

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Via Zoom Monday, September 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendance

Fifteen residents and six City staff attended.

Mayor Gaylor Baird
Tracy Corr – 40th & A
Gloria Eddins - Clinton
Andrew Thierolf - Planning dept
Paul Johnson – ECCO
Teresa Thompson - UPCO
Tut Kailech - NeighborWorks Lincoln
Karen Dienstbier - Eastridge
Dan Marvin – Urban Development Dept
Pat Bracken - Irvingdale
Jenee Kucera – CLCs

Paul Barnes - Planning Dept.
Randy Smith - Woods Park
Andy Gueck - Indian Village
Russell Miller - Witherbee
Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office
Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane
Richard Pierson - Country Club
Pat Stear – Hartley
Wynn Hjermstad – Urban Dev
Geri Cotter – Irvingdale
Bill Vocasek - West A

Welcome and Introductions

Tracy Corr, Chair, began the meeting with introductions and volunteered to take notes.

Mayor Gaylor Baird's Comments:

COVID-19:

- Case rates are starting to level out during the previous week.
- Mask mandate was to slow the spread, protect hospitals and underage children.
- Children are less likely to have severe symptoms, but they do spread when they contract it.
- 72% of eligible people in Lincoln are vaccinated.
- Young eligible people are only 16% vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated people are the severely ill.
- Question: with approved vaccine, are businesses moving to require people to vaccinate?
- Answer: There are no updates on the local level, but the Federal Government has said that businesses with over 100 employees must vaccinate.

BUDGET:

- Budget passed with more normal year's planning.
- Additional funds for various projects such as sidewalks, public safety, housing, etc.

Plan Forward: Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan

Paul Barnes, Long Range Planning Manager: pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov, 402-441-7491 and Andrew Thierolf, Planner II, Lincoln Lancaster County Planning Department: athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov, 402-441-7491.

- Today is the release date of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Comprehensive Plan
- Draft Plan is available at PlanForward2050.com
- Have added 80 Policies to plan
- Top Ten Big Ideas:
 1. Infill and Redevelopment
 - a. Housing Infill organized by Districts
 - i. Downtown & surrounding area – additional 5000 units
 - ii. Mixed Areas – redevelopment of existing area. Focus on O St corridor.
 - iii. Neighborhood edges – “Missing Middle” housing
 - iv. Existing Neighborhoods

- Small-scale redevelopment including lower-density housing
- 2. Design Standards
 - a. Evaluate a variety of options for new design standards
 - b. Tailor standards to specific areas
 - c. Develop Commercial Design Standards
- 3. Parking
 - a. Evaluate zoning updated to remove or reduce minimum parking requirement in more districts
 - b. Analyze downtown parking – more pickup/drop-off spots, electric charging
- 4. Workforce Development
 - a. Incorporating content from the Greater Lincoln Workforce Investment Plan
 - b. Added recommendation from Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force
 - c. Focused on living wages & inclusivity
- 5. Equity
 - a. Sub-committee reviewed major elements of the plan
 - b. Added discussion on history of redlining
 - c. New health equity discussion
- 6. Complete Neighborhoods
 - a. Neighborhood residents have safe & convenient access to goods & services needed for daily life
 - b. Putting neighborhood needs closer to the neighborhood
 - c. Mixture of type and price of housing in neighborhoods
 - d. Action steps
 - i. Zoning & design standards encouraging density
 - ii. Expansion of parcels
 - iii. Neighborhood evaluation tools
- 7. Local Food
 - a. Goal to add 10 acres of community garden space to public lands by 2030
- 8. Early Childhood Care and Education
- 9. Sustainability
 - a. Strengthened support for commercial wind & solar facilities
 - b. Stronger focus on infill (25% infill)
 - c. Added more "Environmental Resources" land to the Future Land Use Map
 - d. Support for conservation design guidelines with new developments
- 10. Resiliency
 - a. Climate Action Plan items integrated through the Comp Plan

➡ [Click Here for the LRTP Executive Summary](#)

Plan Forward Presentation

Long-Range Transportation Plan

- Required for Federal funding to support local transportation
- Sets a vision & goals
- Provides framework for future needs & prioritizes investments
- Addresses multimodal transportation system
- Draft Plan & Executive Summary is available.
- Fiscally Constrained Plan:
 - \$4.6B in revenue forecasted through 2050
 - Coordinates with County
 - Much of the funding is restricted to particular areas or type of projects
 - Urban & Rural Road project maps available. City & county projects are supposed to work together when they are in overlapping area
 - Question: Why doesn't the South Beltway showing on maps?
 - Answer: The project is state funded and so have no City or County links or funding.
 - Trails Project map

➡ [See attachment for Plan Forward Presentation](#)

Public Events

- Virtual Public meetings from 9/13 to 10/6/21
- Also displays at the Lincoln City Libraries
- In person meetings 9/28, 9/30, and 10/5.
- Late October/early November – Planning Commission Hearing

Questions

- Apartments in existing areas
- Government & commercial building standards
- Green spaces do not seem to be included in the plan - found in other areas.

