

**AGENDA MEMO**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JULY 21, 2010

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ITEM DESCRIPTION: APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS

**** STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S) ****

<i>CASE NUMBER</i>	<i>RECOMMENDATION</i>	<i>REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL</i>
DIR-37955	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	

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**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The following is an annual report on the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan. Pursuant to NRS 278.190, the Planning Commission is required to review the plan and implementation progress annually.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&D, Fire, Bldg., etc</i>	
06/25/09	The Planning Commission approved Directors Business Item (DIR-34586) for the 2009 Master Plan Implementation report.
08/05/09	The City Council adopted an updated Land Use and Rural Neighborhood Preservation Element by Ordinance (Ord-6056).
08/05/09	The City Council adopted an updated Economic Element by Ordinance (Ord-6057).
01/20/10	The City Council adopted an updated Population Element by Ordinance (Ord-6078).
05/19/10	The City Council approved GPA-37216 an updated Safety and Seismic Safety Element. An ordinance form of the Element is currently being drafted.

ANALYSIS

Master Plan Update and Adoption

The Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) require the preparation and adoption of a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city. For counties having a population of 400,000 or greater, like Clark County, state law requires the master plan for each government to address 18 different subject areas ranging from land use to school facilities. As of 2009 the City is now in full compliance with the adoption of all 18 elements as required by NRS.

Since last year's report a total of four elements have been updated from previous plans. These include the Transportation & Streets and Highways Element, Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element, Economic Element, Population Element. The department has a five year plan to update the remaining elements as well as the overall policy document. Through completion of these updates, the city will remain in compliance with all applicable state laws and will be equipped to make policy decisions that address both current and future issues.

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The chart below includes a maintenance schedule for the 18 master plan elements and the policy document. Some of the subject areas having similar goals have been combined into a single document. In 2010 the schedule calls for an update to the Conservation Element. The work on these elements is underway and they are in varying stages of completion. It is also noted that work on the Historic Properties is also underway and is to be completed ahead of schedule in an effort to address legislation that was adopted during the 2009 session.

Master Plan Elements Work Plan

Name (NRS 278.160)	Date of adoption or last update	Expected completion date	Policies or Recommendations
Public Safety Element	2001	2010	60
Conservation Element	2005	2010	65
Housing Element	2001	2011	62
Policy Document	2000	2011	110
Solid Waste Disposal Element	2005	2011	-
Recreation Plan			
• Transportation Trails Element	2005	2011	-
• Recreation Trails Element	2005	2011	-
Historical Properties Preservation Element	2007	2012	9
Community Design Element	2008	2013	8
Public Buildings Element	2008	2013	16
Public Services and Facilities Element	2008	2013	14
School Facilities Element	2008	2013	10
Transit Element	2008	2013	24
Transportation & Streets and Highways Element	2009	2014	32
Land Use Element	2009	2014	-
Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element	2009	2014	-
Economic Element	2009	2014	12
Population Element	2010	2015	-

Elements Adopted/Updated in Fiscal Year 2009-2010

The Planning Department adopted/updated four elements in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in compliance with the requirements of NRS, these elements are:

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- Population Element
- Economic Element
- Safety and Seismic Safety
- Land Use and Rural Neighborhood Preservation

Elements Adopted/Updated in Fiscal year 2010-2011

In the coming fiscal year the Planning Department will be adopting/updating the following elements in compliance with NRS:

- Conservation Element
- Water Element

Goals, Objectives, and Policies Implemented in Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Additionally, the Planning Department has completed several other projects that are directly related to various Policies, Goals and Objectives of the 2020 Master Plan Policy Document. This is separate from the accomplishments related to the various elements. The hierarchy of accomplishments begins with goals, underneath the goals are the objectives, and at the base level are the policies.

