

The Tucson General Plan Update will be a revision of the City's 2001 General Plan and addresses new state law provisions.

The updated General Plan will be Tucson's guide for development in the current and future urban areas, integrating sustainability and smart growth principles. The goal is to take the update to the voters no later than November 2011.

What is the General Plan?

- It is a cohesive overview of Tucson' future that allows residents, business owners and visitors an opportunity to see what this city strives to be.
- It provides the framework to help reach the desired future of Tucson. This framework translates into action, directing more specific programs and projects in the city.

How is the General Plan used?

- It guides future development decisions, infrastructure improvements and public and private investments.



- It helps provide certainty about the type of development that the community embraces and the City will support.
- It provides guidance to direct development and resources to desired locations.



Why is the General Plan being updated?

The 2001 General Plan was approved by the Mayor and Council on August 6, 2001, and ratified by City of Tucson voters on November 13, 2001. State law requires that the Mayor and Council update and approve the General Plan and secure voter ratification every 10 years. But more importantly, the General Plan is a dynamic and flexible document intended to change to meet trends and needs of the community, ensuring policies are relevant in the future.

Components of the General Plan

Challenges and Opportunities.

The analysis of various recent efforts that looked at growth and other community issues, and the results of a public outreach effort for this project.



Policies.

Directional statements that address Smart



Growth, Environmental Integrity and Socioeconomic Prosperity, providing the baseline guide

for public and private activities toward the desired outcomes.

The Implementation Plan.

A work program with specific actions to meet the policies.

The Monitoring Program.

A system to measure the progress of attaining policy and action goals.

There are several ways to get involved!

1 Join the notification list.

Project updates and upcoming meeting notices are distributed through mail and e-mail. Call us at (520)791-4505 or e-mail your contact info to generalplanupdate@tucsonaz.gov.

2 Visit the website regularly.

www.tucsonaz.gov/planning/generalplanupdate

3 Invite us to meet with your group or organization.

City of Tucson staff is actively engaging groups interested in the future of Tucson. Call us at (520) 791-4505 or e-mail us at generalplanupdate@tucsonaz.gov to arrange a date and time.

4 Be part of discussion forums.

City of Tucson staff will organize opportunities for people to get involved. Those in the notification list will be informed of the dates, times, and information will be posted on the web at www.tucsonaz.gov/planning/generalplanupdate.

5 Review final draft of the General Plan.

The final draft will undergo formal public review through at least two public hearings before the Planning Commission and a public hearing before the Mayor and Council. Notice of the hearings will include mailings, newspaper advertisements, and legal postings.



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