Announcements

No announcements

Next Meeting / Agenda

- Suggestion: new police chief to talk

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30

Respectfully submitted, Paul Johnson

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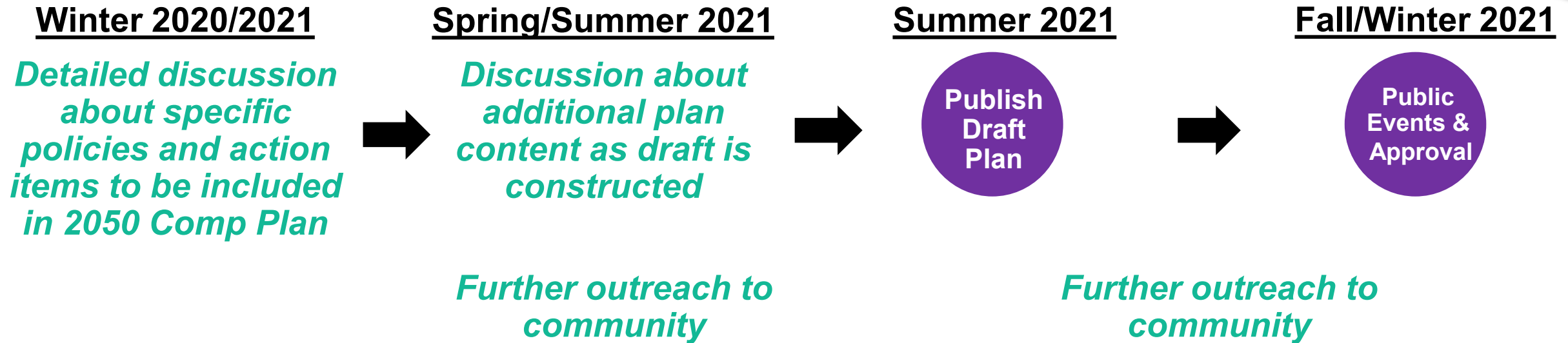


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Agenda

- Comprehensive Plan Document
- Comprehensive Plan “Top 10”
- LRTP Overview
- Public Events Schedule
- Next Steps

Where Are We in the Process?



