

# Santa Ana Renaissance Specific Plan

## Frequently Asked Questions – Planning For A New Transit Village And Expansion Of Services At The Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC)

- *I've seen drawings in the Specific Plan that show new development on the parking lot in front of the Santa Ana Train Station building. What could those buildings be and what will happen to the parking lot?*

The existing public parking lot in front of the Train Station could be used to develop new buildings that could have a variety of uses including offices, small stores and restaurants and even new housing. The surface parking lot spaces would be replaced with subterranean spaces or spaces in a new parking structure.

- *How will the City address the existing public safety concerns and incompatible industrial uses if new housing is to be built in this area?*

A combination of new development, neighborhood preservation efforts and expanded transit services will pump new investment into the area that, over time, will serve to transition it into a more vibrant place. At the end of the day, improving neighborhoods is a joint effort between those who live there, those who work there and the public agencies that serve the area.

- *I'm concerned about how the Specific Plan shows high-rise development for the area just east of Santa Ana Train Depot building. Is high-density housing right for this area?*

Providing locations where new housing can be built is a challenge that every city in California has to grapple with because the State actually requires that cities identify sites for new housing in order to address expected future population growth. In Santa Ana this is especially difficult because our city is already built out and putting new housing of any type into existing neighborhoods can often be very difficult. Placing new compact housing on property that doesn't have existing neighborhoods and that is near an existing transit center is a good solution for addressing future housing needs without impacting existing neighborhoods.

- *What will happen to the County of Orange's maintenance yard operation that's currently operating on the property east of the Train Station that is designated for residential development?*

The County of Orange has plans to consolidate the maintenance yard operations currently on this property on facilities they have in other locations. The City is currently working with representatives from the County of Orange to incorporate the redevelopment of this property into the Specific Plan.

- *What sort of new transit is envisioned for this area?*

The City is currently applying for funding from OCTA to study a potential streetcar system that would take riders from the Metrolink Station at Santa Ana's Train Station through the Downtown to the Civic Center area. Over time this system could be expanded to continue west to the widened Bristol Corridor and even over to the existing Pacific Electric right-of-way to one day connect with the 22 Freeway, the Green Line and into Los Angeles.