

# 9 Alameda Point West

## 9.1 CHALLENGES AND ISSUES

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This element addresses the redevelopment of Alameda ~~Point~~-West, formerly a portion of the Alameda Naval Air Station (NAS). The Navy closed this base in 1997, and, as of late 2000, is still in the process of transferring the property to the City of Alameda. Figure 9-1 illustrates the planning boundaries of Alameda ~~Point~~-West. Redevelopment of Alameda ~~Point~~-West presents the City with unique and challenging opportunities. Successful redevelopment of Alameda ~~Point~~-West will include:

- *Seamless integration of Alameda ~~Point~~ West with the rest of the City.* Policies in the General Plan encourage development that is community-oriented and in keeping with Alameda's traditional character and scale.
- *Fostering a vibrant new neighborhood.* The General Plan seeks to create new and energetic areas, encompassing a variety of uses. However, policies ensure that new development will not unduly impact established neighborhoods.
- *Maximizing waterfront accessibility.* With an emphasis on a perimeter shoreline trail along the San Francisco Bay and Oakland Estuary, the policies aim to provide a publicly accessible waterfront.
- *De-emphasizing the automobile and making new development compatible with transportation capacity.* Policies promote the use of alternative modes of transportation—such as bicycles, shuttles and water taxis—to reduce present and potential future congestion.
- *Ensuring economic development.* The envisioned long-term reuse of Alameda ~~Point~~-West will result in replacement of jobs lost due to cessation of Naval operations, and will foster economic growth and development that benefits the community at large.
- *Creating a mixed-use environment.* The General Plan encourages development of a variety of uses in Alameda ~~Point~~-West that promote transit and a pedestrian-friendly environment. A mixed-use approach will allow for the development of transit friendly neighborhoods with a strong pedestrian character that will foster the development of the desired small town feeling.
- *Establishing neighborhood centers.* Each neighborhood in Alameda ~~Point~~-West should have a neighborhood center as a focal point that allows for commercial, civic, community support services, cultural and recreational uses. Centers should allow for human interaction and public events. Centers should be distributed so all residents can walk to accomplish multiple purposes and have an access point to local transit. Integration of multiple forms of transportation is essential to a successful neighborhood center design. Similar to existing neighborhood business districts, these centers should provide critical local services, such as grocery stores, laundrettes/cleaners and small restaurants that can rely mainly on customers who walk from their homes.

The General Plan land use diagram for Alameda ~~Point~~-West is shown in Figure 9-2.