

Carmichael Community Action Plan, Phase III Recommendations

The following recommendations were approved by the Board of Supervisors June 1, 2004:

Transportation

Streets and Traffic Management

1. - 2. Maintain and improve traffic flow and control speeding in Carmichael.

Public Transit

5. - 10. Increase the level of public transit service to Carmichael.

Alternative Modes of Transportation

11. Create a network of bike lanes throughout Carmichael connecting parks, schools, the library, shopping, and neighborhoods.
12. Accelerate the pace of pedestrian-friendly improvements.

Community Identity

Identity

18. Designate a portion of Fair Oaks Boulevard Corridor as a Main Street with a common design theme (architectural design standards, landscaping, signage, street lights).

Local Businesses

21. An effort should be made to actively recruit businesses that will enhance Carmichael such as restaurants, boutiques, and businesses that are oriented to families.
22. An effort should be made to encourage more variety in the types of businesses located in Carmichael.

Community Appearance and Pride

23. Work with the community to ensure that all business properties are properly maintained.
24. Adopt stronger code enforcement to eliminate blight and undesirable, poorly maintained commercial property.
25. Remove SMUD and other utility poles off of Fair Oaks Boulevard, either by moving them underground or to the rear of the property.
26. Work with local park districts to help sponsor and organize festivals, farmer's markets and other community events at area parks and the community centers.

Neighborhoods

Semi-Rural Area (1 or 2 Homes per Acre)

34. Projects within semi-rural neighborhoods should be built using the existing zoning of 1 or 2 homes per acre. Discourage rezones to preserve the semi-rural character and encourage retention of larger lot sizes and setbacks consistent with the neighborhood.

Low-Density Areas (4 to 5 Homes per Acre)

37. Projects within low-density neighborhoods should be built using the existing zoning of 4 or 5 homes per acre. Discourage rezones to preserve the character of the neighborhoods and encourage retention of larger lot sizes and setbacks consistent with the neighborhood.

High-Density Areas (Including Duplexes and Apartments)

40. Encourage rehabilitation of existing high density and commercial areas before new projects are developed.
41. Projects within residentially zoned high density and commercially zoned areas along the major streets should be developed as mixed-use (retail and high density residential in the same development) which are compatible with adjacent residential neighborhoods and promotes public transit.

Neighborhood Identity and Appearance

45. In addition to protecting heritage, which are already protected by the County of Sacramento Tree Ordinance, strictly monitor and limit the removal of other large trees in neighborhoods.

Local Governance

56. Maintain a Carmichael community website that includes information about all aspects of the community, including land use, transportation issues, community events.

Community Services and Public Safety

Human and Community Services

63. Establish a partnership between Sacramento County and the local school district to allow schools to be used as neighborhood centers. For example, allow schools to be used for neighborhood and after-school activities.

Library

64. The library should be open more hours.

Parks and Recreation

66. Renovate existing park facilities.

Public Safety

70. Make public safety contact readily available to citizens and neighborhood groups.
71. Increase the presence of both neighborhood officers (Problem Oriented Policing) and County Code Enforcement in Carmichael.
72. Encourage more communication (community building, conflict resolution and crime reduction practices) between the Sheriff's Department and neighborhood groups such as neighborhood watch and the community.
73. Adopt an ordinance to increase lighting in public areas and parking areas.