Goal	Element Tied to Goal	Projects Satisfying Goal
Re-urbanization Goal 1: The Downtown area will emerge as the preeminent hub of business, residential, government, tourism and gaming activities in the City of Las Vegas and as a major hub of such activities in the Las Vegas Valley.	None as this is strictly a Policy Document Goal.	Gold Spike – Phase I MEET Building - renovation Lou Ruvo Brain Institute Golden Nugget Phase III Campos Office Building

Objective	Element Tied to Objective	Projects Satisfying Objective
Re-urbanization Objective 1.4: To retain, where viable, historical structures which represent the architectural, cultural and social legacy of the City of Las Vegas.	Historical Properties and Preservation Element	Floyd Lamb Park Visitors Center Berkley Square Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places Phase 1: Historic Resource Survey of the Southridge Neighborhood

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Re-urbanization Objective 1.6: To provide high quality transit service including integrated bus and rapid transit, which serves the Downtown and which connects the Downtown with other employment, entertainment and shopping nodes.	Transit Element	ACE Downtown Connector ACE C Line (Connecting Downtown to the Northwest Valley)
Newly Developing Areas 3.6: To ensure that adequate amounts of park space and trail systems are designated and developed to meet or exceed national standards and standards established in the Master Plan Parks Element.	Parks and Recreation Element	Teton Trails Park – Phase 2 Dexter Park (upgrades) Hualapai Canyon Trailhead Angel Park Trailhead Rampart Trail – Phase 2 Centennial Hills Park – Phase 3
Fiscal Management Objective 6.1: To ensure that capital and operating expenditures are planned and scheduled in accordance with Long Range Planning.	None as this is strictly a Policy Document Goal.	Staff has created and is utilizing a database of all Master Plan goals, policies, and objectives that tie them to specific actions that can be tracked planned and budgeted for.
Policy	Element Tied to Policy	Projects Satisfying Policy
Neighborhood Revitalization Policy 2.3.2: That a West Las Vegas Plan provide such direction for West Las Vegas and adjacent areas.	None as this is tied to the West Las Vegas Plan.	An update of the West Las Vegas Plan was completed in July (GPA-33721).
Newly Developing Areas Policy 3.1.1: That residential developers be encouraged to provide traffic calming measures in new residential neighborhoods, and where appropriate, narrower local streets. Standards for narrower local streets shall provide adequate access for emergency vehicles and the disabled. Where possible, sidewalks should be separated from the curb by a landscaped amenity zone within the dedicated right-of-way, with a tree canopy along the sidewalk.	Community Design Element	Staff drafted a Complete Streets Resolution for consideration.

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Goals, Objectives, and Policies Planned for Implementation in Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Staff is also working completion of a comprehensive rewrite of Title 19 into a Form Based Code format that is more in line with the current goals and objective of both the City and the Master Plan. The rewrite would satisfy or partially satisfy over a dozen objectives and recommendations of the Master Plan.

The following table lists several other projects that are planned to be completed or substantially finished within the fiscal year and are in conformance to the Policies, Goals and Objectives of the 2020 Master Plan capstone document.

Goal	Element Tied to this Goal	Projects Satisfying Goal
Re-urbanization Goal 1: The Downtown area will emerge as the preeminent hub of business, residential, government, tourism and gaming activities in the City of Las Vegas and as a major hub of such activities in the Las Vegas Valley.	None as this is strictly a Policy Document Goal.	Gold Spike – Phase II Kenny Law Office Mexican Consulate Neon Museum O’Rourke Office Building Valley Hospital Expansion
Fiscal Management Goal 6: The City of Las Vegas will link capital improvement programming and maintenance of operations programming with long range planning.	Public Buildings Element Public Services and Facilities Element	An update of the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Integration document is in progress. This document links CIP’s with the Master Plan.
Regional Coordination Goal 7: Issues of regional significance, requiring the City of Las Vegas to coordinate with other government entities and agencies within the Valley, will be addressed in a timely fashion.	Public Buildings Element Public Services and Facilities Element	Long Range Planning currently staffs many regional level committees, including those with SNRPC, RTC, Census, and other agencies.

