ENVISION WASHOE 2040

# Envision Washoe CAC Meeting #6

2 August 2023

# Agenda

I. Schedule Update
II. Plan Structure
III. Public Outreach and Upcoming Events

# Schedule Review

# 2023 Updated Timeline

**SC:** Steering Committee
**TAC:** Technical Advisory Committee
**CAC:** Community Advisory Committee

| MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Future Land Use Refinement*<br><br>*Draft Outline of Proposed Land Use Code Amendments* | *Draft Plan Refinement*<br><br>*Draft Proposed Land Use Code Amendments* | *Draft Plan Finalization*<br><br>*Proposed Land Use Code Amendments Drafting* | *Draft Plan Public Outreach*<br><br>*Draft Plan and Land Use Code Amendments Refinements* | *Draft Plan Public Outreach*<br><br>*Draft Plan and Land Use Code Amendments Refinements* | *Public Adoption Hearings* | *Public Adoption Hearings* | *Public Adoption Hearings* |

SC Meeting #7

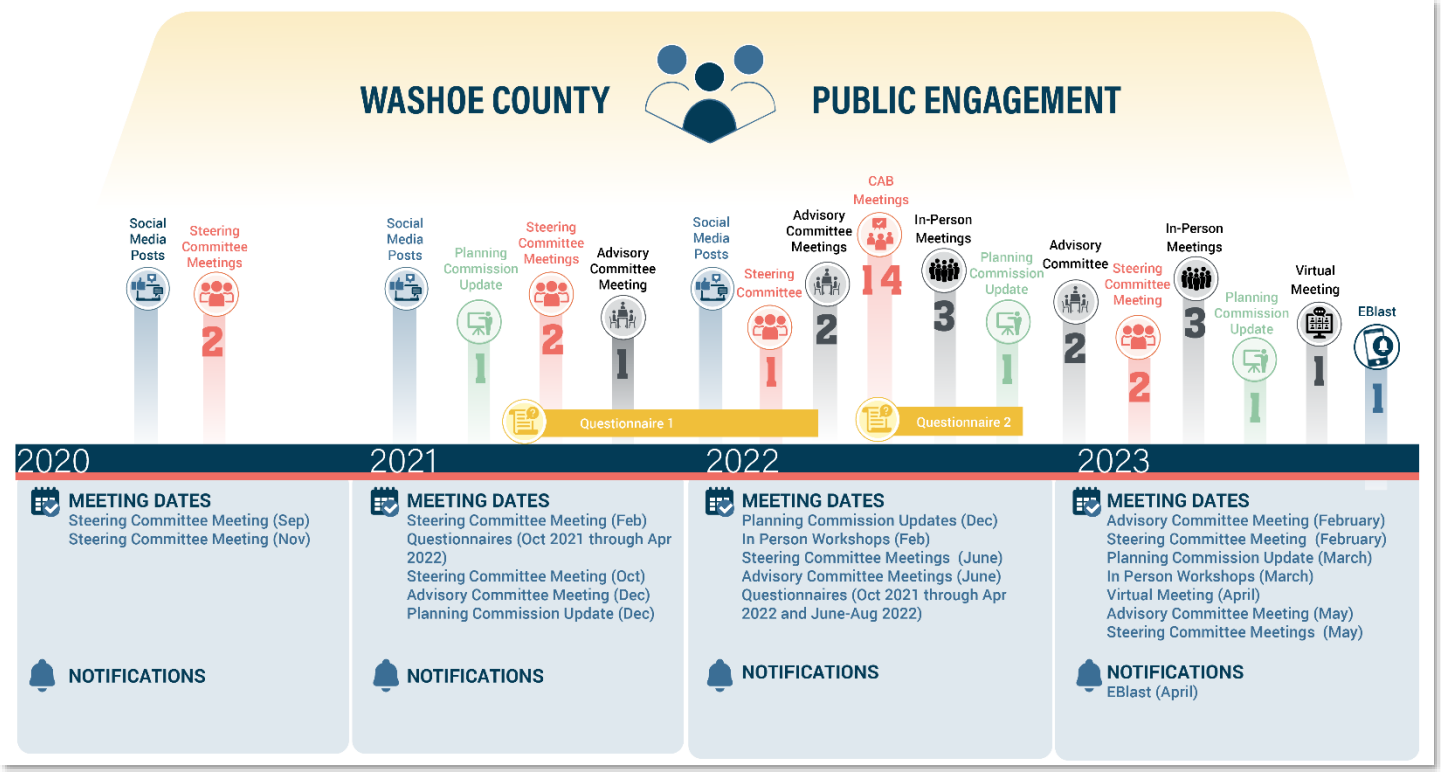
TAC/CAC Meetings

SC Meeting #8

TAC/CAC Meetings

Public Workshop/ PC Update

# Envision Washoe 2040 Public Outreach



# Plan Structure

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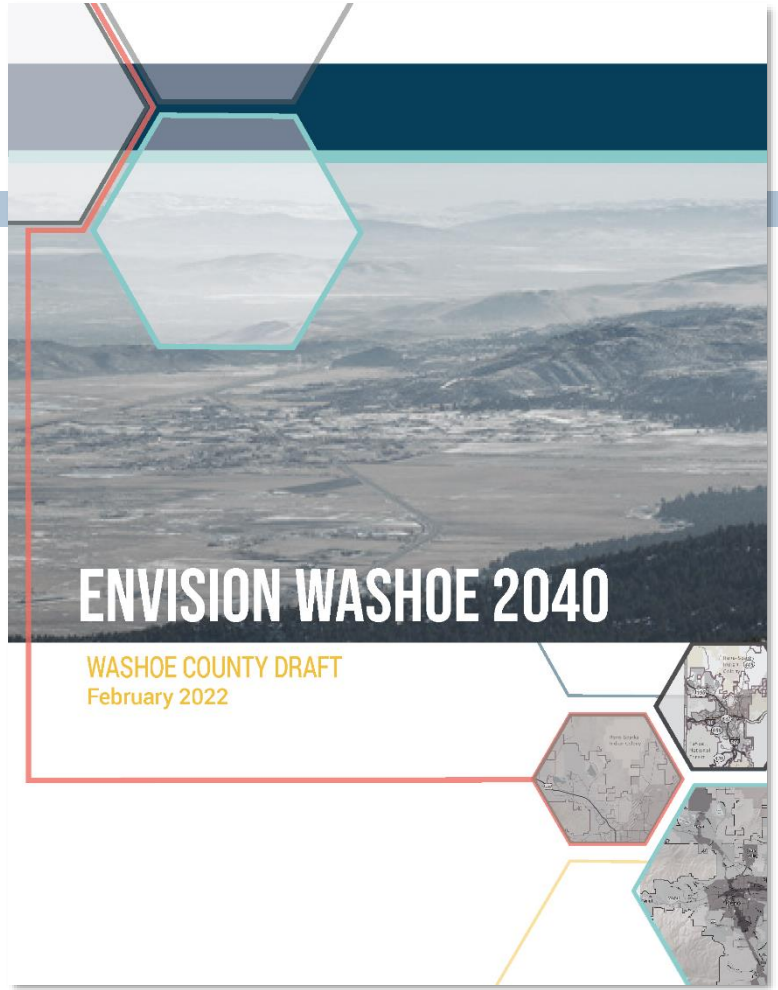
- **Chapter 1 | Foundation:** What are we doing and how did we get here?
- **Chapter 2 | Vision:** Our plan for building on and maintaining community character in Washoe County
- **Chapter 3 | Implementation:** Putting the plan into action
- **Appendices:** Plan Audit and Public Outreach Summaries



