



Survey

Thank you for taking the time to provide insights into what should be included in the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Before providing your thoughts, please read through the chapter summary on each page. These summaries come from discussions with the community, subject matter experts, and research into national best practices. These will give you information to help focus your ideas within the different plan topics.

You do not need to fill in every answer if you only have thoughts on certain parts of the plan. Any and all input will be used by Tulsa Planning Office staff, regardless of how much of this survey you complete.

You may also share your thoughts in other ways:

- Call 918-579-9490 and **leave us a voicemail**
- **Send an email** to planitulsa@incog.org
- Attend an online meeting to speak to someone virtually about your ideas. There are 18 of these “listening sessions” planned in January and February. Visit tulsaplanning.org to see the full schedule, sign up to attend, and learn more.

Land Use

The way land uses are arranged in our city have major effects on City operations, quality of life for residents, and the business of development. It is important to balance sensitivity to existing land use conditions while facilitating needed growth.

Key ideas for this chapter from community and subject matter expert discussions include:

- Land Use decisions should promote fiscal stability
- Land use decisions should move the city towards the community's vision
- The development review process should be transparent, consistent, and efficient
- Development in existing neighborhoods should be considerate of context
- Commercial areas should complement surrounding uses
- Residential and mixed-use areas should be well-connected to surrounding uses
- Natural and architectural assets should be preserved and enhanced
- Tulsa should strive to be a leader in sustainable development practices
- Future growth should be balanced with the ability to provide public services and infrastructure

What issues should the plan address related to Land Use?

Transportation

Transportation is a critical component to a successful city. While the majority of travel done in Tulsa is by automobile, many residents do not have access to a car and rely on public transportation, walking, and cycling to get around. The goal of this chapter is to ensure that our transportation systems work for all Tulsans and are adaptable to the future needs of residents.

This chapter will be built off of the planning that went into the numerous transportation plans adopted by the City of Tulsa in the last decade. These include:

- Mobility and Innovation Strategy (2020)
- Coordinated Transit Human-Services Transportation Plan (2020)
- Connecting Progress – Transit Plan (2018)
- Connected 2045 – Regional Transportation Plan (2017)
- GO Plan - Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (2015)
- Fast Forward Regional Transit Plan (2015)
- Complete Streets Procedural Manual (2013)
- Major Street & Highway Plan

What issues should the plan address related to Transportation?

Economic Development

A strong local economy depends on many factors. The health and education level of the population, the resources available for entrepreneurs, small businesses, and large businesses, the quality of life afforded by socio-economic conditions and the built environment, are only some of the pieces that are necessary to the success of Tulsa's economy.

Key ideas for this chapter from community and subject matter expert discussions include:

- Economic growth should provide opportunity to all Tulsans.
- Local and prospective businesses should have easy access to needed economic development resources.
- Entrepreneurship opportunity at every scale should be supported by the City.
- New development should support vibrant, sustainable, and transit-oriented communities.
- An adequate supply of employment lands should be available and maintained.
- Education and workforce development programs should be funded and supported by the City.
- Tulsa's economic development practices should support sustainability, resource efficiency, and energy innovation.

What issues should the plan address related to Economic Development?

Housing & Neighborhoods

Housing and the condition of neighborhoods have been issues of growing concern in Tulsa. Great work is happening in the office of the Housing Policy Director, established in 2019. With the recent completion of the Affordable Housing Strategy, as well as the Downtown Tulsa Housing Demand Study and Strategy, Tulsa is positioned to address housing issues related to affordability, new housing in existing neighborhoods, and empowering neighbors to determine the future of their neighborhoods.

Key ideas for this chapter from these adopted strategies and subject matter experts include:

- Neighborhoods in Tulsa should have tools and training to self-determine community development.
- Neighborhood revitalization efforts should be implemented holistically and sustainably.
- Displacement in neighborhoods should be prevented.
- Renovation and infill should be promoted to generate safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.
- Homeownership should be made more accessible for all Tulsans.
- Tulsans should be better protected from evictions.
- Homelessness in Tulsa should be rare, brief, and non-recurring.
- Tulsa's neighborhoods should be well-connected to things that support residents' daily needs.
- Preservation of historic homes and neighborhood identities should be supported by the City.
- Tulsa should have a robust mix of housing types and sizes in all parts of the city.

What issues should the plan address related to Housing & Neighborhoods?

Communities

How the City communicates with residents is important to ensure the public is informed about ongoing government activities. Similarly, facilitating the public's preferred methods of communication will help City leaders and staff better understand how to effectively engage with residents. Tulsa is a better-run city when its residents are able to be civically engaged regardless of their age, income, race, gender, citizenship, language ability, or physical and mental ability.

