

Plans and Initiatives Related to Public Facilities and Infrastructure

Note: Facilities and infrastructure are sometimes used interchangeably in some documents, while in others a clear distinction is made.

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2001 Patriot Act’s Critical Infrastructure	✓				✓	✓	✓
2007 Downtown Infrastructure Study (by the Downtown Partnership) <i>Principles:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Infrastructure investment must be targeted to projects that make Downtown “Development Ready“ ▪ Infrastructure work must be fully coordinated with other efforts in the downtown area – public and private. ▪ Do it once, do it right. 	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
2009 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Supply and Planning Study (by Pima County and City of Tucson) <i>Goals and Recommendations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Link capital planning and land use planning / direct investment to desired growth areas ▪ Growth should pay for itself over time and be financially sustainable ▪ Ensure that public projects are multi-benefit ▪ Foster increased use of reclaimed water, rainwater and stormwater 					✓		
2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP, by Pima Association of Governments) <i>Goals:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-modal expansion ▪ Integrated transportation choices ▪ Sustainable land use ▪ Economic sustainability ▪ Safety ▪ Environmental stewardship ▪ Accessibility ▪ System performance 						✓	

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2006 Regional Transportation Authority Plan (RTA, by Pima Association of Governments) <i>Elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roadway ▪ Transit ▪ Safety ▪ Environmental and Economic Vitality 						✓	
2010-2011 Strategic Work Plan (by City of Tucson) <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen Regional Transportation System ▪ Reliable Infrastructure and Service Delivery ▪ Infrastructure Needs Assessment ▪ Connectivity Between Built and Natural / Recreational Environments ▪ Operating Efficiency/Control Cost of Services 	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
2001 General Plan (by City of Tucson) <i>Policies:</i> Element 1 – Growth Areas and Population:							
Policy 1: Establish the four Growth Areas and the process for establishing Action Plan Areas (APAs) to create the structure for a Community Facilities Management Strategy (CFMS) and to achieve a balance of development across the community.	✓	✓	✓				
Policy 2: Commit to developing a CFMS, which includes providing the staffing and technology resources to manage the program.	✓	✓	✓				
Policy 15: Support development which utilizes existing facilities and which minimizes the need for additional public facilities.	✓	✓	✓				
Policy 16: Develop a long-range capital improvement program as part of the CFMS to coordinate the construction of the required facilities with the release and development of State Trust land.	✓	✓	✓				
Policy 20: Support compact development patterns which minimize the need for additional public facilities.	✓	✓	✓				

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2001 General Plan (Continued) Policies: Element 1 – Growth Areas and Population (Continued): Policy 24: Investigate, as part of the CFMS, the establishment of a "Concurrency" ordinance, an "Adequate Public Facilities" ordinance, or a "Service Area Boundaries" ordinance to require public facilities to be in place or to be properly phased to meet the demand of new development.	✓	✓	✓				
Policy 25: Work cooperatively with the State Land Department to master plan and phase the release and development of State Trust landsover time, to coincide with community need and the availability of the required infrastructure and services.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Element 2- Land Uses: Policy 1: Maintain a generalized distribution of land use patterns for Tucson which provides sufficient land for a variety of land uses, facilities, and services needed to serve present and future citizens	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Policy 3.11: At such time in the future that development may occur in areas that are not currently urbanized, support such development that is master planned and reflects sensitivity to environmental resources and the existing community and that is phased or financed to meet infrastructure requirements.					✓	✓	✓
Policy 5: Support appropriate locations for commercial and office uses, with priority for development and redevelopment within the existing urbanized area located in the Central Core and Mid-City Growth Areas and the abutting areas of the Evolving Edge Growth Area to promote use and improvement of existing infrastructure, to increase pedestrian activity and transit use, and to meet residents' needs for goods and services in a cost-effective and equitable fashion.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Policy 6: Promote continued development of Tucson's Downtown and other mixed-use activity centers in order to increase transit use; reduce air pollution; improve delivery of public and private services; and create inviting places to live, work, and play.	✓		✓	✓		✓	

