



AGENDA MEMO - PLANNING

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: JULY 9, 2024
DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ITEM DESCRIPTION: AMENDMENT OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS 2050 MASTER PLAN

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

CASE NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION	REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL
24-0222-GPA1	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	
24-0222-GPA2	Staff recommends APPROVAL.	

**** NOTIFICATION ****

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED N/A

NOTICES MAILED N/A

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**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Las Vegas is requesting a General Plan Amendment for the adoption of minor amendments to the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan. This master plan serves as the City's comprehensive, long term general plan for the physical development of the City and was prepared pursuant to NRS 278.150. The 2050 Master Plan's amendments (Exhibit A) consist of several minor updates and clarifying information within Chapters 2, 3 and 4. Amendments to the incorporated Master Plan of Streets and Highways (Exhibit B) will also include associated revisions maps further describing the Layered Complete Streets Network. If adopted, the Master Plan would amend maps, tables, the General Plan, and the Master Plan of Streets and Highways for additional clarification and updated content.

ISSUES

- Section 11 of Ordinance 6788 allows for maintenance and implementation of the 2050 Master Plan from time to time to incorporate updates that have been properly approved.
- An amendment will be made to incorporate the Master Plan of Streets and Highways into the plan, as well as provide necessary changes with respect to street classifications, bike lanes/facilities, and trails.

ANALYSIS

Background

On July 21, 2021, the City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas 2050 as the new long-range comprehensive master plan for the City of Las Vegas (Ordinance 6788). Several sections of the ordinance, as well as Chapter 5 – Implementation, direct planning staff to provide a general annual review and evaluation of the plan and make any necessary updates. Section 11 of the ordinance further specifies “in connection with maintenance and implementation of the 2050 Master Plan, the Department of Planning is authorized from time to time to correct errors and incorporate updates that have been properly approved.” Some of the data updates, which are included the annual reports on the implementation of the 2050 Master Plan to the Planning Commission and City Council are also utilized in connection with current and upcoming grant applications.

Upon review for the third year since adoption of the 2050 Master Plan, Planning department staff provide the following updates to data and amendments to the Master Plan for 2024, in addition to minor clerical corrections, as part of 24-0222-GPA1 (see Exhibit A):

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- Chapter 2 – I.B: Land Use Place Types: Amend and update the City’s general plan maps (including the matching map within the Executive Summary) to reflect all associated General Plan Amendments that were approved by the Planning Commission and City Council between July 21, 2021 to present.
- Chapter 2 – I.D: Historic Preservation: Amend and update content related to historic preservation and associated map and property table to show new additions of historic properties.
- Chapter 2 – II: Areas of the City: Amend and update data for proximity to services maps for areas of the city.
- Chapter 2 – III.C: Urban Forestry:
 - Amend and update tree canopy coverage maps
 - Update the Mojave Native and Adaptive Species list to reflect those that have been restricted / amended in connection with the SNRPC / SNWA Regional Plant list and referenced in the Urban Forestry Program Resolution adopted by City Council (R-43-2022).
- Chapter 2 – III.F: Food + Urban Agriculture: Amend and update data for food deserts throughout the city based on updated US Department of Agriculture data.
- Chapter 2 – III.G: Environmental Justice: Amend and update the Environmental Justice map series data reflecting socio-economic, demographic, and environmental hazard data useful for grant application purposes.
- Chapter 3 – I.B: Link Schools to Land Use: Amend and update Clark County School District zoning, capacity, and school projects map series reflecting recent data and changes to the CCSD school capital improvement program.
- Chapter 3 – II.A: Economic + Workforce Development: Amend and update economic charts and tables with the most recent data.
- Chapter 4 - I.A Complete Streets: Amend and update the Job-Housing Balance map to reflect recalculated jobs and housing data.
- Chapter 4 – I.B: Transit: Update the RTC Transit System Ridership table with more recent ridership values by route.
- Chapter 4 – III.A: Public Facilities: Update the Utility Corridor Map to add high voltage transmission lines and branches as part of the “Greenlink West” project currently under development by NV Energy.

24-0222-GPA2 amends Chapter 4 – I.A Complete Streets to specifically add and update a number of maps related to transportation, including the addition of the Master Plan of Streets and Highways (see Exhibit B). A more substantial update of this section will occur as the City makes a future update of its Mobility Master Plan:

- Incorporate the “City of Las Vegas Planned Streets and Highways” map. As this is the official Master Plan of Streets of Highways, the map should be included as part of the overall 2050 Plan
- Add to the City of Las Vegas Planned Streets and Highways several updates within the Kyle Canyon and Summerlin West areas:
 - Add new Collector “Radley Avenue”
 - Extend existing Collector “Rufus Road”

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- Incorporate planned and constructed collector and arterial street network within Summerlin West
- Add a new map entitled “Layered Complete Street Mode Emphasis,” reflecting the modal emphasis of streets and corridors.
- Add a new map entitled “Speed limit and High Injury Network,” reflecting currently adopted speed limits with the City’s High Injury Network and most recent crash / injury data.
- Amend the “Trails and Bike Street Map” and incorporate one (or more) new map(s) entitled “City of Las Vegas Planned Trails and Bike Streets,” with specific amendments reflecting the existing and planned bike and trail network to better represent and distinguish different classifications of trails and bike facilities.
- Replace the “Streets, Transit, and Freeways Map” with an updated map reflecting updated street, transit, and freeway projects.

