

ITEM: Comprehensive Plan Informational Update

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The purpose of this staff report is to update Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Plan project. The major updates are that City Council affirmed the Plan's Vision Statement and Core Values on September 3 and the next round of community engagement starts in late October. Several other tasks are going on including development of future land use scenarios and policy options.



City Council affirmed the following Vision Statement and Core Values as a foundation for the Plan on September 3:

Louisville is committed to being an equitable, resilient, and sustainable community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive – now and for future generations. We strive for a vibrant future where Louisville will evolve and adapt to change in ways that respect our past and support our high quality of life.

- Community Character: We value a balanced approach to change that embraces and enhances our community character.
- Community Connectivity: We value knowing our neighbors through a community network that is inclusive and inter-connected.
- Environmental Sustainability: We value climate action, environmental resilience, and adaptation to promote environmental sustainability for the enduring vitality of our community.
- Economic Vibrancy: We value thriving and dynamic businesses that support and engage the community.
- Community Places: We value community places to bring people together and support healthy living including parks, open spaces, and other public places.
- Civic Leadership: We value transparent, collaborative, and fiscally responsible local government.

One of City Council's overarching comments on this topic was that the Vision and Values could be adjusted as the Plan comes together and nears adoption.

SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

Over the next two months, the project team will focus on developing future land use scenarios and other key policy choices for community engagement starting in late October. The community engagement will address future locations for potential land use changes,

levels of development density, transportation improvements, and other topics. The project team will then come back to Planning Commission and City Council in early 2025 to report the results of the recent community engagement and a proposed framework for the Plan, including draft goals and strategies along with future land use and transportation policy options. City staff will continue to provide monthly updates Planning Commission on the project.

The next Comprehensive Plan community open house is scheduled for **Thursday, November 7** from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Louisville Recreation Center gym. The community engagement during this time will include several ways to participate including parallel online activities and potentially other events.

Near Term Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule (subject to change)							
Milestone	June/July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan/Feb
Community Engagement Round “1.5” Vision and values refinement.	Complete ✓						
Planning Commission Review and recommend City Council confirmation of vision and values based on community input.		8/8 ✓					
City Council Affirmation of vision and values to act as foundation for Plan development.			9/3 ✓				
Community Engagement Round #2 Future growth scenarios, key choices, and tradeoffs.			Plan for engagement, develop policy choices		In person and online		
Analyze Community Input, Plan Development Will include City Council and Planning Commission Discussion/Direction meetings starting early 2025, additional opportunities for community input						>> Continued into 2025, target Plan adoption Summer 2025	