

walkable community plans

planning commission

23 july 2009



joint workshop: march 23, 2009

- corridor plans and walkable community plans introduced
- apa's "great neighborhoods" program presented
- why great neighborhoods are important



qualities of great neighborhoods (apa)

- functional attributes of day-to-day living
- accommodates multiple modes of transportation
- visually interesting design and architecture
- encourages human contact and social activities
- secure environment; promotes community involvement
- promotes sustainability
- memorable character



why great neighborhoods?

las vegas 2020 master plan

- distinguish neighborhoods through urban design
- continue to improve streetscape enhancements in highly urbanized areas
- evaluate potential for physical & infrastructure improvements that will make central city neighborhoods more desirable



neighborhoods of lasting value

are we building this...



...or this?



what makes a neighborhood “walkable?”

pedestrian facilities: sidewalks, shade, safety



what makes a neighborhood “walkable?”

amenities: grocery store, drugstore, restaurants,
schools, parks, library



what is a walkable community plan?

- specific plan for improving walkability within a defined neighborhood area
- improve access to the “needs of daily life”
- reduce traffic by encouraging walking/cycling for local trips
- enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety and comfort
- identify/encourage needed amenities

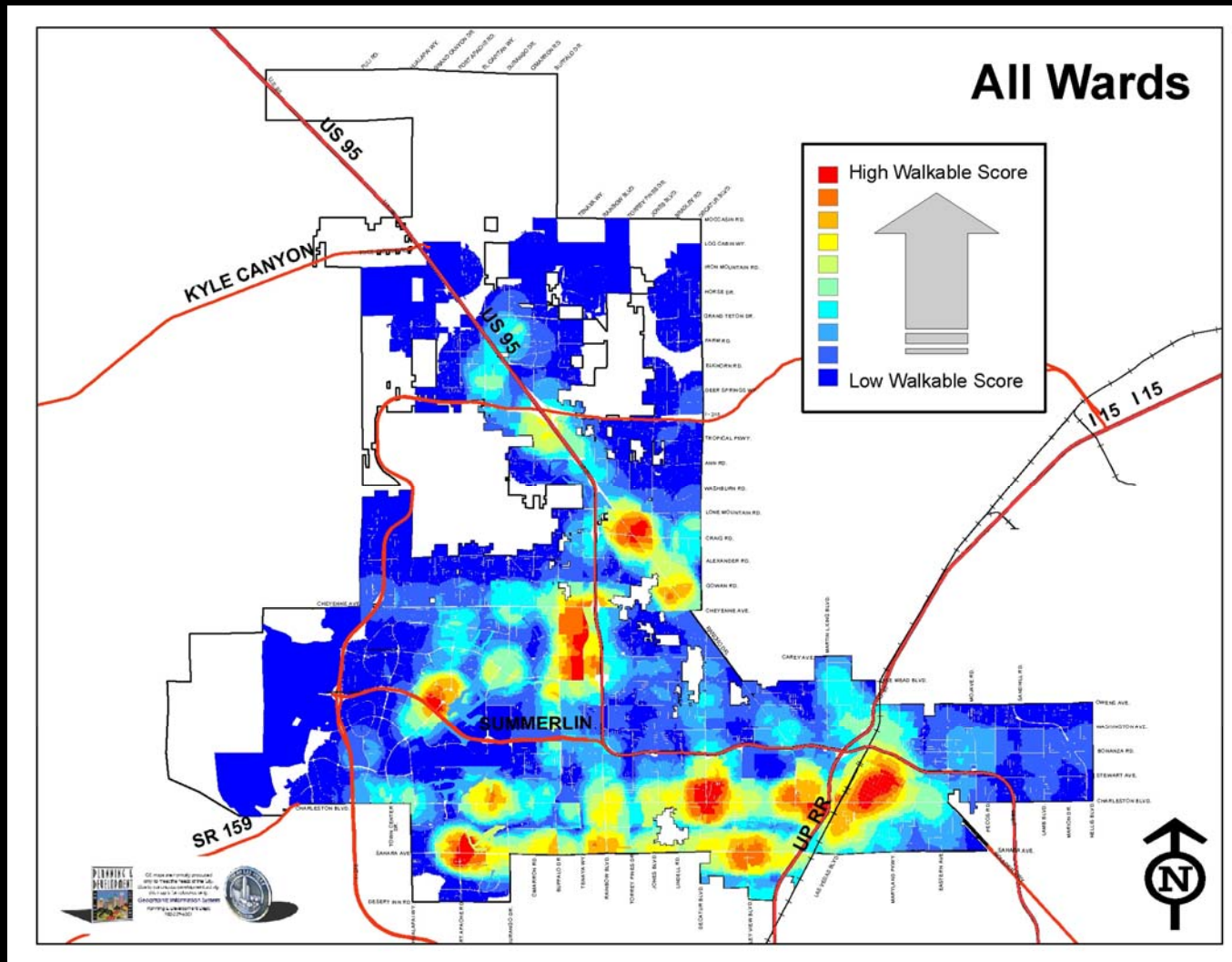


identified study areas

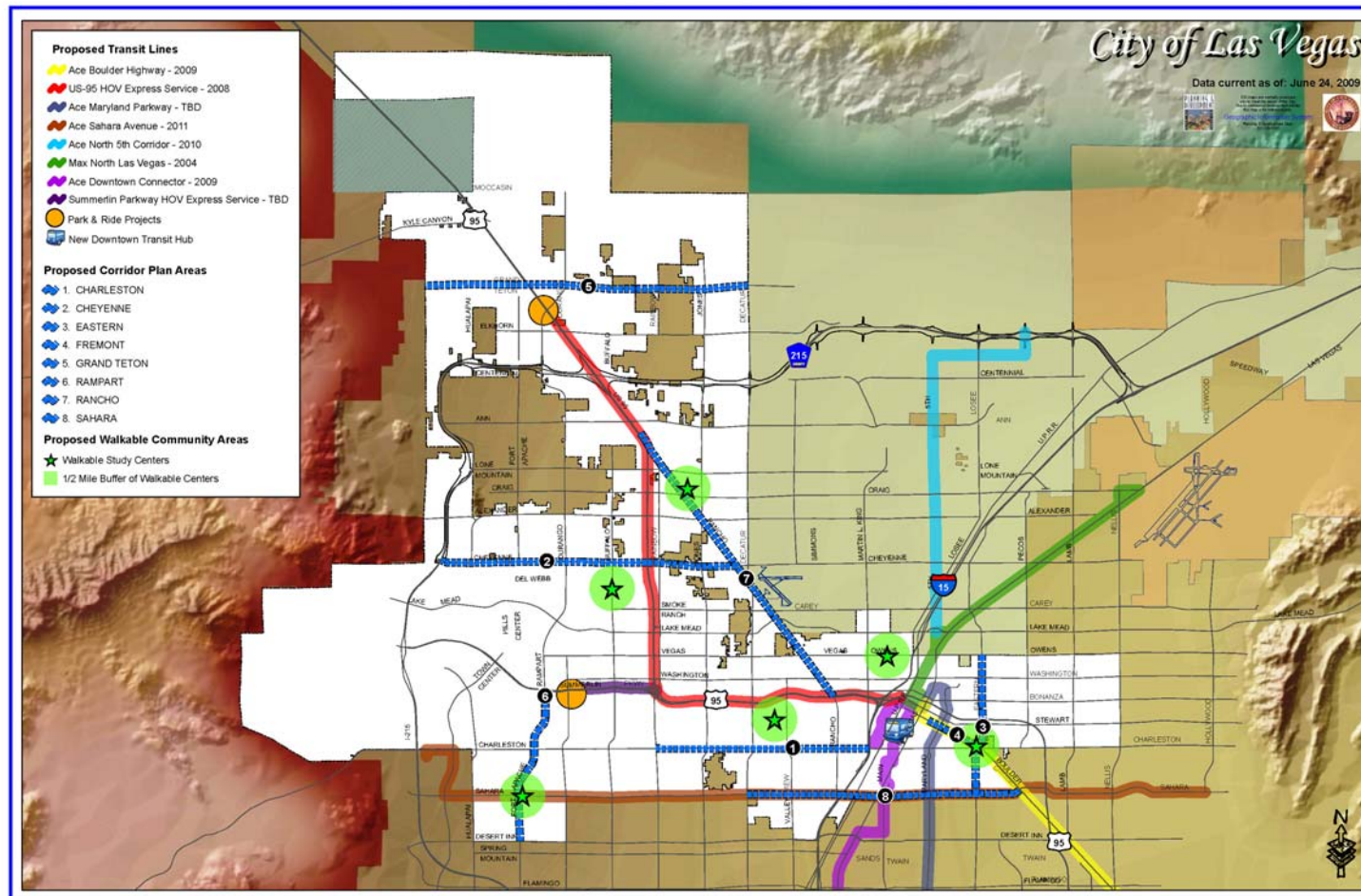
- **meadows lane** (*between valley view & decatur*)
- **village square** (*intersection of sahara & ft. apache*)
- **eastern** (*intersection of eastern/charleston/fremont*)
- **buffalo** (*between cheyenne & smoke ranch*)
- **west side** (*intersection of owens & h street*)
- **rancho** (*intersection of rancho & craig*)



