



## ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040

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### **Draft Guiding Principles for Byron**

The following guiding principles articulate the values, priorities, and aspirations for the future shared by community members at our first community meeting for Byron:

#### **COMMUNITY CHARACTER**

- Byron's rural, small-town character should be preserved, in part by supporting its quaint amenities, like the post office, saloon, schools, churches, and surrounding open spaces.
- Byron's downtown should be re-energized by filling empty storefronts and providing more businesses and services that will invite residents to see this area as a center of activity again.
- Byron should attract regional tourists by fulfilling its potential as a historic, railroad, and winery destination, as well as by re-opening Byron Hot Springs.

#### **MOBILITY**

- Roadways in Byron should be safe for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Speed limits should be kept low and enforced, including in school zones. Sidewalks and bike lanes should be added in central Byron. Safety improvements should be made along the Byron Highway, the Highway 4 Bypass, Camino Diablo, and the Byer Road/Bixler Road corner.
- Trucks should be directed around Byron to minimize safety and noise impacts to residents.
- Regional travel should be improved through projects like the Vasco Road-Byron Highway Connector and State Route 239 projects.

#### **HOUSING**

- Byron should serve as a hub for housing to support job growth in eastern Contra Costa County.
- Redevelopment and development in Byron should be encouraged, including through flexible regulations, streamlined permitting processes, coordination among relevant agencies, and improved infrastructure.

#### **RECREATION AND ACCESS TO NATURE**

- Byron's residents should enjoy hiking, biking, and equestrian access to regional parks west of Byron through a connected trail network.