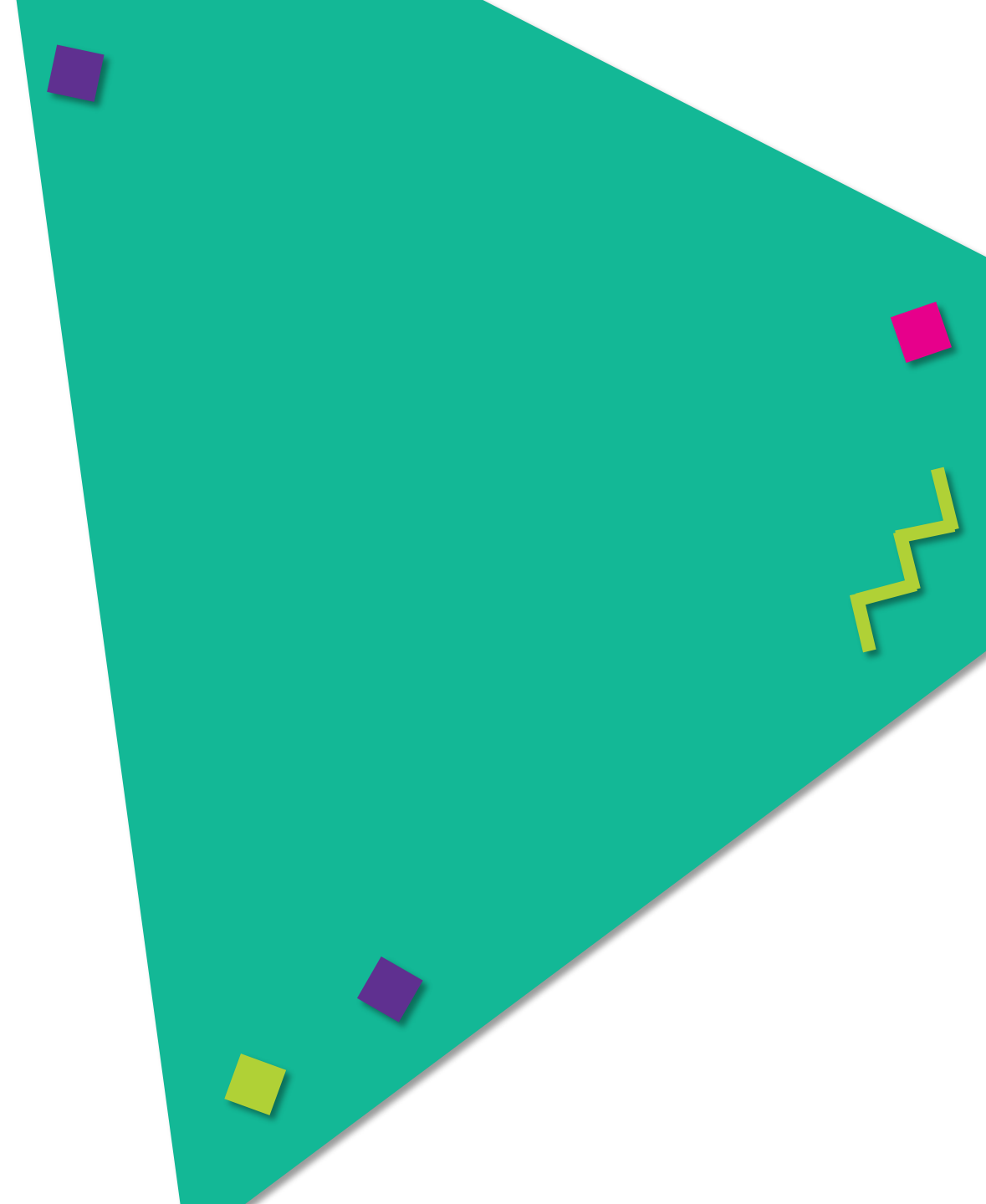
Virtual Meeting & Website





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“Top 10”



Infill & Redevelopment



- Housing Infill organized by Districts
- Character of infill varies based on surrounding context.

Infill & Redevelopment

- Downtown and Greater Downtown
 - Additional 5,000 units by 2050
 - Large-scale mixed use redevelopment
- Mixed Use Redevelopment Nodes and Corridors
 - Mixed use redevelopment of existing commercial areas
 - Focus on O Street corridor and regional commercial centers for new urban neighborhoods
- Neighborhood Edges
 - “Missing middle” housing
- Existing Neighborhoods
 - Small-scale redevelopment that includes lower-density housing

Infill & Redevelopment

- Specific action steps in the Comprehensive Plan include:
 - Review CUPs
 - Analyze RT and R5 Zoning to encourage Missing Middle
 - Evaluate additional incentives (impact fee exclusions, land bank, property tax abatement)

Design Standards

- Evaluate a variety of options for new design standards
 - Mixed Use Redevelopment Nodes and Corridors
 - Redevelopment Projects
 - Commercial Design Standards



Parking

- Evaluate zoning updates to remove or reduce minimum parking requirements in more districts
- Conduct an analysis to address the future of downtown parking
 - More pickup/delivery options, electric charging locations, etc



Workforce Development

- Incorporating content from the Greater Lincoln Workforce Investment Plan
 - Adding American Job Center and other organizations
- Added recommendations from Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force
- Focused on living wages and inclusivity



Equity

- Equity subcommittee reviewed major elements of plan
- Added discussion about history of redlining and racial covenants
- New health equity discussion
- Land acknowledgment added to beginning of plan



Complete Neighborhoods

- A complete neighborhood is one where residents have safe and convenient access to goods and services needed for daily life activities.
- Fundamental elements of a complete neighborhood include a mix of housing options, open spaces, schools and childcare, access to food, and commercial goods and services.

“Put the stuff closer together so it’s easier to get to the stuff.”

