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Flagstaff, Arizona

2001 Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan

2012 Regional Plan



Background

- The *Flagstaff Area Land Use and Transportation Plan* was adopted by City Council and Board of Supervisors November 2001
- Regional Plan covers 525 square miles (FMPO Boundary)
- The vision of the 2001 Regional Plan was one encouraging a compact land use pattern that shapes growth in a manner that preserves our region's natural environment, livability, and sense of community.
- The Regional Plan was a joint effort of the city and county, as will be the update

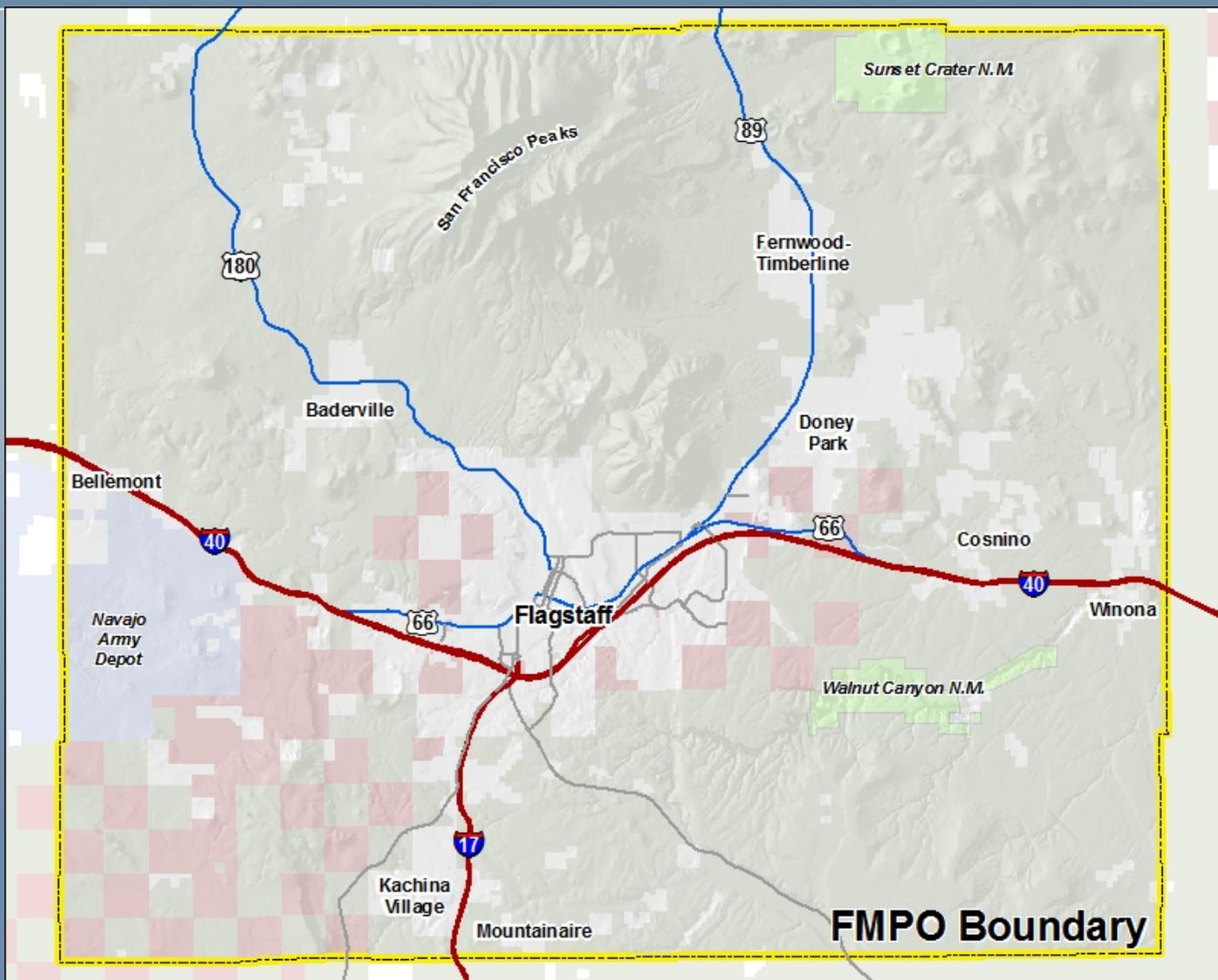


Background

- The Regional Plan area includes the unincorporated county communities of Kachina Village, Mountaineer, Doney Park Timberline Fernwood, Fort Valley, and Bellemont, and the five area plans covering these communities (FMPO Boundary)
- The Regional Plan serves as the City's General Plan but also contains goals and strategies pertaining to how the region should grow

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Regional Plan Boundary





Vision 2020 Goals

- Managing growth by containing it within growth boundaries
- Reducing urban sprawl
- Protecting State Trust and Forest Service lands
- Placing development close to public transit; providing access for pedestrians and bicyclists; and developing an enhanced road system for good traffic flow
- Implementing strong development standards
- Promoting mixed-use residential/commercial development, such as homes above businesses
- Applying design guidelines
- Establishing people-oriented neighborhoods
- Providing affordable housing
- Emphasizing infill development which helps increase housing availability in existing residential areas
- Providing accessible neighborhood parks and greenways in and around the community
- Protecting wildlife habitat
- Establishing master-planned industrial zones
- Establishing activity centers that residents can be proud of
- Preserving historic, archaeological, and cultural resources



State Statute Requirement

- "General plan" means:
 - Municipal statement of land development policies
 - May include maps, charts, graphs and text which set forth objectives, principles and standards for local growth and redevelopment
 - The *Flagstaff Area Regional Land Use and Transportation Plan* **is** the City's General Plan



What is Required?