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walkable community plan schedule

- 2009: meadows lane, village square
- 2010: west side, eastern
- 2011: buffalo, rancho
- post-2011: additional areas to be selected



elements of a walkable community plan

- **introduction:** *location, background, history*
- **existing conditions:** *physical conditions, amenities*
- **analysis:** *needed improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks, street trees, additional amenities*
- **action plan:** *implementation priorities, funding*



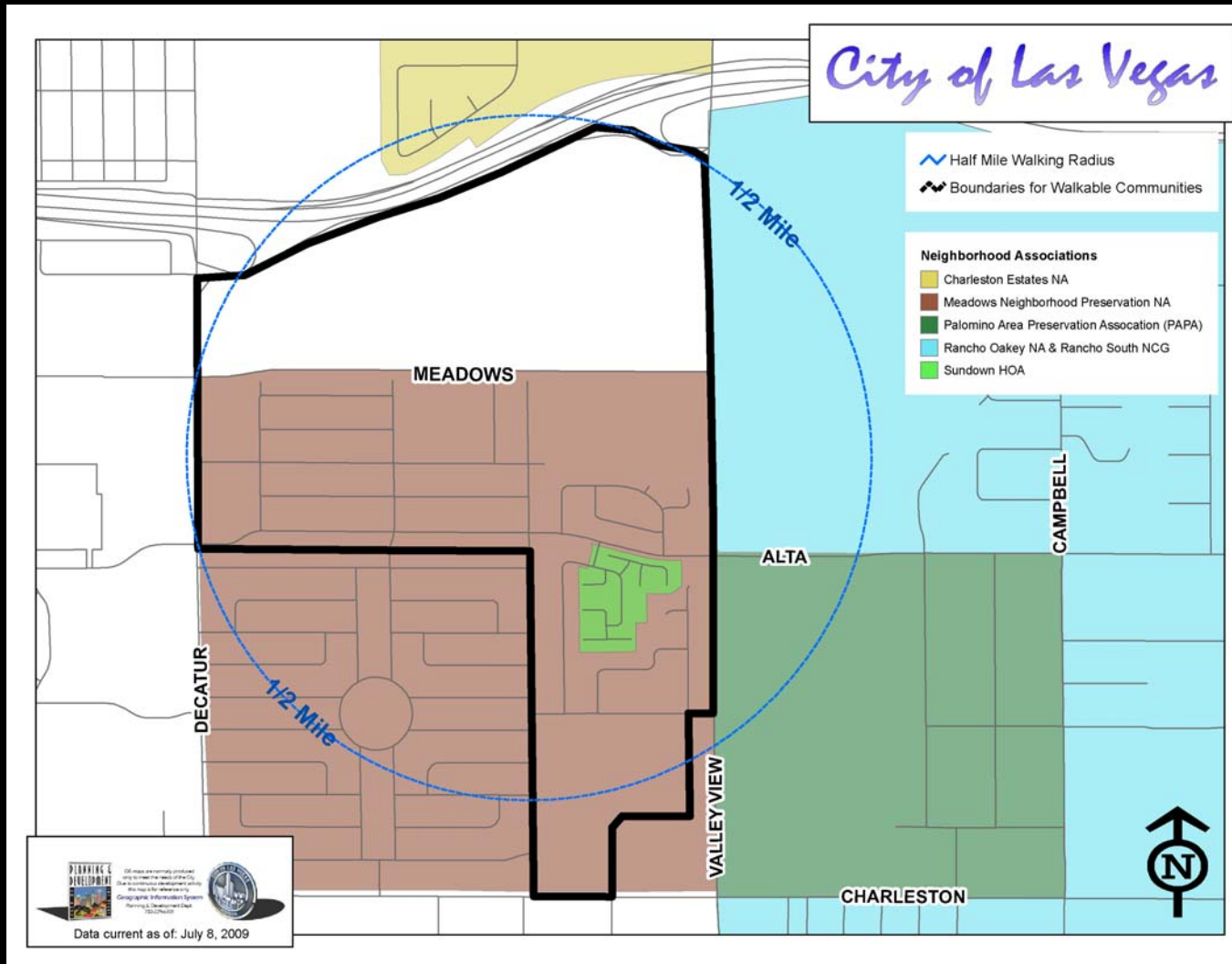
walkable community plan implementation

- plan development and adoption
- funding sources: cip, federal, grants
- implementation: construction, code modifications