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Objective	Element Tied to this Objective	Projects Satisfying Objective
Re-urbanization Objective 1.4: To retain, where viable, historical structures which represent the architectural, cultural and social legacy of the City of Las Vegas.	Historical Properties and Preservation Element	Floyd Lamb Park Equestrian Facilities Restoration and master plan of historic Westside School Phase 2: Historic Resource Survey of the Southridge Neighborhood
Re-urbanization Objective 1.5: To bring cultural, entertainment and sports facilities that will draw patrons from across the Las Vegas Valley to the Downtown area, to provide another dimension to the attraction of Downtown Las Vegas.	Public Buildings Element	Neon Museum
Re-urbanization Objective 1.6: To provide high quality transit service including integrated bus and rapid transit, which serves the Downtown and which connects the Downtown with other employment, entertainment and shopping nodes.	Conservation Element – Air Quality Transit Element	RTC Downtown Transportation Center
Newly Developing Areas Objective 3.1: To ensure that new residential subdivisions, with the exception of areas currently designated as rural preservation neighborhoods by Nevada Statute, are developed into walkable communities, where reliance on auto trips for convenience shopping and access to education and recreation is minimized, and where development densities support transit.	None as this is strictly a Policy Document Goal.	Staff is currently in the process of completing the update of Title 19, which will include a component designed to meet this objective.
Fiscal Management Objective 6.1: To ensure that capital and operating expenditures are planned and scheduled in accordance with long range planning commitments.	Public Buildings Element Public Services and Facilities Element	Staff is updating the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan Integration document which links Capital Improvement projects to Long Range Planning.

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Policy	Element Tied to this Policy	Projects Satisfying Policy
Neighborhood Revitalization Policy 2.1.4: That new commercial development be designed in a walkable and non-vehicular friendly manner, providing shelter from sun and wind, with outdoor seating areas and other amenities and parking areas located away from the street.	Housing Element	Ward 1 - Meadows Neighborhood consists of 600+ acres bounded by US-95 on the north, Charleston on the south, Decatur on the western border, and Valley View on the east. Ward 2 - Village Square consists of a 1/2 mile radius, centered on the intersection of Fort Apache and Sahara.
Cultural Enhancement Policy 5.1.2: That the City work with private interests and other levels of government to develop museums.	Public Buildings Element	MOB Museum Neon Boneyard Museum
Fiscal Management Policy 6.1.1: That the City monitor and coordinate capital improvement and operating maintenance expenditures with long range planning.	Public Buildings Element Public Services and Facilities Element	Long Range Planning staff participates in the CIP process to ensure that planning objectives are met.
Regional Coordination Policy 7.1.5: That the City take the necessary steps to monitor and evaluate the quality of stormwater discharge, and ensure measures are taken to improve the quality where appropriate.	Public Services and Facilities Element Water Element	Staff has a representative on the Stormwater Work Group to ensure that the goals of the City are met.

Summary

In the last fiscal year a total of five additional policies from the 2020 Master Plan Policy document were completed. This leaves a total of eight policies from the Policy Document left to complete. An update of the Policy Document is currently scheduled to begin in 2011 placing the current version on track for completion of policies on schedule with the scheduled update.

Additionally, 24 new goals, objectives, and policies were added due to adopted/updated versions of the elements. The charts below depict the accomplishments with regard to the last fiscal year.

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2020 Policy Document Goals, Objectives, and Policies	Complete	Not Complete	Ongoing
150 Policies as of 2009	20 (13%)	13 (9%)	117 (78%)
150 Policies as of 2010	25 (17%)	8 (5%)	117 (78%)

Elements Goals, Objectives, and Policies	Complete	Not Complete	Ongoing
330 Policies as of 2009	39 (12%)	32 (10%)	259 (78%)
354 Policies as of 2010	49 (14%)	44 (12%)	261 (74%)

NOTICES MAILED

NEWSPAPER ONLY

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