
MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Nicole Fleck-Tooze
SUBJECT: Recommended changes to July 8 Draft LPlan 2040
DATE: August 12, 2011
CC: Marvin Krout

Per discussion at the July 27 Planning Commission workshop, attached is 1) a copy of public comments received to date on the draft LPlan 2040 document and 2) a list of proposed changes to the July 8 draft of LPlan 2040. The revisions to the Transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan will also be reflected in the LRTP; a separate change document will be prepared for that item (see #4, below). Recommended changes are grouped by chapter and referenced by item number and page number. The revisions are based on the following:

1. LPAC Member Feedback - multiple revisions throughout change document.
These revisions are based on comments received by LPAC members and subsequent discussion at the July 27 Planning Commission workshop. These represent a significant number of revisions in the change document.
2. Commission/Committee Feedback - Page 4 of change document.
The Historic Preservation Commission, Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission and the Urban Design Committee reviewed the Placemaking chapter during the following meetings in July and August:

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):	July 21, 2011
Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission (NCEC):	July 28, 2011
Urban Design Committee (UDC):	August 3, 2011

The changes proposed for the Placemaking chapter are based upon feedback from NCEC and UDC (no suggested revisions from HPC). Revisions based upon feedback from NCEC include a reference to the importance of Centennial Mall in the guiding principle on the State Capitol and an emphasis on the importance of sustainable landscape elements in the principle relating to design standards. Changes based upon feedback from UDC include revisions to the principle regarding public buildings to emphasize major civic structures as focal points, and to add two new strategies to monitor and update the Downtown Master Plan and to extend the contributions of the UDC to the County and other local government agencies as appropriate.

3. Neighborhood Roundtable feedback - multiple revisions throughout change document. Planning staff met with the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable on August 8, 2011. Based on discussions with the Roundtable and with the Mayor's Aide for Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, changes are recommended to emphasize the importance of protecting existing neighborhoods and to further clarify the strategy of directing infill and redevelopment to nodes and corridors in underutilized commercial areas rather than to existing neighborhoods. The proposed revisions also revise terminology to use "developing" and "existing" neighborhood references in lieu of the terms "newer" and "older."

Ch 1 - Vision and Plan:	Page 2, Item 11
Ch 2 - The Community:	Page 3, Items 2D, F, H
Ch 5 - Business and Economy:	Page 5, Item 5A
Ch 6 - Mixed Use Redevelopment:	Page 5, Item 6A-F, I-L
Ch 7 - Neighborhoods & Housing:	Page 6, Items 7A-S
Ch 12 - Plan Realization:	Page 17, Item 12B

4. Transportation - Agency Feedback and Local Funding - Page 11 of change document. The "Recommended Changes" document dated August 12 includes revisions to the Transportation chapter of the draft Comprehensive Plan. Commensurate revisions are being prepared for the LRTP, together with updates to the technical document; these will be provided to the Planning Commission in a separate change document will be prepared for that item. Revisions are anticipated as follows:

Transportation - Agency Feedback, Page 11 of change document:

A series of revisions to the Transportation Chapter of LPlan 2040 are proposed based upon comments from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee. These are predominantly minor, non-substantive changes to correct typographical errors, reformat, clarify language, or provide additional information.

Transportation - Local Funding, changes not yet made:

On August 10, the City Council tentatively approved a budget package which is anticipated to be formally adopted on August 22, 2011 and will provide more funding for transportation projects. The Planning Department is working on changes to the Transportation Chapter of LPlan 2040 and to the LRTP to reflect this additional revenue. We intend to brief the Planning Commission beginning at 3:45 on Wednesday August 17 on these changes ahead of the hearing and to follow-up with more detail at or before your continued public hearing on August 24.