

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

**Needs further discussion:** The table below shows the existing parks and open space within or just outside the Specific Plan Area. Should there be a new parkland standard in Southwest Fresno?

PARK NAME	EXISTING ACREAGE	NOTES
Community, Neighborhood, and Pocket Parks		
Chandler*	2.33	Surrounded on all sides by residential housing
CFD11_TR5549_04*	0.35	Surrounded on all sides by residential housing
Habitat*	1.30	Surrounded on all sides by residential housing
Sunset*	0.97	Located next to the Sunset Neighborhood Center
Mary Ella Brown*	4.48	Located next to the Mary Ella Brown Community Center
Neilsen*	4.44	Adjacent to Fresno Park
Hinton*	5.23	Just outside of Specific Plan Area, but within walking distance of Specific Plan Area residences and located next to Cecil C. Hinton Community Center
COMMUNITY, NEIGHBORHOOD, and POCKET PARKS TOTAL	19.10 acres	
Parkland to Residents Ratio (Goal is 3 acres per 1,000 residents)	1.51 acres per 1,000 residents (for community, neighborhood, and pocket parks listed above only)	
Other Parks and Open Space		
Regional Sports Complex*	123.18	Fee required; near landfill
Hyde*	16.03	Near toxic site; on landfill
Fresno	8.00	Owned by Fresno Unified School District
Ponding Basin/Park FF	24.60	Owned by the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD); open during non-rainy seasons; closed during rainy seasons to collect stormwater
Ponding Basin/Park TT2	4.47	Owned by the FMFCD; open during non-rainy seasons; closed during rainy seasons to collect stormwater
ALL OTHER PARKS AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	176.28 acres	
ALL PARKS TOTAL	195.38 acres	
Parkland to Residents Ratio (Goal is 5 acres per 1,000 residents)	15.45 acres per 1,000 residents (for all parks and open space listed above)	

\* Parks owned by the City of Fresno.

### COMPARISON OF PARKLAND GOALS VS. EXISTING PARKLAND

	GENERAL PLAN PARKLAND GOAL	
	Minimum goal of 3 acres per 1,000 existing residents	Aspirational goal of 5 acres per 1,000 existing residents
Parkland Goal Based on Current Population	<b>37.95 acres</b>	<b>63.25 acres</b>
# of acres of existing parkland	<b>19.10 acres</b>	<b>195.38 acres</b>
# of acres needed to meet goal	<b>18.85 acres (existing acreage does not meet goal by 18.85 acres)</b>	<b>-132.13 acres (existing acreage exceeds goal by 132.13 acres)</b>

Source: City of Fresno; ratio based on 2015 Esri Community Profile for Southwest Fresno Project Area population of 12,649 people, prepared by PlaceWorks. City park space does not include strictly ponding basins or trails.

- Policy POSS-1-a on page 5-20 of the General Plan states that the parkland standard is 3 acres per 1,000 residents for pocket, neighborhood and community parks, and another 2 acres per 1,000 residents for regional parks. The parkland standard goal is 5 acres per 1,000 residents for all parks throughout the city, subject to identifying additional funding for regional parks and trails.
- Existing park acreage in the Southwest Fresno Specific Plan Area totals 195.38 acres. The Regional Sports Complex, Hyde Park, and part-time ponding basins are included in that total.
- Some places (including Los Angeles County) are assessing their park needs using a combination of several metrics, including:
  - Park Land = acreage per 1,000 residents
  - Park Accessibility = distance of residents to parks
  - Amenity Quantities = measures number and types of amenities available per 1,000 residents. Amenities include open lawn, basketball/tennis courts, fitness zones, picnic shelters, etc.
  - Amenity Conditions = are amenities in good, fair, or poor shape

Question: **Which metric is the highest priority for parks in Southwest Fresno?**

- A. Park Acreage per 1,000 residents
- B. Distance of Residents to Parks
- C. Number and Types of Amenities
- D. Condition of Amenities

Question: **How should future funding resources be spent on parks? Prioritize the following.**

- A. Repair existing amenities in existing parks
- B. Add new amenities to existing parks
- C. Build new parks with new amenities

Question: **Should new park space be distributed in more, smaller parks placed to maximize the number of people who can walk to a park or concentrated in fewer, larger parks that provide large sports fields and wide open space, but are outside walking distance for most residents?**

