



TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

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MEETING DATE: May 20, 2020

RE: Round Rock 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Planning and Development Services (PDS) is commencing the adoption process for the city's comprehensive plan, *Round Rock 2030*. At this point, you have reviewed the twelve policies, policy descriptions and implementation strategies for the twelve policies at past commission meetings. A draft was provided for your review when the initial plan draft was released to the public in February.

Following the February draft release, PDS held two open houses. Additionally, PDS hosted an office hours session and promoted an online comment option. Polco, an online engagement tool, was utilized again for a two-month period to solicit comments online on the draft. Comments and questions could also be emailed directly to staff.

Based on input received, the following changes were made to the February draft:

- Summarized accomplishments of past decade for each policy in the Vision and Policies section to make the section easier to read.
- Added new implementation strategies to certain policies:
  - Quality of Life
    - Consider locations for cultural development and community facilities outside of the downtown area.
  - Downtown
    - Improve the downtown pedestrian experience by providing features such as pet stops, shade structures, and litter control facilities.
    - Explore options to attract retail other than dining downtown.
    - Ensure adequate loading areas for equipment, deliveries and passenger drop off and pick up.
    - Inventory existing ADA facilities and parking downtown to ensure they continue to meet people's needs.
    - Assess connectivity to downtown from surrounding areas for all modes of transportation.

- Neighborhoods
  - Promote the Community Development Division of Planning and Development Services as a point of contact for residents to navigate city services.
- Roadway Function
  - Encourage attractive xeriscaping and design elements in medians and high traffic areas.
  - Explore options for park-and-ride lots and rideshare parking.
- Mobility
  - Evaluate potential impacts of bike share and micromobility options to balance community needs and city policy preferences.
  - Assess connectivity to downtown from surrounding areas for all modes of transportation.
  - Assess mobility needs for underserved populations from a land use perspective.
- Adapting to Change
  - Evaluate potential impacts of bike share and micromobility options to balance community needs and city policy preferences.
  - Utilize NOAA Atlas 14 data to adopt new floodplain and drainage regulations.
  - Explore the creation of a Continuity of Operations Plan for the Planning and Development Services Department to ensure mission essential functions continue should the City face a declared disaster or other catastrophic event.
  - Consider land use and physical design implications related to modernization of communications infrastructure, while ensuring the accommodation of a more advanced network.
  - Consider the planning implications of the Covid-19 pandemic and other similar global or national crises. Combine crisis response with long term land use planning solutions that are mindful of current uncertainties and adapt to changing development concepts and trends.
- Sustainability
  - Create programs to educate residents and developers on sustainable development practices adopted by the city.
  - Utilize NOAA Atlas 14 data to adopt new floodplain and drainage regulations.
- Edited the Land Use Section/Future Land Use Map (FLUM):
  - Addition of location criteria for single-family detached common lot projects
  - Removal of PUDs from FLUM to show actual land uses associated with PUDs
  - Removal of text associated with PUDs on the FLUM in Land Use section
  - FLUM Residential to Commercial land use change for portion of Nelson property where residential use depicted downstream of Dam 16
  - Corrections/clarifications to FLUM (roadway alignments, legend, etc.) not pertaining to PDS land use categories

Additionally, the following additions were made to this updated draft:

- Added introductory pages (table of contents, executive summary, etc.)
- Added photos throughout
- Added public input report appendix

The newest draft is now available and posted on the City's website (dated May 6, 2020).

Adoption of *Round Rock 2030* includes public hearings at the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

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