Paul Mogush, Minneapolis Planner

Complete Neighborhoods

- Benefits of complete neighborhoods include:
 - Support for healthier lifestyles and convenience
 - Stronger markets for neighborhood businesses
 - Efficient and equitable public investment
 - Energy efficiency and emissions reduction
 - Affordability - Lower household costs



Complete Neighborhoods

- Specific action steps in the Comprehensive Plan include:
 - Zoning and design standards updates that encourage density while being sensitive to neighborhood context
 - Expanded opportunities for home occupations
 - Expansion of parcels eligible for Accessory Dwelling Units
 - Develop a complete neighborhoods evaluation tool



Local Food

- Goal to add 10 acres of community garden space to public lands by 2030
- Zoning updates to allow commercial agriculture, including on-site points of sale, in all districts



Early Childhood Care & Education

- Added new discussion about importance of early childhood care and education
- Evaluate zoning regulations to reduce obstacles when locating new child care facilities



Sustainability

- Strengthened support for commercial wind and solar facilities in the county
- Growth policy includes a stronger focus on infill redevelopment and less edge growth (25% Infill)
- Added more “Environmental Resources” land to the Future Land Use map
- Support for conservation design guidelines with new developments

Resiliency

- Climate Action Plan items integrated throughout the plan



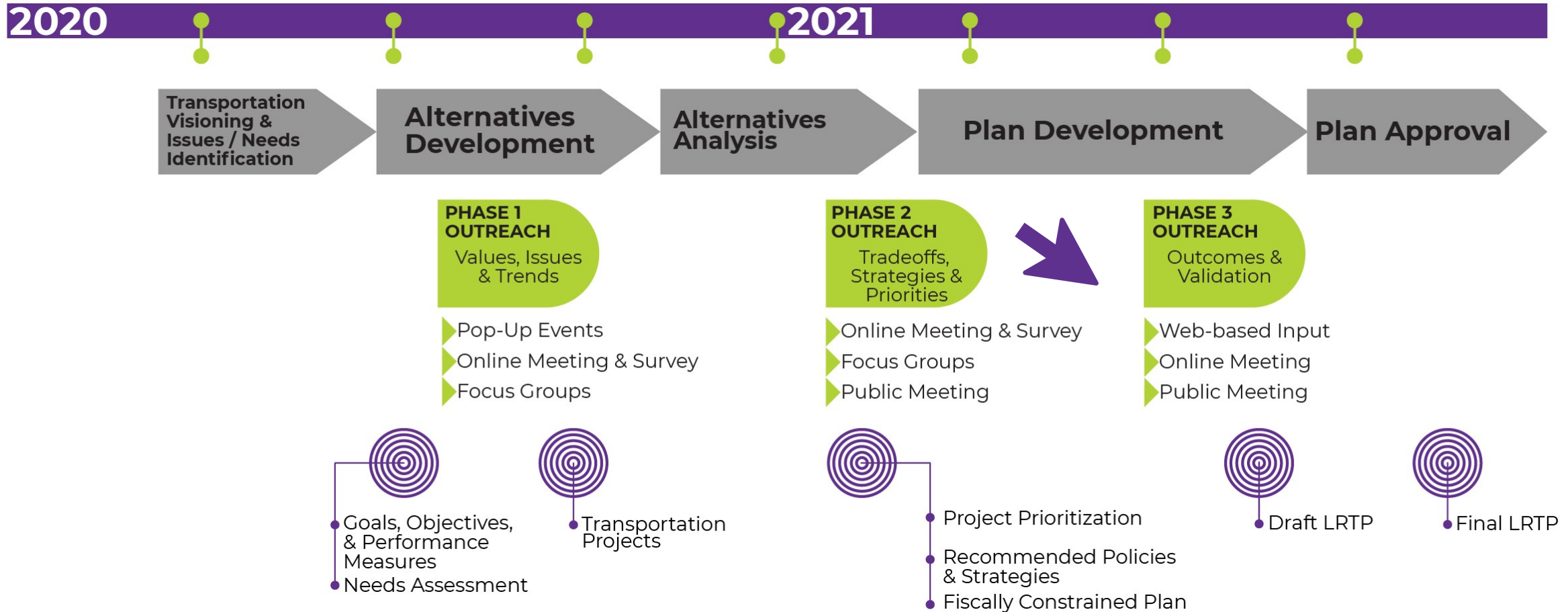
2050 Long Range Transportation Plan



Importance of the LRTP

- ▶ Compliance with federal requirements to receive federal funding
- ▶ Sets a vision and the goals
- ▶ Provides a framework for future needs and prioritizes transportation investments
- ▶ Establishes funding priorities
- ▶ Blueprint to plan for and invest in the region's multimodal transportation system over the next 30 years

LRTP Update Schedule



L RTP Foundation

- Developed in conjunction with the City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan



