Thinking long-term about the City core

These questions have been prepared to help facilitate a discussion of the trade offs and opportunities associated with land use and infrastructure decisions in the city core. The questions included here are not exhaustive and represent a starting point to thinking about long-term land use in the city's core. Following the GPAC meeting 2, the General Plan team will be further discussing these and/or other trade-offs and opportunities with the public at the Cinco de Mayo celebration, and with the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee. The team will consider all the input to develop land use alternatives to facilitate further discussion at the next GPAC meeting.

1. What are our commercial priorities?

A. **Prioritize downtown as the commercial heart of the city.**

- Wait to allow growth of commercial uses that directly compete with downtown businesses until those businesses would not impact the success of downtown.
- Only pursue businesses in other areas that would not locate downtown

B. **Prioritize attraction of new restaurants, shops, and services as soon as possible regardless of the impact on the downtown.**

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2. Will industrial be an appropriate use near the city core in the future?

A. Yes, plan for the preservation and expansion of smaller scale light industrial uses near the core of Shafter.

B. No, Relocate the existing industrial uses near the core of Shafter along Lerdo Hwy.

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3. Do we intentionally phase where housing growth occurs relative to the City's core?

A. Prioritize housing growth in identified growth areas, before housing is allowed in other areas.

B. Allow housing growth anywhere based on market and property owner desires.

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4. Which would you want sooner?

A. Prioritize creating a trail network to serve and connect the core of Shafter.

B. Prioritize a trail connecting the core of Shafter and southeast Shafter (e.g. continue the regional trail along the Friant-Kern Canal connecting the core of Shafter to the Kern River).

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5. How should the city plan to improve disadvantaged neighborhoods?

A. Annexation and residential growth that helps bring public facilities and infrastructure to existing disadvantaged neighborhoods.

B. Establish a funding mechanism (e.g. tax on industrial uses, grants, etc.) to extend public facilities and infrastructure to existing disadvantaged neighborhoods.

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6. How should the city route regional and local traffic north/south through Shafter?

A. Establish an expressway along Cherry Ave linking 7th Standard Rd to SR 99 via Merced Ave.

B. Establish an expressway along Cherry Ave and Burbank Ave (or another parallel street) linking 7th Standard Rd to SR 99 at a new interchange between 7th Standard and Lerdo Hwy.

C. Same as [A] but lower the expressway below grade through the portion of the city where residential growth is planned to reduce noise and allow existing and planned east-west streets at grade crossing.

D. Establish two Major Arterial north-south roads w/ signals instead of a regional expressway.

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