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2001 General Plan (Continued) Policies: Element 2- Land Uses (Continued): Policy 8,1: Support opportunities for industrial development in locations served by existing infrastructure when appropriate design elements and/or land use transitions can be utilized to mitigate incompatible impacts on adjacent less intensive land uses.					✓	✓	
Policy 8.4: Promote the reclamation of former landfill sites for the following four major categories of potential reuse: 1.) Parks, recreation, and open space; 2.) Historic, cultural, and educational uses; 3.) Solid waste facilities; 4). Diversified development	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Policy 9.5: Develop coordinated growth management plans to guide future development to areas that are served by existing infrastructure to foster contiguous development and infilling and to protect environmentally sensitive areas.					✓	✓	
Policy 9.4.B: Encourage the location of major service facilities (e.g., hospitals, libraries, and public buildings) to minimize vehicular travel demand.	✓		✓	✓			
Element 3 – Circulation: Policy 1: Mobility and Accessibility: Improve the mobility of people and goods throughout the region by providing efficient, effective, convenient, accessible, and safe transportation options for travel to employment, education, medical, and other desired destinations.						✓	
Policy 2: Circulation and Safety: Promote an effective, well-planned system of roadways that establishes a functional, safe, and aesthetic hierarchy of streets while incorporating the latest advanced technologies.						✓	
Policy 3: Public Transit Services: Provide for a safe, efficient, and accessible public transportation system that is in harmony with area-wide environmental objectives while making the most effective and prudent use of public funds to operate the system.						✓	

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2001 General Plan (Continued) Policies: Element 3 – Circulation (Continued): Policy 4: Bicycle Facilities: Plan for bicycle facilities throughout the region that provide for the safe and efficient means of transportation and recreation throughout the greater Tucson metropolitan area.						✓	
Policy 5: Pedestrian Facilities: Plan and encourage the use of pedestrian facilities as a critical element of a safe and livable community to meet the transportation and recreational needs of the community.						✓	
Policy 6: Environmental Considerations: Protect the natural and built environments from adverse impacts resulting from the provision of transportation facilities and services. Promote transportation facilities and services that enhance the quality of life of the communities within the region.						✓	
Element 4: Community Character and Design: Policy 3.7: Require that, whenever possible, telecommunications facilities be located, installed, and maintained to minimize visual impact, preserve views, and be consistent with the City's adopted land use plans and policies. Cabling and fiber optics should be installed underground where possible, and the visual impact of cellular towers will be a prime consideration in the City's acceptance and approval.							✓
Policy 4: Design and maintain streets to enhance their overall functional and aesthetic quality.						✓	
Policy 5: Promote neighborhood identity and visual character.	✓		✓			✓	
Element 5: Cultural Heritage: Policy 4: Create an atmosphere for the authentic expression and celebration of both traditional and contemporary elements of Tucson's many cultures.	✓		✓	✓			

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2001 General Plan (Continued) Policies: Element 6: Conservation, Rehabilitation, and Redevelopment: Policy 1: Promote neighborhood identity and visual character.						✓	
Policy 4: Support appropriate locations for commercial and office uses, with priority for development and redevelopment within the existing urbanized area, in order to use and improve existing infrastructure, increase pedestrian activity and transit use, retain small businesses, and meet residents' needs for goods and services in a cost-effective and equitable fashion.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Policy 6: Promote strategically located mixed-use activity centers and activity nodes in order to increase transit use, reduce air pollution, improve delivery of public and private services, and create inviting places to live, work, and play.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Policy 7.3: Promote the reclamation of former landfill sites for the following four major categories of potential reuse: Parks, recreation, and open space; Historic, cultural, and educational uses; Solid waste facilities; and Diversified development	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Element 7: Safety: Policy 4: Continue to maintain and promote measures to protect life and property from hazards resulting from human activities and development.	✓						✓
Policy 5: Continue to maintain high quality and efficiency in police services to the extent that is consistent with policies and finances of the City.	✓						
Policy 6: Continue to maintain high quality and efficiency in fire, hazardous materials, and medical services.	✓						
Element 8: Water Resources: Policy 4: Continue to develop and implement programs for the reuse of water.					✓		
Policy 10: Continue to work with the federal and state agencies and water interest associations to develop policies, programs, and facilities for water management.					✓		