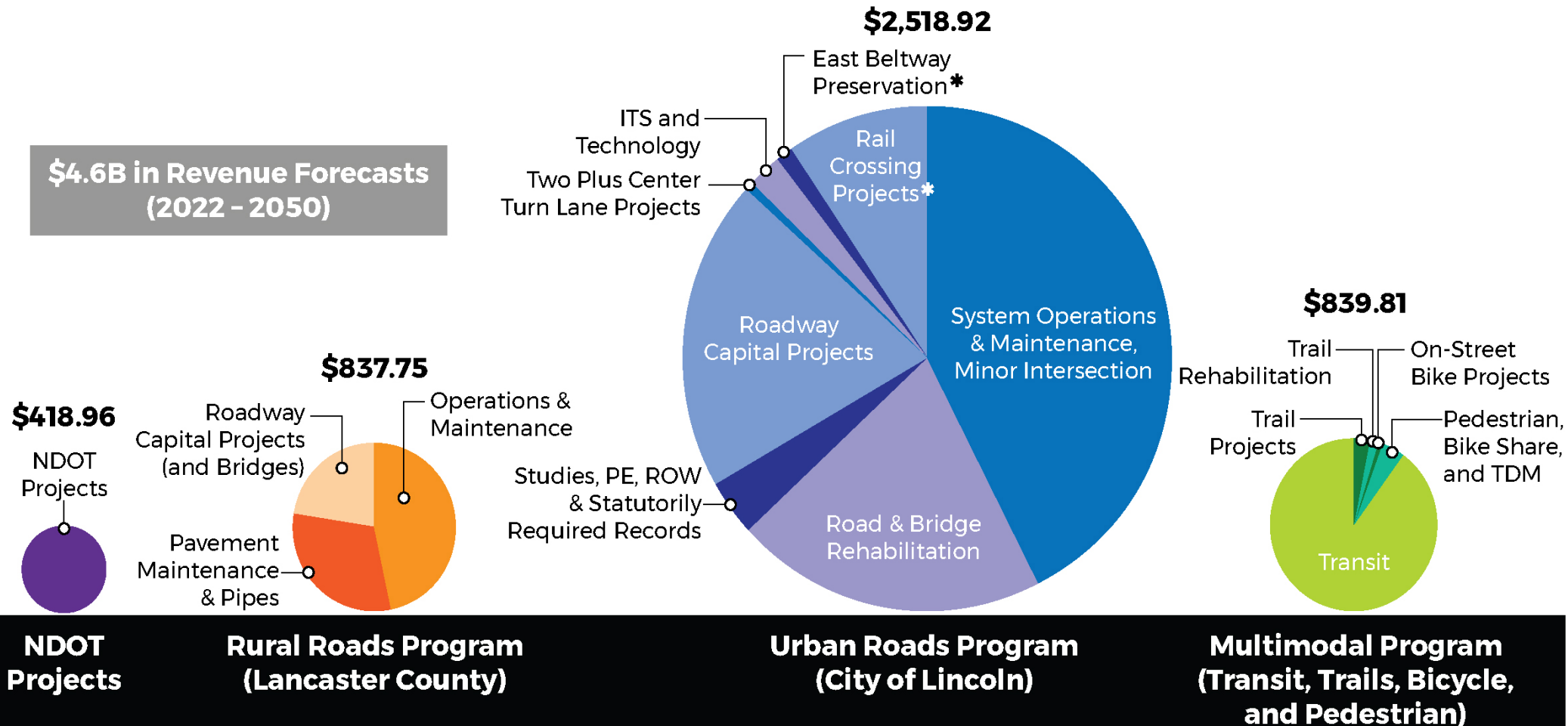
- Address multimodal transportation system: roadway, transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian modes