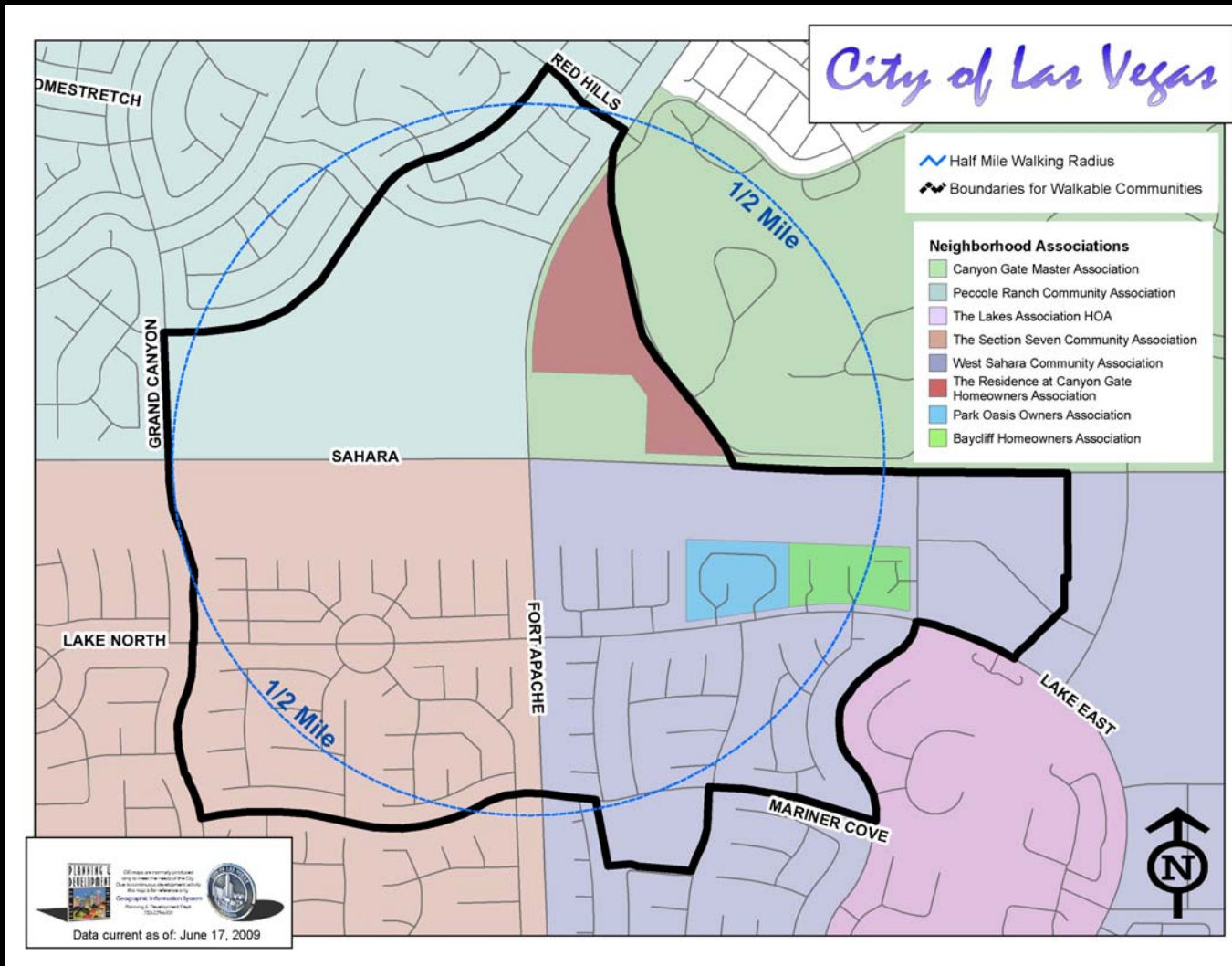




meadows lane plan area



village square plan area



plan status

- existing conditions research completed
- first public input session tentatively scheduled for august 2009



walkable community plans: public input

- property owners, business owners
- neighborhood associations
- senate/assembly districts



walkable community plans: process

- existing conditions research
- 1st public input meeting
- plan development/internal review
- 2nd public input meeting
- revisions based on input
- planning commission discussion, input
- adoption by city council