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2001 General Plan (Continued) <i>Policies:</i> Element 9: Housing: Policy 2.2.D: Promote the continued maintenance and enhancement of residential areas, in terms of housing and public facilities, and develop new sources of funding to meet these needs.	✓		✓				
Policy 3.3: Seek funding for nonhousing community development needs, such as public facilities, infrastructure improvements, public service, accessibility, etc., when such projects/programs would make the affected neighborhood a safer and more affordable area in which to live.	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Element 10: Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails: Policy 1: Determine the parks and recreational needs of a diverse and changing population and provide appropriate facilities and programs.			✓				
Policy 2: Encourage intergovernmental and public-private cooperation to maximize park and recreational opportunities.			✓	✓			
Policy 3: Provide and maintain design principles and guidelines for all parks.			✓				
Policy 4: Provide and maintain standards for the location and function of park facilities to meet the various park and recreational needs of the community.			✓				
Policy 5: Maintain and coordinate administration and management procedures to promote consistent and effective park development, safety, and maintenance procedures.			✓				
Policy 6: Provide and promote a balanced recreation program which offers a diversity of recreational amenities to meet the needs of the population.			✓				
Policy 7: Coordinate the use of community resources to maximize recreational opportunities and benefits while minimizing costs.			✓				
Policy 8: Establish an accessible open space system that connects open space in the urbanized area to the surrounding public natural areas.			✓				

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2001 General Plan (Continued) <i>Policies:</i> Element 10: Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (Continued): Policy 9: Implement an interconnected open space system through cooperative public and private efforts.			✓				
Policy 10: Provide an interconnected urban trail system throughout the city to meet the recreational needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians.			✓				
Policy 11: Develop a plan for acquisition and implementation of the City's trail network.			✓				
Policy 12: Determine trail design criteria and amenity guidelines.			✓				
Element 11: Public Buildings, Services, and Facilities: Policy 1: Promote efficient and equitable location and distribution of City services. (The current distribution of public facilities is displayed in the Public Facilities Map, at the end of this element.)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Policy 2: Maintain service standards.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Policy 3: Continue to utilize the CIP to coordinate service provision within the City of Tucson.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Element 12: Cost of Development: Policy 1: Integrate the goals and policies of the Cost of Development Element with the goals and policies of the City of Tucson General Plan.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Policy 2: Develop a methodology for determining the need and assessing the costs of new facilities and services required to serve new development.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Policy 3: Identify all legally available financial mechanisms to recover the cost of public facilities and services required to serve new development.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Policy 4: Balance public and private interests to achieve fairness in allocating the costs of new development. The public interest is established by the goals and policies of the General Plan.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

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2001 General Plan (Continued) <i>Policies:</i> Element 12: Cost of Development (Continued): Policy 5: Provide that the fair share charged to a project includes only those costs associated with that project and does not require the developer to improve service levels of existing deficiencies in public facilities.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Policy 6: Seek local and regional cooperation to pursue new or enhanced revenues for regional infrastructure.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Element 13: Economic Development: Policy 2: Maintain and enhance the beauty of Tucson's physical landscape.						✓	
Policy 9: Support tourism and convention development.						✓	
Policy 21: Support plans, programs, and capital expenditures to stimulate the investment of private capital in the Downtown.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Element 14: Environmental Planning and Conservation: Policy 2: Improve coordination and promote partnerships between City departments, other governmental agencies, neighborhoods, and community organizations that contribute to the management of environmentally sensitive areas			✓				
Policy 15: Continue to support the Pima Association of Government's (PAG's) Section 208 Area-wide Water Quality Management Plan, which includes a policy that all wastewater be treated in regional, publicly-owned facilities (this is the local implementation of Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act).					✓		
Policy 22: Implement transportation system modifications that facilitate improved traffic flow throughout the region for vehicles and alternate modes of transportation.						✓	
Policy 23: Consider air quality impacts when designing new transportation improvements.						✓	
Policy 38: Continue efforts to reduce energy consumption and improve sustainability of government facilities and operations.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