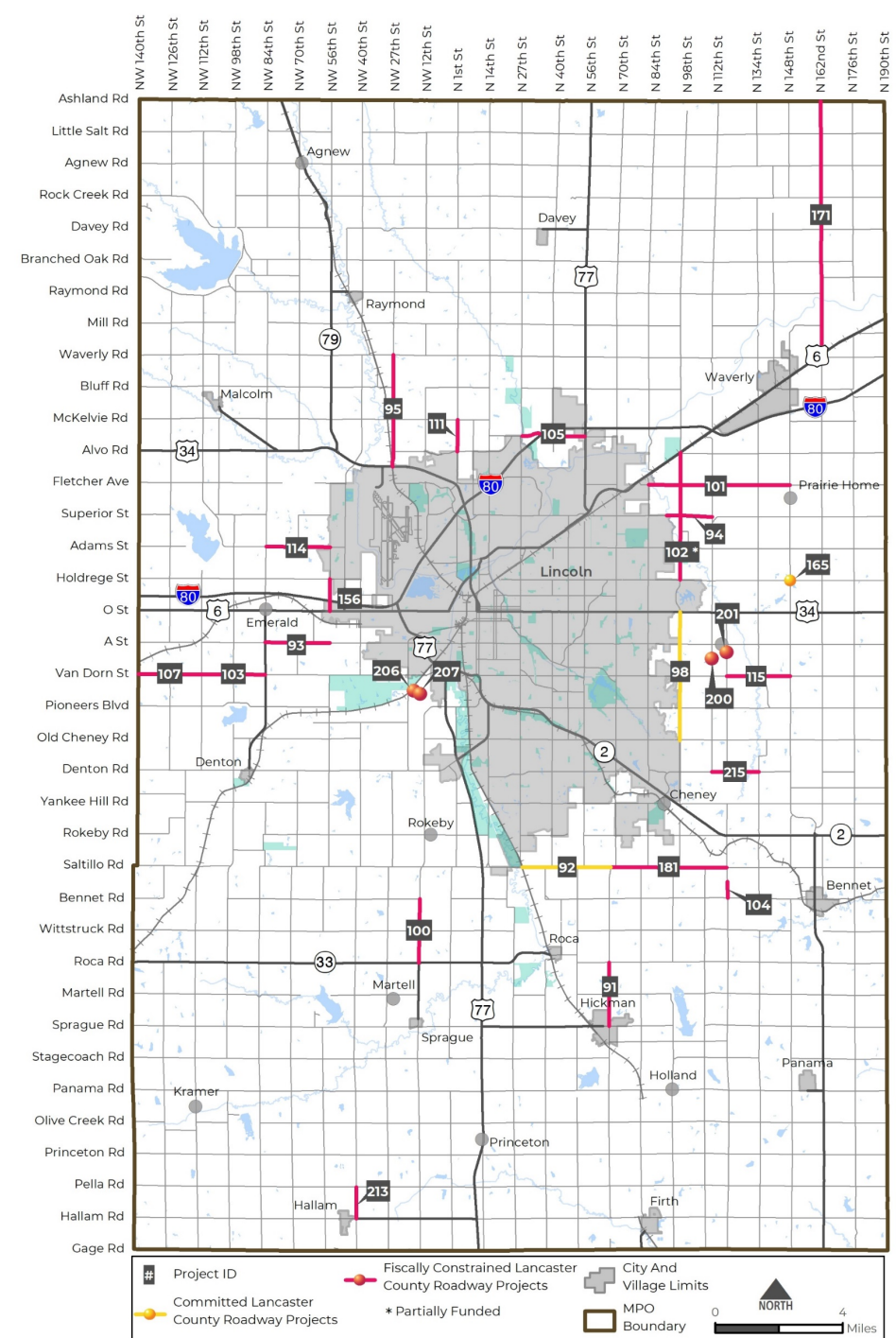
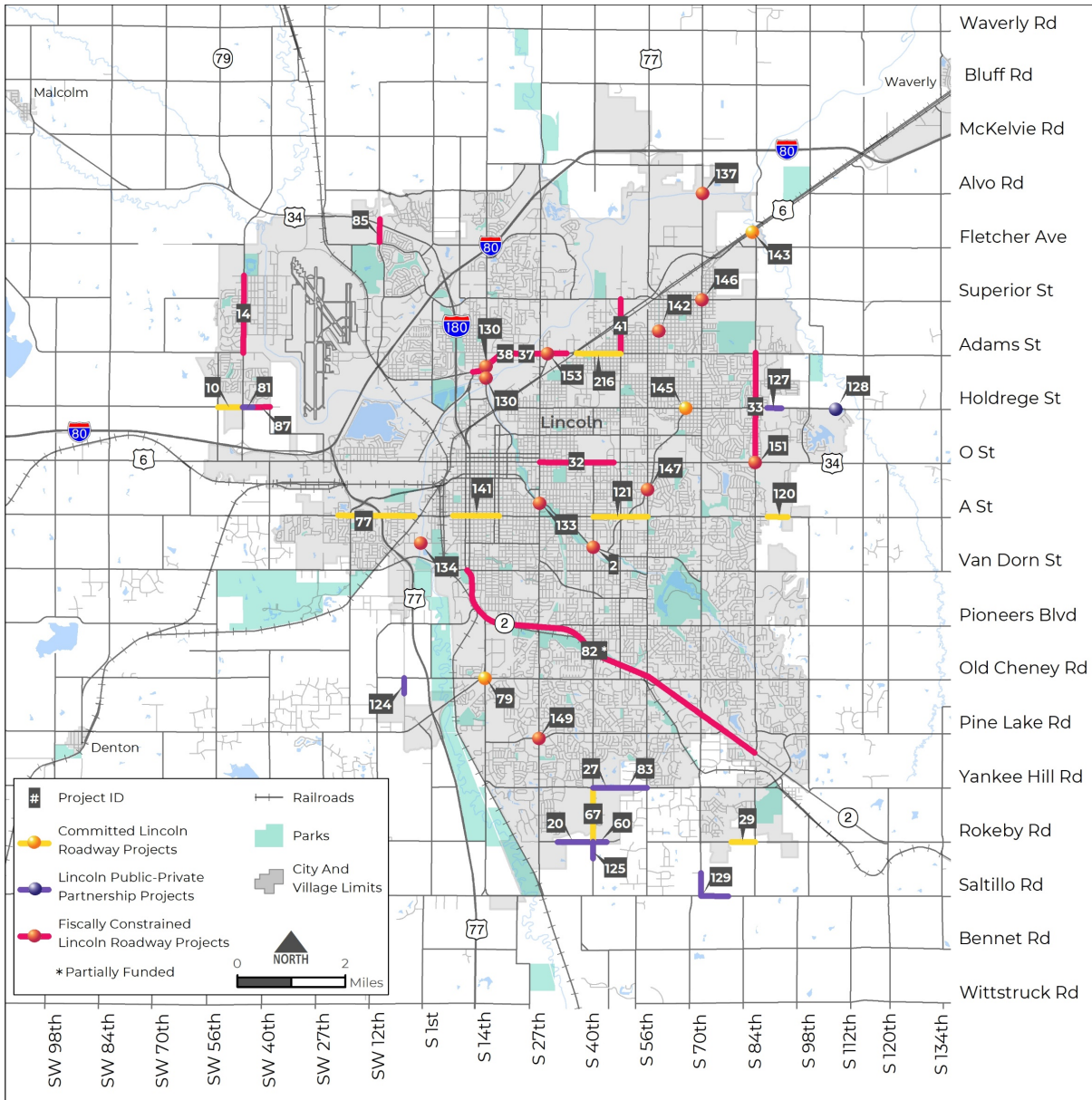
Fiscally Constrained Plan