- Prepare and adopt comprehensive, long-range **general plan** for the development of the municipality
- Provisions for modifications and **amendments**
- Include statement of **community goals** and development policies
- Include maps, diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards and plan proposals
- Specific **elements** must be addressed
- Plan administration



Plan Administration

City and County may use the plan to:

- Make recommendations for future growth and development by way of (specific, area, neighborhood) plans, regulations, financial decisions, and capital budgets
- Make Departmental decisions for work program goals - Public Works / Capital projects
- Analyze development requests
- Produce an annual report
- Initiate Public education
- Make decisions regarding public property



Regional Plan 2012 Elements

17 Required elements:

- Land Use
- Circulation / **Bicycle**
- Open Space
- Growth Area
- Environmental Planning
- Cost of Development
- Water Resources
- **Energy**
- **Conservation**
- Recreation
- Public Facilities and Services / **Public Buildings**
- **Housing**
- **Conservation, Rehabilitation and Redevelopment**
- Safety
- **Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization**

5 Optional elements:

- Community Character and Design
- Natural Resources Planning
- Cultural Resources Planning
- **Historic Preservation**
- **Social**



The Future

- 2012 Update Process will begin Winter 2008 / 2009
 - Public Participation Process Begins
 - Core Planning Team and Steering Committee formed
 - Outreach for citizen volunteers to serve on Citizen Advisory Committee and Focus Groups
 - Public Relations – *Why is planning important to our community?*



Public Participation Plan

1. Core Planning Team
2. Steering Committee
3. Citizen Advisory Committee
4. Boards & Commissions
5. Focus Groups
6. Town Halls
7. Public Hearings



1. Core Planning Team

- Professional Planners from both City of Flagstaff and Coconino County working together
- Process, schedule, budget, public participation and documentation

Planning Director, City

Advanced Planning Manager, City

Neighborhood Planner, City

Zoning Code Administrator, City

County Community Development Director

County Community Development Assistant Director

Principal Planner, County

Senior Planner, County

Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO)

AGFD Wildlife Specialist

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2. Steering Committee

- Liaison between process management (staff) and City Council and Board of Supervisors
 - Two City Council Members
 - Two County Supervisors
 - City Manager
 - County Manager



3. Citizen Advisory Committee

- 12-19 Members
- Multiple Disciplines
- Long Term Commitment – 24-30 months
January 2009 – Spring 2011 – monthly meetings
- Appointed by City Council and County Board of Supervisors - January 2009 based upon volunteer qualifications and commitment to time involved.
- Desire to have two City Councilmembers and two Board members volunteer to review applications and recommend appointments



3. Citizen Advisory Committee

CAC Suggested Membership (15-19 members):

- Community Members [2 City & 2 County]
- Academic – **NAU / CCC**
- Developer / Builder
- Realtor
- Property Owner(s)
- Environmentalist(s)
- Education – K-12
- Business/Chamber
- Legal / Legislative
- Tourism / Economic Development
- Cultural



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With County Supervisor's suggestions:

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- Tourism / **Sustainable** Economic Development
- Cultural / **Native American Tribal Representative**
- **Natural Resource Manager**
- **Design/Planner/Building Consultant**



3. Citizen Advisory Committee

CAC formed by City Ordinance:

- Suggested language of membership

“Membership to be no more than 19 members”

“All members will be Coconino County/FMPO residents, and a simple majority will be City of Flagstaff residents”.

“The selection of chair....”

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4. Boards & Commissions

- Promote initial discussion on respective Regional Plan elements and review drafts

Planning & Zoning Commissions – City & County

Traffic Commission; FMPO Board

Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Bicycle Advisory Committee

Stormwater Advisory Committee

Water Commission

Sustainability Commission

Open Space Commission

Parks and Recreation Commissions

Library Board

Beautification and Public Art Commission

Historic Preservation Commission

... to name just a few



5. Focus Groups

- Unlimited Membership
- Multiple Disciplines and Open Attendance Welcome; field experts encouraged and invited to participate
- Multiple Focus Groups:
 1. Visioning
 2. Land Use, Growth Area, and Circulation
 3. Water, Conservation, Energy and Environment
 4. Open Space, Recreation, Public Buildings and Facilities
 5. Community Character, Heritage Preservation, Neighborhoods, and Housing
 6. Economic Development, Tourism, and Cost of Development
 7. Social Issues and Safety



6. Town Hall Meetings

- Open to the Public & widely advertised
- Location – City Hall, Coconino County offices, Libraries or schools
- Review draft elements thus far
- Held quarterly

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7. Public Hearings & Plan Adoption

- Public Participation
- Outside Comment – 60 days prior
- City Planning and Zoning Commission - 2 Public Hearings at different locations
- County Planning & Zoning – 1 Public Hearing
- City Council – 1 Public Hearing (must have 2/3 affirmative vote)
- County Board of Supervisors – 1 Public Hearing
- Public Vote – Next election or special election at least 120 days after the City Council / BOS have adopted the plan
- The plan is effective for 10 years

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Government Agency Advisory

County Supervisor's suggestions:

Suggested Advisory Group

Important roles at particular Focus Groups:

- Arizona State Land Agency
- Federal Land Management: Forest Service, Camp Navajo
- AZ Game & Fish
- Coconino National Forest
- National Park Service
- US Fish & Wildlife

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Direction being asked from Council:

Steering Committee membership

Will need two City Councilmembers and two Supervisors to serve on a team with City Manager & County Manager

Citizen Advisory Committee Selection Team

Will need two City Councilmembers and two Supervisors to work together to recommend the up to 19 CAC appointed members

Citizen Advisory Committee membership

Advice on number of members and diverse types of membership

Citizen Advisory Committee ordinance language

Advice on City/County resident make-up and selection of chair



Questions and Comments

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