With regard to the GPU, the draft circulation and transit element states

"New development shall do all of the following:
(a) Minimize risks to life and property in areas of high geologic, flood, and fire hazard.

(b) Assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area or in any way require the construction of protective devices that would substantially alter natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs."

Rather than minimizing risks, avoid risk by prohibiting new development in these high-risk areas.

"New or expanded public works facilities shall be designed and limited to accommodate needs generated by development."

Prohibit additional development on the Coast so that expanded public works facilities will not be necessary.

"GOAL C-CT-1: Provide a well-integrated and sustainable circulation and transit network that provides coastal access, protects coastal resources, supports community-centered growth, reduces Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and equitably meets the mobility needs of all."

Include “reduces GHG emissions”. Reducing VMT is different from reducing GHGs. Conversion to electric vehicles will reduce GHGs but not VMT.

"Policy C-CT-1d: Encourage development of broadband telecommunication infrastructure in the Coastal Zone to support telecommuting."

Cable infrastructure should be underground to protect scenic views and increase reliability.

"Objective C-CT-2.1: Improve bus transit services to and within the Coastal Zone."

Improve bus transit services how? By increasing frequency? By providing additional bicycle capacity? By increased capacity for beach paraphernalia such as coolers, umbrellas, tents, food, etc.?

"Objective C-CT-2.4: Use Transportation Demand Management strategies”

Consider making Highway 1 a FasTrak toll road with congestion pricing. Equity can be addressed with the usual FasTrak discounts.
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