Recommended Resource Allocation (\$M)

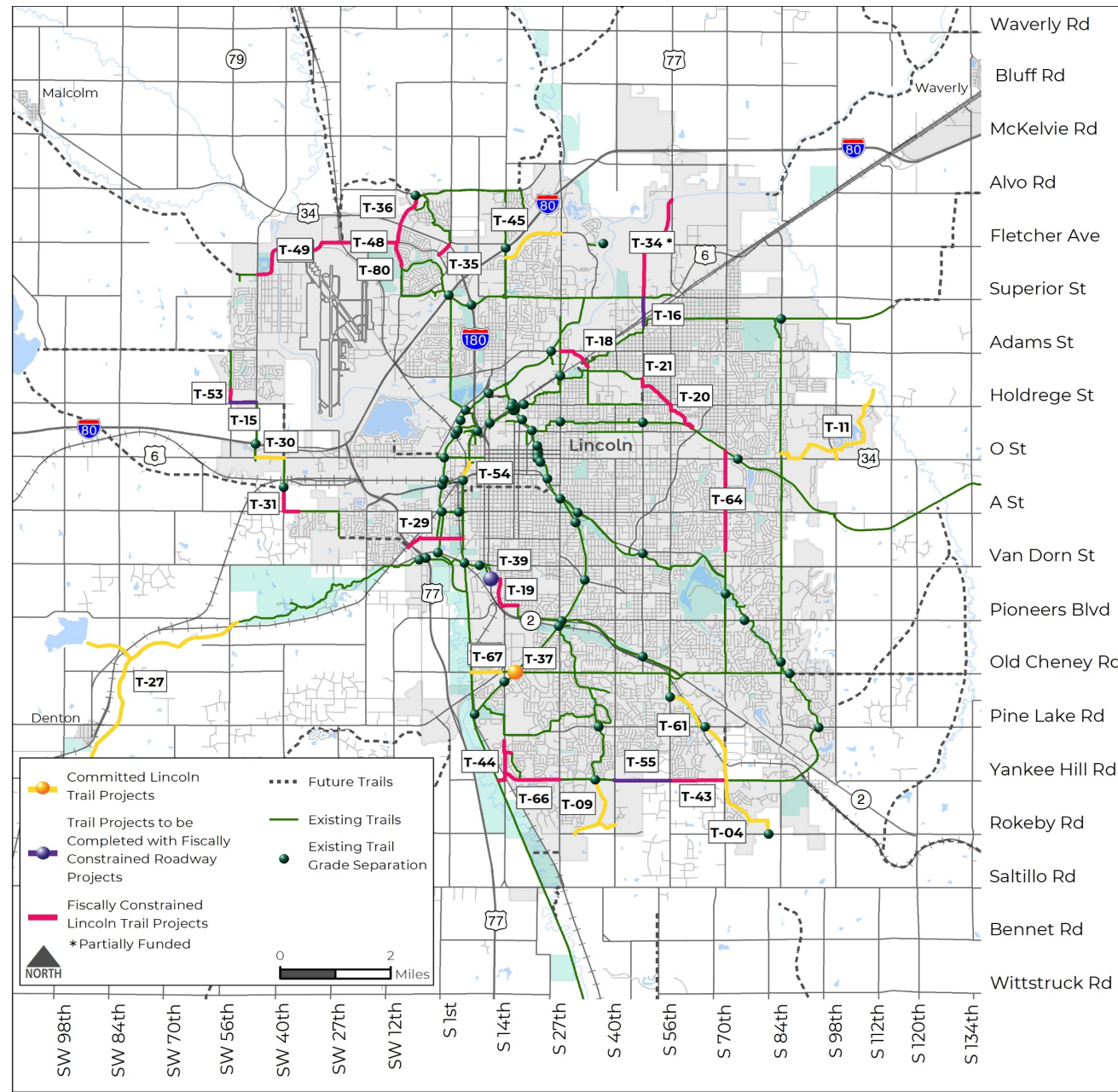
**\$4.6B in Revenue Forecasts
(2022 - 2050)**