- A. Distribute park space: smaller, but more, parks within walking distance
- B. Concentrate park space: larger, but fewer, parks within walking distance

City of Fresno  
Southwest Specific Planning Area  
and Adjacent Sphere of Influence

Legend

- Southwest Specific Plan Area
- Sphere of Influence
- City Limits
- Open Space

RP Regional Park (More than 40 acres)

CP Community Park (10.01 to 40 acres)

NP Neighborhood Park (2.01 to 10 acres)

PP Pocket Park (0.5 to 2 acres)

Hyde Park\*

CC Community Center

PBP Ponding Basin/ Park\*\*

BP Ponding Basin
- Schools

E Elementary School

M Middle School

H Publicly Accessible Playfield of High School

S Special School
- Trails

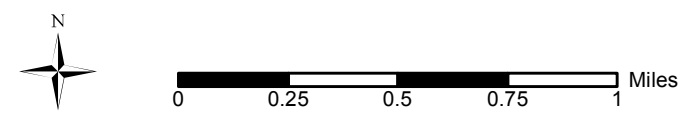
Planned City or County Trails

Planned Class I or II Bike Facility

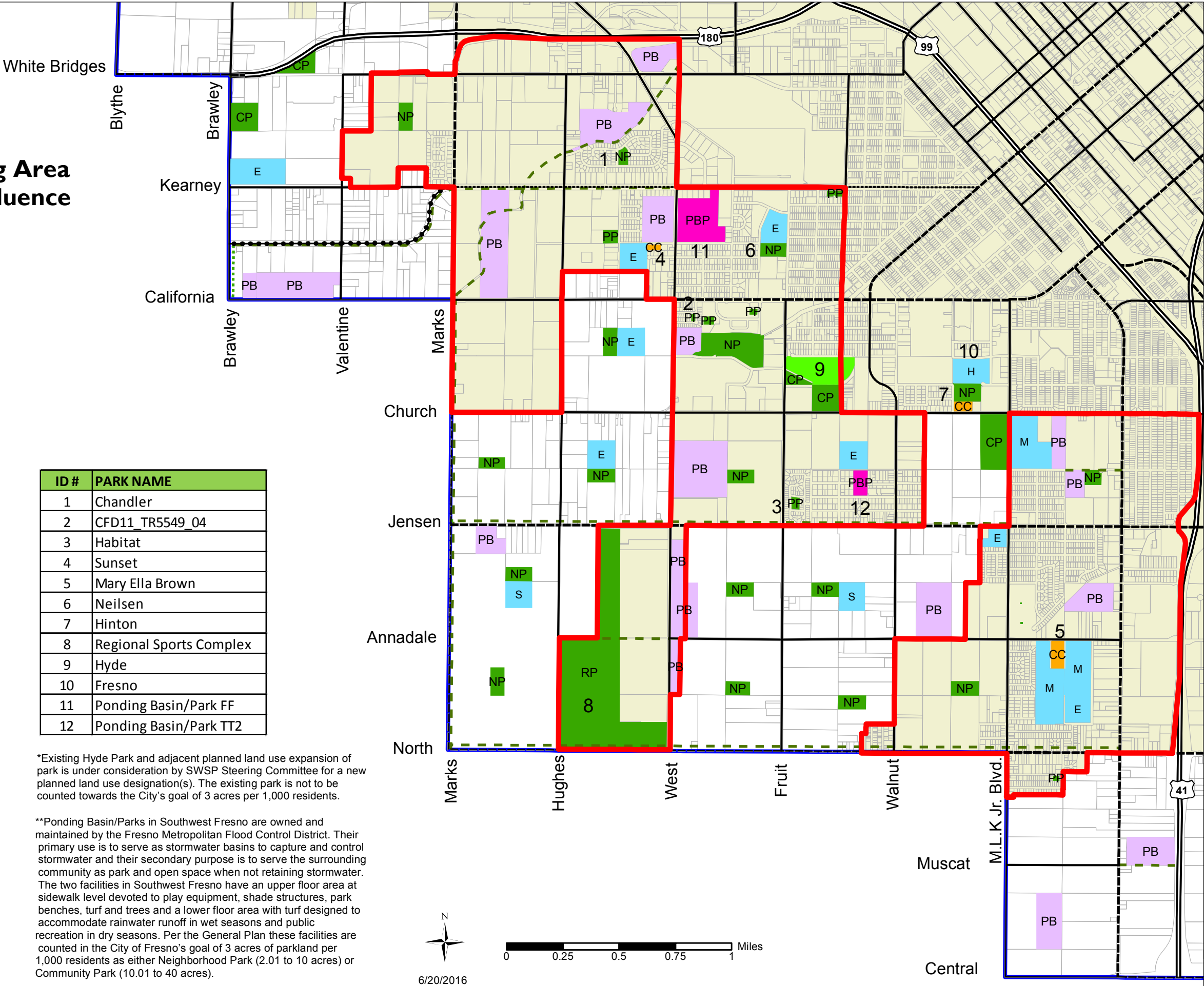
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**City of Fresno  
Southwest Specific Plan Area  
Residences Underderved by Parks**

