

Future Growth Planned for West 99

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City officials say they will soon conduct a [survey](#), to find out what residents want for land near Ashlan and Grantland.

Darius Assemi owns Granville [Home](#) Building, Urban Infill and Farming and says that originally the city planned to develop the South East Growth Area, also known as SEGA.

"Even though we knew that SEGA was ahead of it's time substantially the city of Fresno has realized that SEGA cannot be developed today, number one it's prime ag land, number two the economy is lacking such as water and sewer for that part of town", says Assemi.

Councilman Steve Brandau says the [plan](#) recently changed. Councilman Brandau says, "for about the last decade we've been focused on the south side of Fresno and we had a plan out there, now that plan has been put on the back burner, so that leaves us with the question, where are we going to develop next".

About three weeks ago Fresno city council unanimously declared that the area west of 99 will be the next space of growth. The land, owned by Granville, was expected to be similar to "Loma Vista" in Clovis, complete with walking trails and a lake.

"Originally we were hoping to develop westlake about a year ago but we realized that the market isn't quite there for a five star development of it's kind so this land is being farmed", says Granville.

Councilman Brandau says, "we're definitely going to include trails and [schools](#), parks, all that kind of stuff, so does it look exactly like Clovis, I doubt it, but you'll see some of that here in Fresno".

City leaders say a survey must first take place.

"When I was knocking on [doors](#), all that I was hearing from the people is that we're so far and cut off from Fresno because 99 has the ability to cut folks off, so getting across 99 to go to a hospital, getting across 99 to go to a grocery store or a convenience store or a pharmacy, these folks kept telling me it's very difficult", says Councilman Brandau.

The Fresno city council will meet over the next few weeks to discuss a [budget](#) for that survey.