

**2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report  
Additional highlights to mention verbally  
at City Council Adoption Hearing  
May 26, 2021**

The Midtown Trail, segments in various stages from design to construction

High Speed Rail station area planning continued

Southwest Airlines and Aha! Airlines began service out of the Fresno Yosemite International Airport

Trail in Southwest Fresno is being designed and engineered

Adopted ADA Transition Plan, which evaluates and sets schedule to improve path of travel to transit stops

Veterans Blvd continued to progress with Bullard extension completed and grade separations and southern extension underway

The California Complete Streets Project (California between Fruit and Mayor) was awarded funding

The Fresno Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Transactions and Use Tax (Measure P) became effective in July 2021 and will allocate a 0.375% transactions and use tax to improve and maintain parks and park facilities, create new parks and trails, and fund recreation, community, and arts programs.

The Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission was established to create an avenue for public input and advise the City on items related to Measure P.

After receiving public input, the City Council adopted a new definition of highest-need neighborhoods as it pertains to the Fresno Clean and Safe Neighborhoods Parks Transactions and Use Tax and includes weighted index incorporating equity factors.

PARCS Department reorganized to better align the reporting, roles, and responsibilities to the City's needs—creating 5 geographic operating areas, 3 program areas, and customer service and operational maintenance teams.

After a suspension of the 2020 season due to COVID 19, PARCS resumed aquatics programming in 2021. In total, over 15,750 patrons participated in community recreation swim opportunities, and 468 children took part in swim lessons.

PARCS launched the pilot Park Attendant program to provide customer service and custodial support at 10 heavily used parks.

Love-A-Park Program created to provide a way for the public, organization, business or school to take part in the beautification and appearance of parks.

Junior College campus envisioned in the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan (2017) is under construction.

New 5-acre park at Milburn & Dakota in West Fresno was designed and received entitlement approvals.

PARCS department launched a Summer Youth Jobs initiative placing 65 youth ages 16-24 with PARCS programs for up to 160 hours during summer 2021, including a 5-week job skills training course; approximately 50% were retained as temporary staff following the end of the program.

PARCS department employed over 130 youth during fiscal year 2021 through Youth Jobs, Aquatics, and other programs.

Fire Station 18 in West Fresno is under construction.

42 new firefighter positions added, new 2-person squads improve response to medical emergencies, and firefighters on duty has increased from 81 to 95 per day.

City continues to move forward on a new Regional Fire Training Center after receiving a State funded grant for \$25 million.

North Avenue Sewer Trunk Line completed

New central plant and rehabilitation of 2 digestors at the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility

West Area Neighborhoods Specific Plan (WANSP), Southeast Development Area Specific Plan (SEDA), and South Central Specific Plan (SCSP) all have infrastructure studies underway. WANSP and SEDA also have Infrastructure Financing Studies underway.

Northeast Surface Water Treatment Plant expanded CO2 injection system, completed other improvements, and entered into a contract for a 4.5 MG Storage Tank.

City of Fresno Nitrate Initial Assessment completed and informed the Early Action Plan approved by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Awarded USBR Grant to facilitate recycled water connections of Fulton Street, Fink White Park, and City Hall to recently completed recycled water main through Downtown Fresno.

Citywide energy efficiency and renewable energy and storage projects have been approved and implemented Citywide to include LED transition, Controls, HVAC, Transformers and solar and battery storage.

City installed over 87 Public Electric Vehicle Chargers Citywide.