**Legend**

-  Southwest Specific Plan Area
-  Planned Land Use
-  Sphere of Influence
-  City Limits





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**Residential**

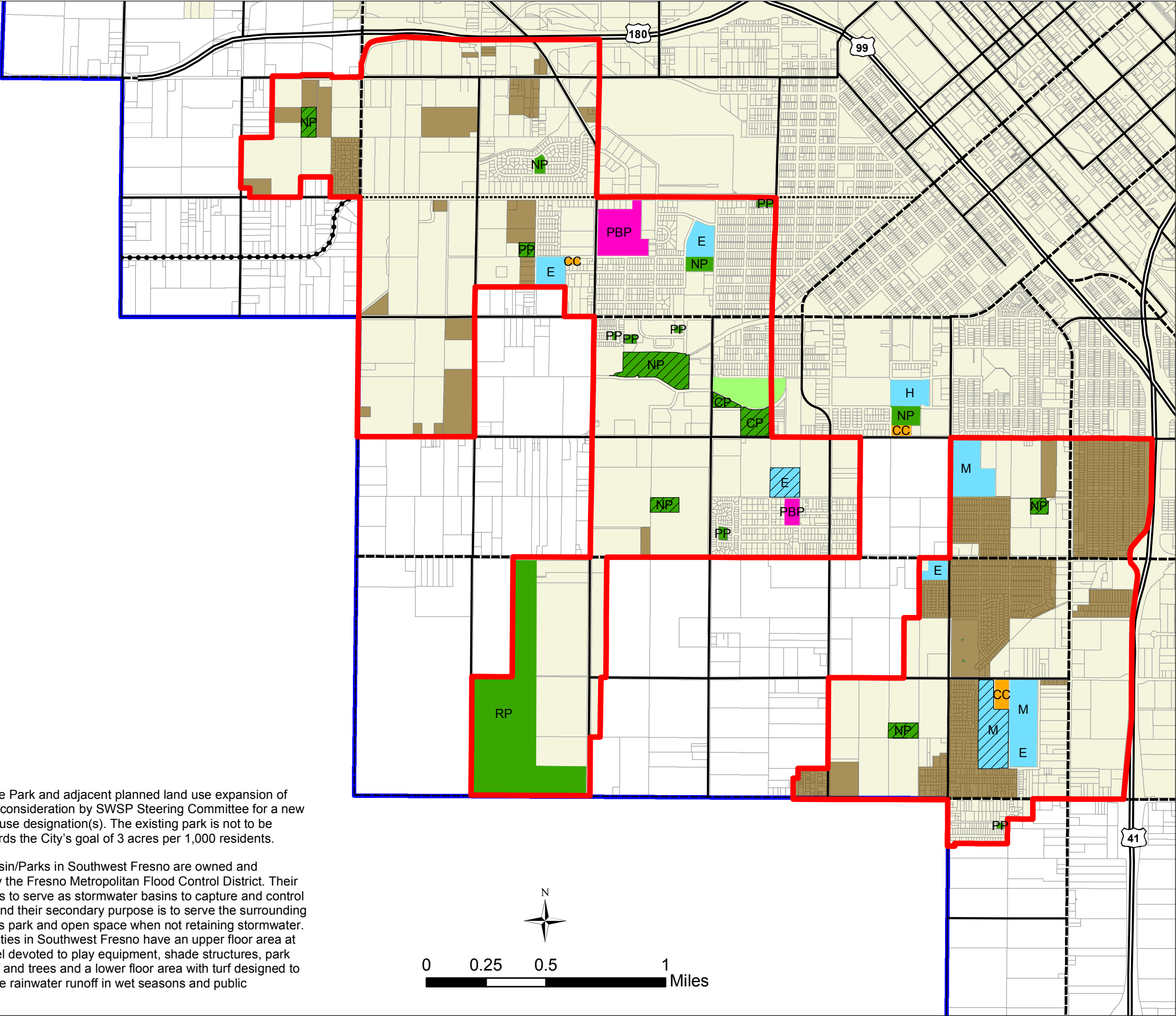
-  Residences Underserved by Parks

**Schools**

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-  M Middle School
-  H Publically Accessible Playfield of High School
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## TRANSPORTATION

**Needs further discussion:** The location and nature of pedestrian, bicycle, and truck routes in Southwest Fresno remain to be determined.

- The existing pedestrian facilities are sidewalks, which exist on most (but not all) streets in Southwest Fresno. Previous discussions indicated that sidewalks should be installed everywhere there is a street in Southwest Fresno.
- The current 2010 Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Master Plan shows very few existing or planned routes in Southwest Fresno. Kearney Boulevard, California Avenue, and Elm Avenue are shown as having existing facilities.
  - The City is currently developing a 2016 Active Transportation Plan (ATP), which would update and build on the 2010 plan. Draft goals for the ATP are shown below.
- Bicycle lanes or routes will become more desired as the neighborhood grows. Bicycle facilities on arterial streets such as Church Avenue, Jensen Avenue, Walnut Avenue, and MLK Jr. Boulevard would connect with many destinations, and would be cost effective to create, but would have to share streets with cars travelling at higher speeds.
- Bicycle facilities on slower minor streets and through neighborhoods may be more comfortable to many users, but would not be as direct.
- Bicycle/pedestrian facilities that are separated from the street (either next to streets such as on Kearney Boulevard or along irrigation ditches or other features) would be most comfortable and safe, but would be very expensive and difficult to connect to each other and over long distances.
- The Highway 41 + North Complete Streets Plan proposes striped bike lanes along North, Elm, and Annadale Avenues, and MLK Jr. Boulevard, along with “road diets” that would reduce travel lanes. Protected bike lanes are also proposed for North Avenue and MLK Jr. Boulevard in the long-term scenario.
- The City of Fresno has designated certain roadways within the City as “truck routes” to facilitate the movement of goods within and through the City. A few of the truck routes along arterials and collectors pass through residential areas, including roadways with residential driveways. These include Jensen Avenue and North Avenue in the southeastern portion of the Specific Plan Area and have been noted to present conflicts with adjacent neighborhoods.

Question: **Review the Draft 2016 ATP goals below. How should the language be refined to accommodate walking and biking in Southwest Fresno? What guiding principles should determine the location and nature of pedestrian and bicycle routes?**

