and park land, including but not limited to, greenbelts, trails, and wilderness-type reservations.
Policy 5.7 Update the survey of parks and recreational facilities in the City to assess the current effectiveness of parks and recreation programs, as well as the needs and interests of Whittier residents, and update the City's Master Plan for Parks and Recreational Facilities.
Policy 5.8 Translate recreational needs into space requirements in order to determine optimum standards for park development.
Policy 5.9 Promote access to the physically challenged within existing and future parks.
Policy 5.10 Coordinate the use of parkland with other community concerns, such as air quality, traffic circulation, and safety.
Policy 5.11 Encourage the use of parks by promoting a wide range of uses and activities for equestrians, hikers, children, joggers, cyclists, etc.
Policy 5.12 Encourage joint use/maintenance agreements with school districts to provide athletic fields and gymnasiums for the use of all persons in the community.
Policy 5.13 Encourage the landscaping of railroad rights-of-way and major arterials to serve as buffers from adjacent uses.
Policy 5.14 Wherever feasible, provide recreational improvements in conjunction with existing facilities that have other primary purposes, such as flood control or abandoned railroad rights-of-way.
Policy 5.15 Encourage the preservation of privately-owned residential open space (e.g. common areas within residential projects).
Policy 5.16 Support the implementation of the Whittier Hills Park Plan.
Goal 6 Maintain amenities along major roadways which provide beauty, identity, and form to the community and to neighborhoods within the community.
Policy 6.1 Upgrade entryways and areas along major thoroughfares through the City.
Policy 6.2 Protect scenic corridors that have aesthetic, recreational, cultural, or historic values.
Policy 6.3 Identify the portions of the street system which, together with the adjacent scenic corridors, require special scenic treatments.
Policy 6.4 Work closely with the County of Los Angeles or appropriate State agencies on the preparation of plans for scenic corridors identified by the ERME and adopted by either the City or County.
Goal 7 Protect and preserve the hillside areas.
Policy 7.1 Work with land owners and government agencies in promoting land use plans that are sensitive to the environment and give maximum consideration to the preservation of natural habitats.

Policy 7.2 Work with land owners and government agencies in identifying areas that should be preserved as open space for recreation, resource management, or public safety.
Policy 7.3 Continue to work with Los Angeles County and other government agencies in the preparation and review of development plans in the Puente Hills and in identifying ways to preserve the environment.
Policy 7.4 Promote the preservation of the Puente Hills within the planning area between Workman Mill Road and the La Habra Heights boundary as permanent open space, to the greatest extent possible, for the enjoyment of not only the citizens of Whittier, but for the surrounding communities and Southern California as a whole.
Policy 7.5 Continue to enforce the City's hillside development standards.
Goal 8 Promote recycling, source reduction, and waste management practices to reduce the volume of solid waste.
Policy 8.1 Support and complement existing recycling programs by public and private agencies (Lion's Club, Boy Scouts, area grocers, etc.) and encourage waste stream reduction and recycling of solid waste to extend the life of the Savage Canyon Landfill.
Policy 8.2 The City will implement the Source Reduction and Recycling Element pursuant to AB 939.

AIR QUALITY

Goal 1 Reduce emissions associated with single-occupancy automobile use.

Policy 1.1 Enhance transit service and make the system user-friendly.

Policy 1.2 Promote transit service and availability.

Policy 1.3 Support development of a transit center linking local and regional bus service that provides a safe, attractive place to wait.

Policy 1.4 Support trip-reduction programs, such as longer day, shorter week work schedules.

Policy 1.5 Encourage participation in Transportation Management Associations/ Organizations.

Policy 1.6 Encourage walking and bicycling.

Policy 1.7 Encourage local merchants to offer incentives to customers who use transit or walk or bicycle to shop.

Goal 2 Reduce truck emissions.

Policy 2.1 Encourage diversion of peak hour truck traffic, whenever feasible, to off- peak periods to reduce roadway congestion and associated emissions.

Policy 2.2 Work to improve roadway safety by designing roadways to accommodate trucks and reduce potential for accidents that create congestion and associated emissions.

Policy 2.3 Encourage trucks operating within the City to maintain safety equipment and to operate at safe speeds so as to reduce the potential for accidents.

Goal 3 Reduce directly emitted vehicle emissions.

Policy 3.1 Reduce idling emissions by improving traffic flow and the level of service through the use of synchronized traffic signals.

