Enhancing Livability for Older Adults and Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled? Yes We Can!

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Promote Strategic Steps in Planning

Six Priority Areas

- Housing
- Mobility/Transportation
- Employment
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Involvement
- Support Services

Practices to Encourage Public Participation

1. Analysis of Secondary Data and Trends
2. Surveys, Forums and Focus Groups
3. Inventories of Policies, Programs and Services

Call Attention to Demographic Realities

U.S. Census estimates 8.4 million 45 – 64 year olds in California. By 2020, California is projected to lead the nation in the number of people over 65 years old and older.

California
36.7M

Older Adults (45 years +) as % of Total Population

% of Total Population

| 3.9 M | 10.83% |
| 8.4 M | 23.32% |

Sources: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2005-2007 estimates
Other Relevant Variables for “Boomers”

- Longer life spans
- Greater dispersal of nuclear family
- Divided on sustainable lifestyle
- Largest rich-poor gap in recent history

California 2000 – 2040

“Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) and immigration will be the key drivers of this growth.” **

** Just the Facts. “California’s Future Population” Public Policy Institute of California, September 2008
“Aging Well” Resident Surveys

- Helps determine age-readiness
- Defines expectations between city and residents
- Identifies resource allocation needs
- Educates residents about planning
- Foster greater civic engagement
- Moves Aging Well planning process forward

Mobility?

* How often do you currently use the following means to get around the city? (please respond to each option)

* In 10-15 years, how often do you predict that you would use the following means to get around the city, if available? (please respond to each option)
Kirkland Senior Council
Works to ensure that Kirkland is and remains a safe and livable community for residents age 50 and older.

City of Kirkland
• Provides a base of financial support to Senior Council
• Takes a leadership role in promoting opportunities for residents to actively engage in the planning and delivery of programs for older adults.

http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/Public_Works/Transportation___Streets.htm
City of Hayward: A Model for Transit-Oriented Development

Mobility/Transportation

- Affordable
- Accessible
- Local & county-wide
- Walkable

Intergenerational Transit Village

Housing

- Affordable - low-income
- Accessible
- Integrated support services
- Social gathering opportunities

Mixed Land Use

High Density – Transit-Oriented Development
Community Engagement in Planning Process
Partnerships with non-profit developers, community-based support service agencies and investors
Next Steps: Planning with Community

Review the current General Plan (e.g., Housing, Land Use and Circulation) to identify any gaps between current supply and community feedback.

Housing, Transportation and Land Use issues spark planning considerations of universal design, complete streets, visitability, accessible transit options and recreation choices.

Strengthen coalition-building and education among city leadership and residents to bolster future productive civic engagement and planning collaboration in community.

Healthy Aging Benefits Everyone in the Community
“If the problems of aging are already evident, then we have missed the optimum moment to resolve them by preventing them from occurring in the first place.”

Source: O'Hara-Devereaux, Mary, Navigating the Badlands: Thriving in the Decade of Radical Transformation, 1st Edition, 2004
Aging Well in Communities: A Toolkit for Planning, Engagement & Action

1. culturally appropriate
2. accessible
3. ready to use locally and/or regionally
4. resident driven
5. sustainable

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