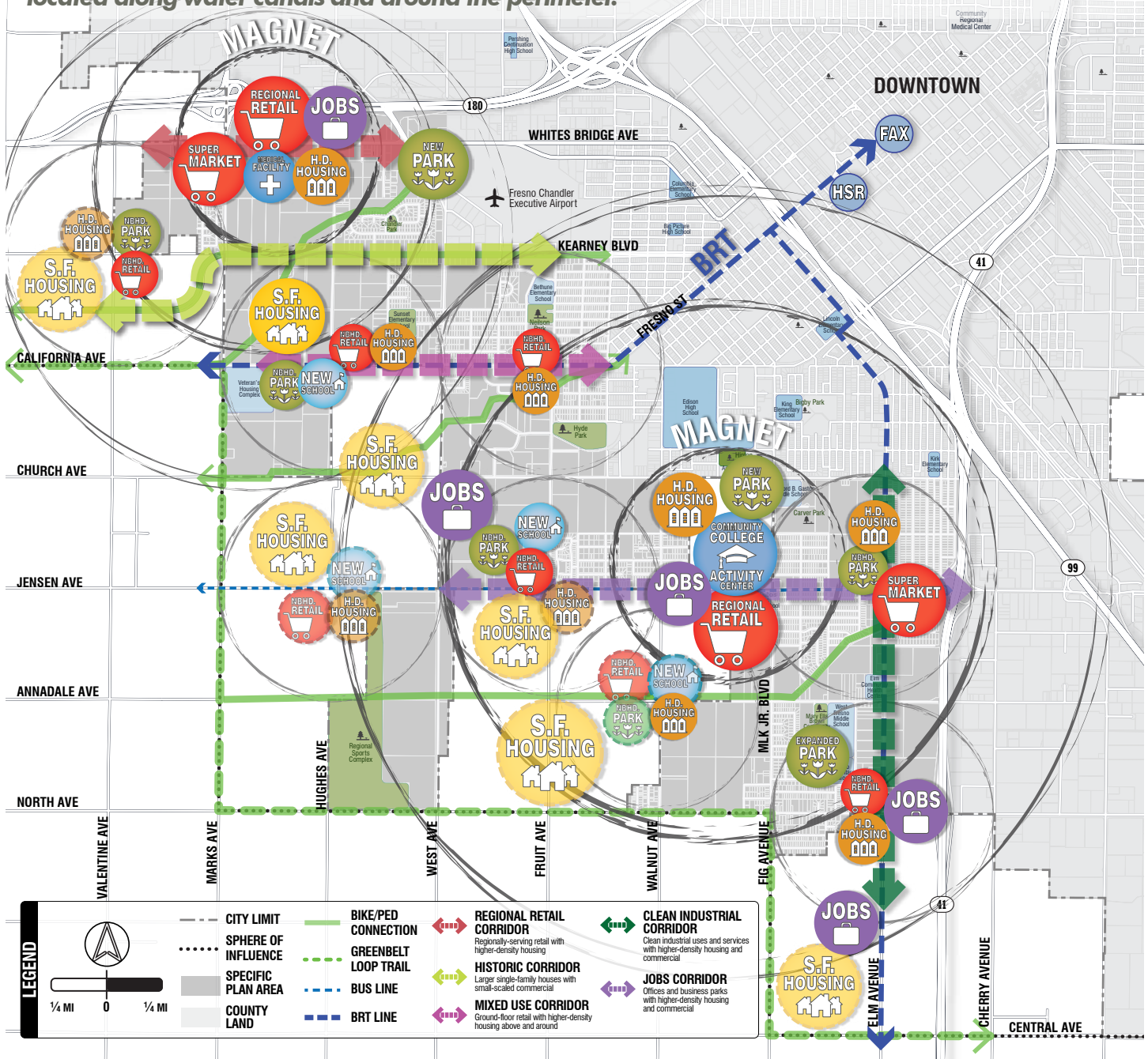
- *Equitably improve the safety and perceived safety of walking and bicycling in Fresno*
- *Increase walking and bicycling trips in Fresno by creating user-friendly facilities*
- *Improve the geographic equity of access to walking and bicycling facilities in Fresno*
- *Fill key gaps in Fresno’s walking and bicycling networks*