FINDINGS (22-0294-GPA1)

- The proposed City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan amendments (Exhibit A) are consistent with Section 11 of ordinance 6788; each amendment addresses the respective requirements of an element within NRS 278.160. Amendments to other plan components are minor in nature and generally within the scope of the ordinance and requirements for a general plan amendment; any other updates, clerical errors, or minor edits may be corrected.

FINDINGS (22-0294-GPA2)

- The proposed City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan amendments to the Master Plan of Streets and Highways (Exhibit B) Amendments to other plan components are minor in nature, provide more detail on complete street projects, clarify the type and location of certain trails and bike streets, and are generally within the scope of the ordinance and requirements for a general plan amendment; any other updates, clerical errors, or minor edits may be corrected.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by Planning, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
4/1/1992	The Las Vegas City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas General Plan
9/6/2000	The Las Vegas City Council adopted the Las Vegas Master Plan 2020 (Ordinance 2000-62)
Adoption of Master Plan 2020 Elements and Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Design Element: Ord 5997 (08/06/2008) • Conservation Element: Ord 5529 (PC: 8.22.02 / CC: 11.6.02); Rev: GPA-6287, 6.1.05; GPA-43977, 5.2.12 • Economic Element: Ord 6057 (9/2/2009) • Historic Properties & Neighborhoods Preservation Plan Element: Ord 5931 (09.05.2007); Rev: Ord 6104 (08.04.2010) • Housing Element: Ord 6246 (04.17.2013) • Land Use & Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element: Ord (09.02.2009); Rev: Ord (06.20.2018) • Parks Element: Res 44-2000 (03.15.200); Rev: Ord 6290 (11.20.2013) • Population Element: Ord 6078 (02.17.2010) • Public Facilities & Building Element: Ord 6364 (11.19.2014) • Safety & Seismic Safety Element: Ord 6103 (08.04.2010) • Trails Element: Ord 6237 (2/20/2013) • Transit Element: Ord 5968 (2/20/2008) • Transportation & Streets and Highway Element: Ord 6038 (4/15/2009) • Water Element: GPA-6288 (6/1/2005)
8/11/2015	DIR-60107 – The Planning Commission received an annual report on the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan
6/21/2017	R-32-2017 - The City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas Strategy for Community Resilience, Net-Zero Energy, and Sustainability, which directed staff to develop a “2050 Master Plan” incorporating community resilience goals
9/12/2017	DIR-71278 – The Planning Commission received an annual report on the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan
3/12/2019	DIR-75783 – The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
5/1/2019	The City Council received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
5/14/2019	DIR-76341 - The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
3/10/2020	DIR-77790 - The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan

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<i>Related Relevant City Actions by Planning, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
2/19/2020	The Las Vegas City Council received an update on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan with regards to the findings from public outreach, draft actions on planning concepts, and preliminary results
2/26/2020	The Las Vegas City Council held a Special Council meeting in which it received an update on the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan on findings from public outreach, setting new strategic priorities, and revising current priorities
9/21/2020	The Planning Commission held a workshop that included a presentation and discussion regarding the draft of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan
11/10/2020	20-0266-DIR1 - The Planning Commission received a report for discussion and possible action to discuss adoption of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.
7/21/2021	The Las Vegas City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan (Ordinance 6788)
7/12/2022	22-0294-GPA1 – The Planning Commission approved amendments and updates to portions of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.
8/17/2022	22-0294-GPA1 – The City Council approved amendments and updates to portions of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.
12/12/2023	23-0572-GPA1 – The Planning Commission approved amendments and updates to portions of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.
1/17/2024	23-0572-GPA1 – The City Council approved amendments and updates to portions of the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan.

<i>Neighborhood Meetings</i>	
6/12/2024	<p>A neighborhood meeting was held at City Hall at 495 S Main St in the 2nd Floor Now Café to discuss the proposed General Plan Amendment.</p> <p>Meeting attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No attendees

****SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL****

- **Exhibit A** – City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan Amendment - (attached to backup materials – may be accessed at www.masterplan.vegas)
- **Exhibit B** – Master Plan of Streets and Highway Amendment - (attached to backup materials – may be accessed at www.masterplan.vegas)