Key ideas for this chapter from community and subject matter expert discussions include:

- All residents should be able to fully participate in civic life by increasing access to leadership and decision-making spaces and processes.
- Opportunities for civic participation should be accessible to all residents, in terms of location, time, language, and accessibility.
- Elections and democratic processes should be widely communicated, transparent, and accessible.
- Municipal operations and processes should be effectively communicated equitably to residents.
- Tulsa should be a city that promotes the safety, prosperity, and integration of immigrants, refugees, and their families.
- The City should foster meaningful partnerships with its community groups and local organizations.
- The City of Tulsa should be accountable to the public by relying on thoughtful data and public input to continuously improve the process of civic engagement.

What issues should the plan address related to Communities?

Parks & Recreation

Parks and recreation opportunities increase the quality of life for the residents of Tulsa. There are several agencies that manage the dozens of parks in Tulsa, including the City of Tulsa Park & Recreation Department, River Parks Authority, and Tulsa County Parks Department. Tulsa has several individual destination parks such as Gathering Place, Guthrie Green, and John Hope Franklin Park. The City of Tulsa is conducting a Parks Master Plan update, which will guide much of the content in this comprehensive plan chapter.

Key ideas for this chapter from community and subject matter expert discussions include:

- Parks and recreation facilities should be tailored to the specific needs of the surrounding community.
- All Tulsans should have easy access to places for recreation, gathering, and connecting with nature.
- Recreational programming should be available for all Tulsans regardless of age, income, gender, race, or language ability.
- Tulsa's parks and recreation systems should promote healthy lifestyles.
- Tulsa's parks and recreation systems should be promoted with effective marketing and outreach.
- Tulsa's parks should be a model for best practices in sustainability.
- All residents should feel safe when using Tulsa's parks and recreation facilities.

What issues should the plan address related to Parks & Recreation?

Environment & Natural Resources

The Tulsa region benefits from a great deal of natural beauty worthy of protection. Our waterways, wildlife habitats, tree canopy, and open spaces each present unique challenges and opportunities. Negative environmental effects from pollution and development must be balanced with conservation efforts. Additionally, Tulsa has the opportunity to be a state leader in sustainable practices, new energy production technologies, flooding prevention and response, and more efficient forms of travel.

Key ideas for this chapter from community and subject matter expert discussions include:

- Tulsa residents should be safe from and prepared for flooding events along the Arkansas River and other localized flooding.
- Existing wildlife and habitat should be protected and enhanced where possible.
- New forms of energy, such as solar and wind, as well as new transportation options like electric vehicles and buses, should be encouraged.
- Waste and pollution should be managed in ways that do not negatively affect residents or the environment.
- The City should update the 2010 Sustainability plan and set goals and metrics to monitor progress.

What issues should the plan address related to Environment & Natural Resources?

Public Services

The distribution of public services is a primary function of any level of government. In Tulsa, many departments were not included in the original development of the comprehensive plan. This chapter creates a place for those departments to plan for the future with a focus on capital needs, fiscal responsibility, and increased coordination with other departments and the community.

Public services included in this chapter include:

- Water & Sewer
- Stormwater
- Solid Waste
- Asset Management
- Public Safety
- Animal Welfare
- Municipal Courts
- Schools & Libraries (not City departments)

What issues should the plan address related to Public Services?

History, Culture, and Creativity

Tulsa's unique collection of historical, artistic, and cultural resources sets it apart from anywhere else in Oklahoma. Understanding how the City can best support these activities and communities will add resilience and opportunity in these areas. Tulsa's past should be understood and preserved, and future actions should seek to enhance the innovative and creative spirit that exists here today.

Key ideas for this chapter from community and subject matter expert discussions include:

- The City should support the people, places, and organizations who contribute to the historical, cultural, and creative landscape of Tulsa.
- Tulsa should invest in the long-term resilience and sustainability of the creative community.
- Tulsa should offer unique arts, cultural, and historical tourism opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages, races, ethnicity and socio-economic status.
- Tulsa should support the exposure to arts from a young age in our public schools and youth programming.
- The City should partner to elevate traditionally marginalized groups and events through highly intentional promotion and outreach.
- Tulsa's built environment should prioritize the preservation of built and natural beauty, and be cognizant of cultural identity.

What issues should the plan address related to History, Culture, and Creativity?

Other Issues

What other issues do you think should be addressed through the update to the Comprehensive Plan?