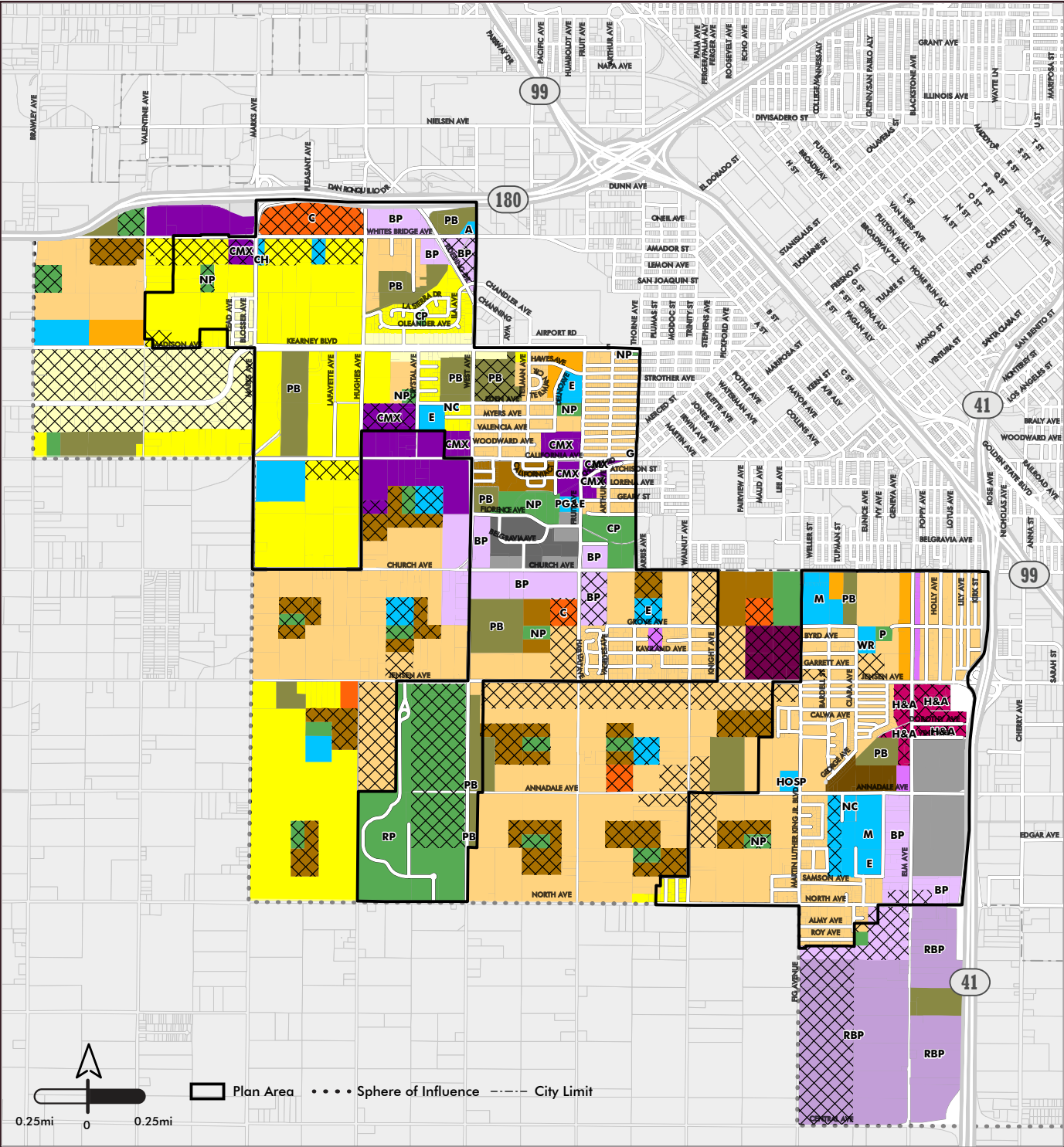
Question: **What guiding principles should determine the location and nature of truck routes?**



# DRAFT CONCEPTUAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Two higher intensity cores near major highway interchanges each with a primary magnet use. Magnet cores are ringed with smaller complete neighborhoods that support the core. Each complete neighborhood includes housing and a node with community-serving uses. Neighborhoods are linked by well-defined corridors lined with higher intensity uses. Pedestrian and bicycle connections are located along water canals and around the perimeter.





Fresno General Plan Land Use Map for Southwest Fresno

RESIDENTIAL

- Low Density (1 - 3.5 du/ac)
- Medium-low Density (3.5 - 6 du/ac)
- Medium Density (5 - 12 du/ac)
- Medium-high Density (12 - 16 du/ac)
- Urban Neighborhood (16 - 30 du/ac)
- High Density (30 - 45 du/ac)