* Collaborative programs of Lincoln and Lancaster County






Trail Projects



Public Events

- Virtual Public Meeting – September 13 to October 6




PlanForward / LRTP Virtual Meeting

Welcome to the PlanForward / LRTP Virtual Meeting! This meeting will allow you to view and provide feedback on the draft Comprehensive Plan (PlanForward) and Long Range Transportation Plan. Please provide your comments by October 6.

This same material will be presented at three in-person events beginning late September. More information about those events can be found [here](#).

The formal approval process for both the Comprehensive Plan and LRTP will begin with a Planning Commission hearing in late October or early November. Check back here in October for more information.



View the draft Comprehensive Plan	2050 Growth Tiers Map	2050 Future Land Use Map	PlanForward "Top 10" Big Ideas
View the draft Long Range Transportation Plan	LRTP Vision and Goals	Transportation Funding	Fiscally Constrained Plan

Public Events

- Displays at Lincoln Libraries – September 13 to October 6
 - Anderson Branch, NE Lincoln
 - Eiseley Branch, NW Lincoln
 - Gere Branch, SE Lincoln
 - Walt Branch, SW Lincoln
 - Bennett Martin, Downtown



Public Events

- In-person Public Meetings

- September 28, 3 to 7 pm
- September 30, 5 to 7 pm
- October 5, 5 to 7 pm

Jayne Snyder Trails Center

Spring Creek Prairie

Southeast Community College

- Late October/early November: Planning Commission Hearing

Public Events

- Purpose of the events is to summarize the Comp Plan and LRTP and direct people to the draft documents
- Focus for the event materials
 - Future Land Use Map
 - Growth Tiers Map
 - Comp Plan "Top 10"
 - LRTP Summary (i.e., Resource Allocation, Fiscally Constrained Plan)
- Public will have opportunity to provide comments on the draft plans

Public Events

- Additional outreach
 - Social media
 - E-mail blast
 - Newspaper Ad
 - Planning staff will be available to present at neighborhood/community organizations

Join us for a
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
at one of three locations

Let your voice be heard about the draft **PLANFORWARD 2050**
(Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan)
and the draft
LINCOLN MPO 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

 **Jayne Snyder Trails Center (English/Español)**
Tuesday, Sept. 28, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Bus route access via: 27, 44, 49

 **Spring Creek Prairie**
Thursday, Sept. 30, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

 **Southeast Community College (8800 O St)**
Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Bus route access via: 42 & 44

 More information and the virtual public meeting option are available September 13th through October 6th at:
www.planforward2050.com

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For more information, to submit comments, or a request for reasonable meeting accommodations, please contact:
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Lincoln MPO 2050 LRTP 

Tentative Approval Schedule

- Late October – Planning Commission
- Comprehensive Plan
 - City Council – November
 - County Board – November
- LRTP
 - MPO Technical Committee – November/December
 - MPO Officials Committee – November/December

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