

The City Plan  
Waco Comprehensive Plan 2040  
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# The City Plan, Waco Comprehensive Plan 2040

- Plan Background and Components
- Major Plan Implementations
- Plan Update Strategy



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- Adopted in September of 2016
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Plan adoption since 1958
  - First plan adoption since 2000
- Dynamic and evolving document that should be updated regularly to assure relevance
- Calls for a major reevaluation and update every 5 years



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# Plan Components

- Goals and Objectives
- Economic Development
- Growth Management
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Housing
- Livability
- Environment
- Implementation
- 109 recommendations
  - 80 have been completed or ongoing projects
- Many apply to more than one component of the plan
- Additional CIP Projects Recommendations

# Major Plan Implementations

- Water and Wastewater Masterplan Implementation- Building Waco Program
  - \$ million invested in projects
- Identify and implement a new, modern pavement management program- Better Streets Waco Program
  - \$48 million invested in projects (2018-2020)
- Completion of Stormwater Master Plan and adoption of a stormwater utility fee as dedicated sources of funding for construction and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure
- Invest in fire protection services and facilities in order to achieve an ISO rating of 1



# Major Plan Implementations

- Adoption of Impact Fees to ensure that development pays its fair share of the cost of extending and/or upgrading infrastructure required to serve the area
- Completion of BRT feasibility study as first step toward realignment of Waco Transit System
- Adoption of infill incentive program and design guidelines for the sale of tax foreclosed properties to encourage quality infill development



# Major Plan Implementations

- Strengthen and seek input from neighborhood associations concerning projects, policies and issues that impact their neighborhood
  - Office of Neighborhood Engagement
- Support the designation of Greater Downtown Waco as a recognized Cultural District
  - Support initiatives to enhance cultural arts district





# Major Plan Implementations

## Implement the recommendations of Imagine Waco: A Plan for Greater Downtown

- Bridge Street Plaza
- Elm Avenue Streetscape Project
- Riverfront Development
- Washington Avenue Conversion





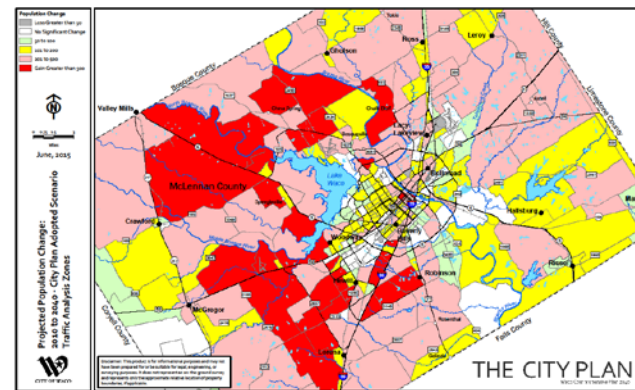
# Plan Update Strategy

Retain guiding principle of:

- **Sustainable Development** that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

Plan update should reflect shifts in demographic and economic trends based upon 2020 Census and new data

- Calibrate growth projections and recommendations
- Update Future Land Use Plan



# Plan Update Strategy

- Incorporate recent and current planning/ study efforts into Plan Update
  - Parks and Recreation and City-Wide Trails Master Plan
  - Stormwater Master Plan
  - Active Transportation Plan
  - Subdivision/ Zoning Ordinance Study
  - Housing Study
  - La Salle Ave. District Plan
  - Route Realignment Plan
- Employ updates of several Plan components and new studies
  - Thoroughfare Plan
  - Water and Wastewater Master Plans
  - Hwy. 84 Corridor Greenfield Study
  - 25/26th St. Corridor Study
  - Downtown Streetscape Plan
  - Economic Development Plan Study



# Plan Update Strategy

- New Long Range Planning Manager will act as point person for Plan update
- Use Plan Commission as steering committee for Plan update with vigorous public engagement process
- Include 5-year prioritization plan for Plan recommendations



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# Discussion