Policy 3.2 Encourage the use of alternative fuels and alternative energy sources in City- owned vehicles.

Goal 4 Reduce vehicle emissions through improved parking design and transportation demand management.

Policy 4.1 Promote parking facility designs which discourage queuing.

Policy 4.2 Support easing of parking requirements on a case-by-case basis where a development is in close proximity to public transit and there are safeguards against spillover parking in adjacent areas.

Policy 4.3 Support community activities where parking is temporarily restricted and walking or public transit is facilitated.

Policy 4.4 Encourage centrally located parking in Uptown and other shopping areas where shoppers can walk or take the trolley to a number of destinations.

Policy 4.5 Encourage landscaping in parking areas to reduce fugitive dust and improve local air quality.

Goal 5 Reduce emissions associated with vehicle miles traveled by providing a balance of jobs and housing.

Policy 5.1 Maintain the City of Whittier's existing favorable balance of job and housing opportunities.

Policy 5.2 Work cooperatively with adjacent job-rich communities to improve overall job/housing balance in the subarea.

Policy 5.3 Encourage mixed-use developments which combine housing and related commercial uses.

Policy 5.4 Encourage residential growth to occur in and around commercial activity centers and transportation node corridors.

Policy 5.5 Promote telecommuting and teleconferencing activities.

Goal 6 Reduce emissions associated with energy consumption.

Policy 6.1 Support the use of energy-efficient equipment and design in City facilities and infrastructure.

Policy 6.2 Encourage incorporation of energy conservation features in new developments and in the renovation of existing development.

Policy 6.3 Support passive solar design in new construction.

Policy 6.4 Support public participation in recycling programs to reduce emissions associated with manufacture and waste disposal.

Policy 6.5 Support use of drought-resistant vegetation in City landscaping areas and new development to reduce energy needed to pump water.

Goal 7 Reduce fugitive dust emissions.
Policy 7.1 Encourage feasible fugitive dust reduction techniques to be utilized during construction activities.
Policy 7.2 Support the use of efficient equipment procedures in cleaning streets and parking areas.
Policy 7.3 Support subdivision design which minimizes grading and maintains the natural topography to the maximum extent feasible.
Goal 8 Reduce potential air pollution emissions and impacts through siting and building design standards.
Policy 8.1 Support the use of low polluting construction materials and coatings.
Policy 8.2 Assess the air pollution impacts of all projects uniformly.
Policy 8.3 Actively encourage the separation of sensitive receptors, such as schools and hospitals, from sources of toxic emissions.
Policy 8.4 Actively encourage the separation of sensitive receptors from potential carbon monoxide hotspots.
Policy 8.5 Encourage the provision of bus shelters, turn-out lanes, etc. in new developments to promote the use of public transit.
Goal 9 Maximize the effectiveness of air quality control programs through coordination with other government agencies.
Policy 9.1 Participate in the SCAQMD rule development process on regulations which impact the City of Whittier to ensure that City concerns are resolved early in the process.
Policy 9.2 Verify that new local commercial and industrial establishments obtain all necessary SCAQMD permits prior to development.
Policy 9.3 Support state and federal legislation that results in improved air quality in the South Coast Air Basin.
Policy 9.4 Participate with neighboring cities in efforts to improve regional and subregional transit.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Goal 1 Promote an environment that is reasonably safe from hazards so that Whittier residents may conduct their daily lives free from fear and apprehension.

Policy 1.1 Continue to work for the highest quality of fire, police, and health protection possible for all Whittier residents.

Policy 1.2 Continue to cooperate with public agencies and support service providers to develop emergency preparedness programs to reduce injury, loss of life, and property damage.

Policy 1.3 Continue to provide fast, efficient, and reliable assistance to disaster victims and to areas where conditions warrant evacuation of people and property.

Policy 1.4 Promote emergency preparedness through public education and awareness programs on safety, earthquake preparedness, crime prevention, and fire and hazard prevention.

Policy 1.5 Promote the study, adoption, and review of regulations designed to assure appropriate and safe development in hazardous areas.

Goal 2 Minimize loss of life, injuries, damage to property, and social and economic dislocation resulting from future regional or local seismic activity.

Policy 2.1 Develop land use regulations that will mandate the review, evaluation, and restriction of development in areas where there are recognized hazards.

