

Implementation

WAYS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN

Arizona state law requires cities to take the following actions to implement the adopted General Plan:

- Recommend measures to effect the General Plan
- Report annually to the City Council on the status of the plan and progress in implementing it
- Promote public interest in and understanding of the General Plan
- Consult and advise other officials, agencies, and organizations on implementing the Plan

A variety of additional techniques have been developed to help implement the General Plan. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Specific and area plans for village cores and other areas
- Special neighborhood plans
- Capital improvement programming
- New zoning districts
- Rezoning and downzoning
- Joint public/private cooperation in planning and providing infrastructure
- Density transfer (on site)
- Incentives and new financing techniques
- Redevelopment areas
- Design review
- Development impact fees
- New sales taxes to fund open space acquisition and transit
- Bond programs for new facilities
- Freeway mitigation programs to protect neighborhoods
- Public Art Master Plan

The City Manager is directed to develop and refine implementation tools and techniques and, where appropriate, to bring these to the City Council for approval.

In addition, the Planning Director is directed to monitor the need for Plan amendments and report to the Planning Commission and City Council on any aspects of the General Plan that should be considered for revision. At least once each year, the Planning Commission should schedule a public hearing to allow for community input on Plan refinements.

Once each year, the Planning Director and the Planning Commission should recommend refinements and adjustments to the General Plan to the City Council and, with input from Village Planning and other citizen committees, should complete a major evaluation and update of the Plan for submission to the City Council every ten years, in accord with state law.

The city should also participate annually with the regional planning agency in developing a state of the region report that measures how the implementation of the General Plan is affecting regional issues, such as open space and transportation.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Specific or Area Plans

Because the General Plan is intended to provide only general guidance for the city, Specific Plans, as defined in Title 9, Ch. 4, Art. 6, A.R.S. (Sec. 9-461), or area plans should be considered for the purpose of refining plan elements or to provide more direction for an area. These plans can continue to be prepared for neighborhoods, transportation corridors, major open areas, large vacant areas, village cores or other areas in need of special study. Such specific or area plans should be consistent with the General Plan or amend the General Plan as needed.

Zoning

Zoning regulations are intended to protect existing land uses and assure that these uses are compatible with each other and with available public facilities and services, whereas the General Plan describes only the conceptual intent for future development of the city. The Plan is neither intended to change existing zoning regulations, or to require approval of all

development projects that conform to the Plan, in areas in which development is premature.

Rezoning to conform to the intended future land use pattern shown on the Land Use Map or in a specific plan should occur only when economic, physical, social and other conditions will allow the proposed land use to be developed:

- a. within the capacities of existing or funded infrastructure and public facilities and services
- b. in a compatible manner with surrounding land uses
- c. to standards specified for and appropriate to the proposed land use
- D. in a way that furthers or helps achieve the goals of the Plan

The Planning Department should periodically review the Zoning Ordinance and recommend amendments that implement these principles.

Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

State laws require that the municipal planning agency review and report on the coordinated program of public works for the ensuing fiscal year, as to conformity with the adopted General Plan. In addition, the laws provide that the agency must report on the conformity with the General Plan of all public real property acquisitions or dispositions, public construction or vacation of public streets. If proposed projects are not in accord with the Plan, the projects should be brought into conformity or the Plan amended. Acquisitions or abandonments for street widening or alignment projects of a minor nature are excluded from such review.

Public Art Master Plan

The city's Percent For Art Program, administered by the Phoenix Arts Commission, provides public art opportunities for artists to enhance public spaces and to work with architects, engineers, landscape architects and city planners to design and build parks, public buildings, bridges, plazas, streetscapes and other important civic amenities. The Percent For Art Program was established in 1986 through an ordinance that allocates up to one percent of the

city's Capital Improvement Program to public art. Public art projects are integrated into city infrastructure projects built in conformance with the General Plan. The Arts Commission's Public Art Master Plan provides a flexible way of viewing and implementing the percent for art program within the context of the city as a whole.

FUTURE ROLE OF VILLAGE PLANNING COMMITTEES

Village Planning Committees will continue to participate in the general planning process. The committees shall consist of 15 to 21 members, nominated and appointed by the City Council for two-year staggered terms. Committee members must live within the city in most cases and live or work within the village boundaries. No member shall serve more than two two-year terms. A chairperson and vice chair shall be elected annually by the committee membership and be limited to two one-year terms.

The Village Planning Handbook is a guide for establishing and operating village planning committees. Originally approved by the Phoenix City Council in July 1986, the Handbook, as amended and revised, provides direction on the procedures and activities of the village planning committees. A revised Village Planning Handbook including these guidelines, other procedural policies, and Committee duties, will be submitted to the Planning Commission and City Council for review and approval. It should be updated periodically to reflect current committee duties and needs.

Committee Duties

The Village Planning Committees will assist the Planning Commission in the performance of its duties. Village Planning Committee activities should include:

- Identifying areas, or provisions of the General Plan text, which need refinement and updating
- Identifying problems and needs related to implementing the General Plan
- Defining in greater detail the intended future function, density, and character of subareas of the village

Commenting on proposals for rezoning map or text amendments

Planning Department annually on progress achieved in implementing the General Plan. The Planning Department will compile this information into an annual report to the Planning Commission and City Council.

DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH ELEMENT

The following departments as shown in Figure 1 are responsible for implementing each element of the General Plan. Each department should report to the

**FIGURE 1
DEPARTMENTS AND GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION**

	GA	LU	COD	CIR	B	H	N	CRR	EP	NRC	OS	R	WR	PB	PSF	S
Arts Commission (staff)														✓		
Aviation		✓		✓				✓	✓							✓
Budget and Reserch	✓		✓											✓	✓	
Business Customer Service		✓	✓													
City Clerk		✓														
Community and Economic Development	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓						✓		
Development Services		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Emergency Response Team																✓
Engineering and Architectural Services									✓					✓		
Environmental Programs								✓	✓	✓						
Equal Opportunity						✓										
Finance	✓		✓													
Fire							✓							✓		✓
Housing						✓	✓	✓								
Human Services						✓								✓		
Information Technology														✓		
Neighborhood Services	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				
Parks, Recreation and Library	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Police				✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓		✓
Public Transit		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓							
Public Works									✓					✓	✓	
Rio Salado Team		✓								✓	✓					
Street Transportation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓
Water Resources Advisor													✓			
Water Services	✓		✓						✓	✓			✓		✓	
Youth and Education														✓		
Arts Commission														✓		
Citizens Transit Commission				✓												
Commission on the Economy	✓	✓	✓													
Environmental Quality Commission									✓	✓						
Housing and Neighborhoods Commission						✓	✓	✓								
Library Advisory Board														✓		
Parks Board												✓	✓			
Planning Commission	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Surface Transportation Advisory Committee				✓												

LEGEND

GA= Growth Area
 LU= Land Use
 COD= Cost of Development
 CIR= Circulation

B= Bicycling
 H= Housing
 N= Neighbourhood
 CRR= Conservation, Rehabilitation, and Redevelopment

EP= Environmental Planning
 NRC= Natural Resources Conservation
 OP= Open Space
 R= Recreation

WR= Water Resources
 PB= Public Buildings
 PSF= Public Services and Facilities
 S= Safety