

Chapter 7: A Connected City

A connected city allows residents to travel within the community, and to other centers within the region, in a variety of ways using a safe, efficient, multi-modal transportation system. Carson City will promote a sense of community by linking its many neighborhoods, employment areas, activity centers, parks, recreational amenities, and schools with an extensive system of interconnected roadways, multi-use pathways, bicycle facilities, and sidewalks. Additionally, the City will seek opportunities to expand existing transit services as feasible to increase travel choices for the community and to support a more compact pattern of growth.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE II: A SAFE, EFFICIENT, MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Carson City will maintain a safe transportation system that facilitates efficient travel both within and through the community using a variety of motorized and non-motorized modes.



GOAL II.1—ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

II.1a—Plan Consistency

Ensure the goals and policies contained in the City's Transportation, Transit, and Unified Pathway Master Plans are supportive of the development of an integrated multi-modal transportation system and are consistent with the goals and policies contained in this Master Plan. Review and update the City's Transportation, Transit, and Unified Pathways Master Plans as needed to ensure consistency and to support the implementation of this Master Plan. Continue to coordinate with the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), Nevada Department of Transportation, Regional Transportation Commission, adjacent counties, and other partners on transportation issues.



The City will encourage transit usage and seek opportunities to expand transit options for its residents.

11.1b—Regional Coordination

Maintain an active presence in regional and state-level transportation planning activities (such as the completion of the Carson City Freeway) to identify opportunities for joint planning/construction efforts, enhanced levels of service, and to monitor the impacts of potential projects on the community. Coordinate ongoing road improvement projects with recommendations contained in the City's Unified Pathways Master Plan as appropriate to promote the most efficient use of rights-of-way and resources.

11.1c—Plan Overlap/Implementation

Seek opportunities for coordination in the implementation of the City's Transportation, Transit, and Unified Pathways Plans. Actively encourage ridership of the City's transit system.

GOAL II.2—COORDINATE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS TO SUPPORT THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE MODES

11.2a—Plan Coordination

Ensure that the City's transportation system is supportive of the goals and policies contained in this Master Plan and can efficiently accommodate the types and intensities of development specified on the Land Use Map, Conduct periodic updates to the City's transportation model based on future development projections to ensure the feasibility of development patterns portrayed on the Land Use Map.

11.2b—Transit Supportive Development

Promote the development of transit-supportive development patterns (e.g., mix of uses, pedestrian-orientation, higher density) along major travel corridors to facilitate future transit. Identify opportunities for transit and pedestrian-oriented development patterns on the Land Use Map and coordinate the review of development proposals with local transit providers and the Regional Transportation Commission as appropriate to respond to existing/planned transit service.

11.2c—Enhanced Roadway Network

Seek opportunities to enhance the City's north/south arterial and collector street network in conjunction with future development (as consistent with the Transportation Plan) to improve connectivity and further enhance the feasibility of broader transit service and transit supportive development patterns.



The City will support the use of alternative travel modes by encouraging increased densities and pedestrian oriented site design along major travel corridors.

11.2d—Design and Access Standards

Establish design and access standards for development occurring along major gateway corridors in order to preserve their functional integrity, capacity, safety and appearance.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 12: A UNIFIED PATHWAYS SYSTEM

The City will seek to ensure that most major destinations, parks, and open space areas within the community are accessible from residential neighborhoods via safe, enjoyable routes, free of vehicular conflicts, that allow the user to enjoy the natural setting of Carson City without their automobiles—adopting the slogan, “Every home is a trailhead.” Carson City is committed to the shared use of most trail corridors by walkers, joggers, horseback riders, rollerbladers, strollers, and off-highway vehicles. The City will also seek to provide access to all feasible portions of the pathway system and access to a representative portion of each of the City’s natural settings for persons with disabilities.

GOAL 12.1—ESTABLISH A CITY-WIDE SYSTEM OF MULTI-USE PATHWAYS

12.1a—Enhance the Pathways Network

Continue to maintain and expand the City’s existing network of pathways to link distinct geographic locations within the community and to provide improved access to and between neighborhoods, activity centers, schools, and other destinations. Provide multi-use paths where necessary as identified on the Unified Pathways Master Plan map to cross physical barriers, establish direct connections between neighborhoods, activity centers, schools (as consistent with the Safe Route to School public safety program), and other destinations, and to take advantage of available opportunities such as utility and open space corridors where possible.

12.1b—Broaden Facility Types

Continue to broaden the types of pathway facilities provided within the community to serve a more diverse cross-section of residents. Implement the Unified Pathways Master Plan as adopted to promote the shared use of trail corridors and increased access for persons with disabilities.



Well-designed roadways improve safety and the appearance of neighborhoods.



The City will continue to expand its existing network of pathways.



Coordinating new development with existing trails improves pedestrian and bicycle system connections.

12.1c—Section-by-Section Implementation

Seek opportunities to complete individual sections of the City's adopted Unified Pathways Master Plan on a site-by-site and "missing link" basis as future development occurs. Continue to require future development to construct, to City standard, on-site sidewalks and connections to adjacent pedestrian and bicycle systems as needed and coordinate the dedication of rights-of-way for planned pathway connections at the time of development.