EMPLOYMENT

- Office
- Business Park
- Regional Business Park
- Light
- Heavy

COMMERCIAL

- Community
- Highway & Auto

MIXED USE

- Corridor/Center Mixed Use

PUBLIC FACILITIES

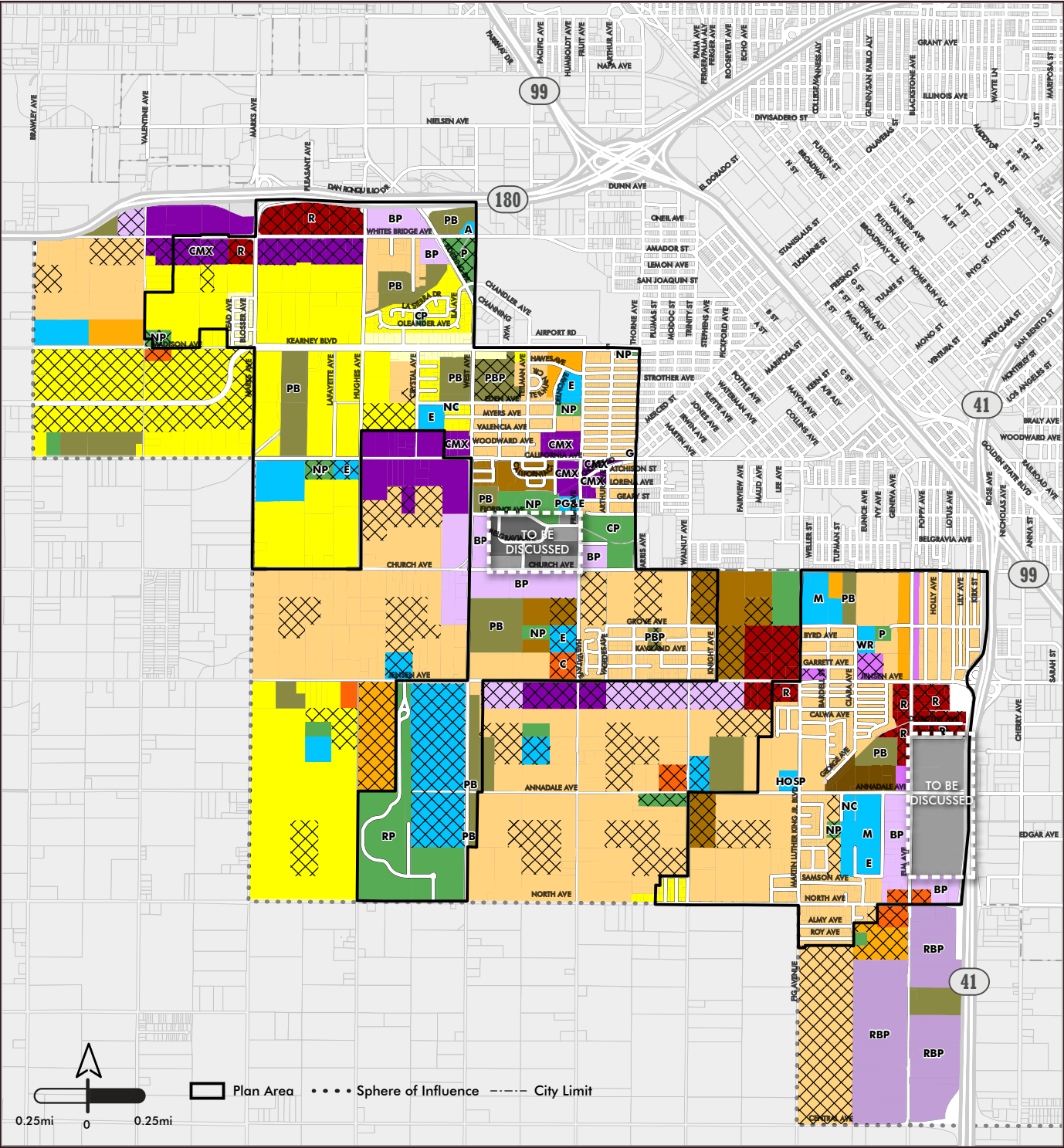
- Public/Quasi-Public Facility
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- Airport
- Church
- Hospital
- Neighborhood Center
- PG&E Station
- Water Recharge Basin

OPEN SPACE

- Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Regional Park
- Ponding Basin

Areas of change for Draft Preferred Alternative





**Draft Preferred Alternative Land Use Map for Southwest Fresno**

RESIDENTIAL	EMPLOYMENT	COMMERCIAL	PUBLIC FACILITIES	OPEN SPACE	
Low Density (1 - 3.5 du/ac)	Office	Community	Public/Quasi-Public Facility	Park	Areas of change for Draft Preferred Alternative
Medium-low Density (3.5 - 6 du/ac)	Business Park	Regional	Elementary School	Neighborhood Park	Industrial land uses to be discussed
Medium Density (5 - 12 du/ac)	Regional Business Park	<b>MIXED USE</b>	Middle School	Community Park	
Medium-high Density (12 - 16 du/ac)	Light	Corridor/Center Mixed Use	Airport	Regional Park	
Urban Neighborhood (16 - 30 du/ac)	Heavy		Church	Pondering Basin	
High Density (30 - 45 du/ac)			Hospital		
			Neighborhood Center		
			PG&E Station		
			Water Recharge Basin		