Policy 2.2 Provide for the orderly abatement of structural hazards within the community, consistent with the degree of earthquake risk the community is willing to accept.

Policy 2.3 Maintain contingency plans which will help Whittier citizens respond to and recover from an earthquake as quickly and effectively as possible.

Goal 3 Maintain and enhance safety and emergency services in the City.

Policy 3.1 Coordinate fire protection services with the County Fire Department.

Policy 3.2 Maintain an adequate emergency response system.

Policy 3.3 Assist the police and fire departments in monitoring the safety of all developments in the City.

Policy 3.4 Continue to maintain fire safety through building inspections, weed abatement, and other programs.

Policy 3.5 Provide adequate fire and police services for new developments in the planning area.

Policy 3.6 Periodically review the City's emergency equipment and shelters to ensure that they are adequate to meet the needs of changing land uses and development types.

Goal 4 Develop programs to protect residents and businesses from hazardous materials contamination.

Policy 4.1 Support the enforcement of state and federal environmental and pollution control laws. The City should work with the Fire Department to require hazardous materials users and generators to prepare procedures for responding to accidental spills and emergencies.

Policy 4.2 Promote the proper disposal of hazardous materials and prohibit the disposal of hazardous materials at the Savage Canyon Landfill. Random checks of incoming trucks to the landfill shall be continued. At the same time, develop programs to dispose of small quantities of households hazardous wastes.

Policy 4.3 Designate routes for trucks carrying hazardous materials and preventing trucks from using residential and local streets.

Policy 4.4 Work with the County Fire Department. and adjacent cities on emergency response plans for hazardous material accidents.

Goal 5 Reduce crime and violence in the City.

Policy 5.1 Regularly review police services to determine the adequacy and quality of service.

Policy 5.2 Continue to provide programs that deter crime and violence in Whittier and the surrounding area.

Policy 5.3 Encourage neighborhood groups to assist the police in crime prevention and law enforcement.

Policy 5.4 Develop programs for discouraging crime and gang violence in the city.

Policy 5.5 Work with other agencies and jurisdictions to promote safe driving to minimize traffic accidents.

NOISE

Goal 1 Minimize noise levels throughout the community.

Policy 1.1 Work toward the separation or buffering of freeways and highways from noise-sensitive land uses such as residences, schools, and hospitals.

Policy 1.2 Consider steps to correct existing noise problems and avoid future problems through design measures such as buffers and barriers or through abatement procedures.

Goal 2 Discourage noises which are detrimental to the public health and welfare and contrary to the public interest.

Policy 2.1 Control, at their sources, any sounds which exceed accepted community noise levels.

Policy 2.2 Evaluate and control the noise impacts of major developments and construction through the environmental review process.

Policy 2.3 Encourage attenuation devices and limited hours of operation for new private recreational developments so that neighborhood noise, especially during evening and nighttime hours, can be reduced.

Policy 2.4 Support the enforcement of existing laws pertaining to the noise of off-road vehicles, trucks, and equipment.

Policy 2.5 Recognize and follow acceptable noise level standards from schools, parks, and other land uses in future planning.

HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Goal 1 Determine the nature and extent of Whittier's physical and cultural heritage.

Policy 1.1 Identify buildings, sites, objects, neighborhoods, landscaped areas, and gardens which have special significance to the history and/or character of Whittier.

Policy 1.2 Require investigations for new development during the environmental review to evaluate the potential for archaeological and paleontological resources.

Goal 2 Develop an historic resources preservation program, recognizing that effective utilization of the City's historic resources supports community identity and appeal, social and economic vitality, and neighborhood stability.

Policy 2.1 Update the City's historic resources ordinance as needed to protect identified historic buildings, sites, trees, gardens, and neighborhoods.

Policy 2.2 Establish Historic Districts, as appropriate, to protect Whittier's historic neighborhoods, and to preserve and enhance the distinctive visual and functional image of Whittier.

Policy 2.3 Encourage new development near historic structures, sites or districts to be compatible with the existing significant structures in scale, material, and character.

Policy 2.4 Encourage the preservation of open areas around historic buildings.

Goal 3 Promote public awareness of Whittier's history and heritage.

Policy 3.1 Promote, encourage, and assist, as appropriate, efforts to educate the public about the history, heritage, and resources of Whittier.

Policy 3.2 Provide information to the public on tax incentives and financing available for historic preservation activities.