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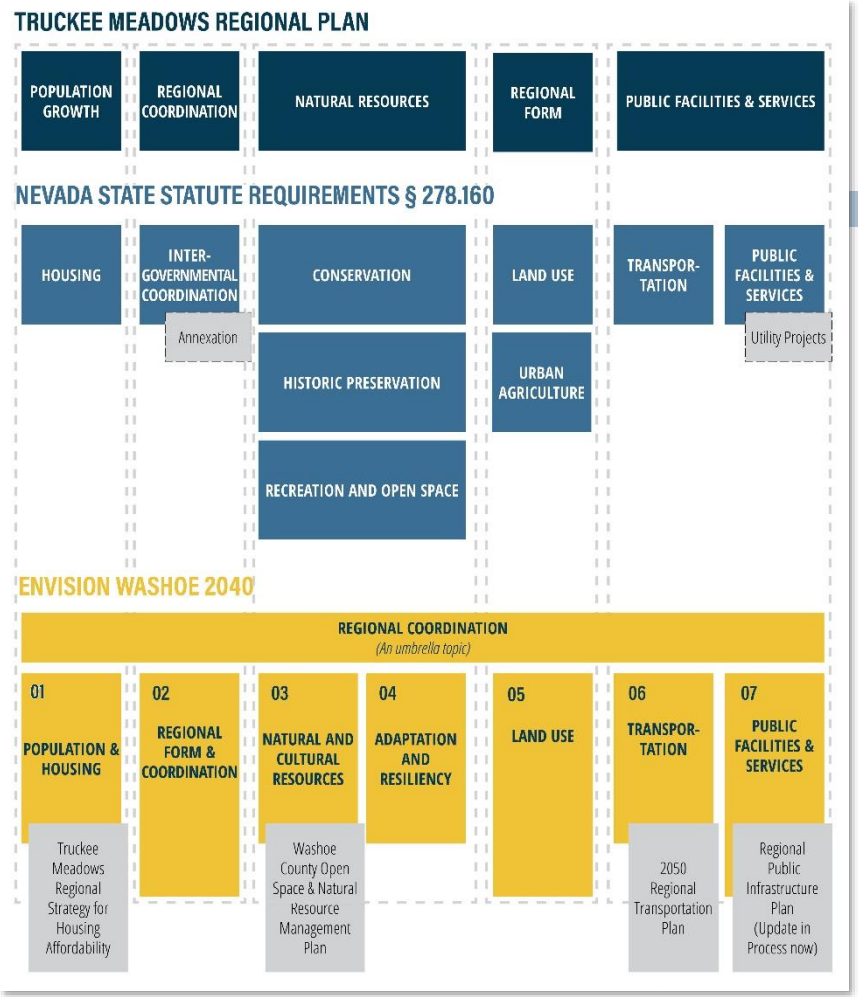
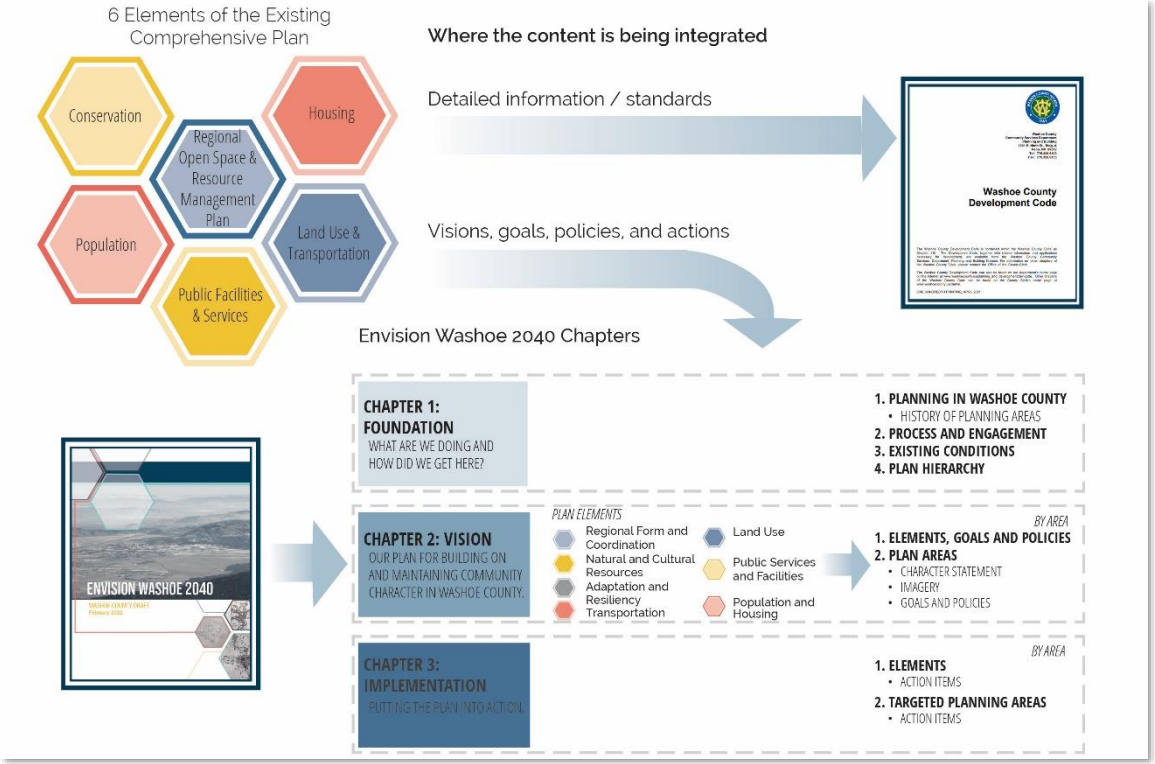
**Envision Washoe 2040** is tiered from the **Truckee Meadows Regional Plan** and includes additional specific language to comply with **NRS §278.160**



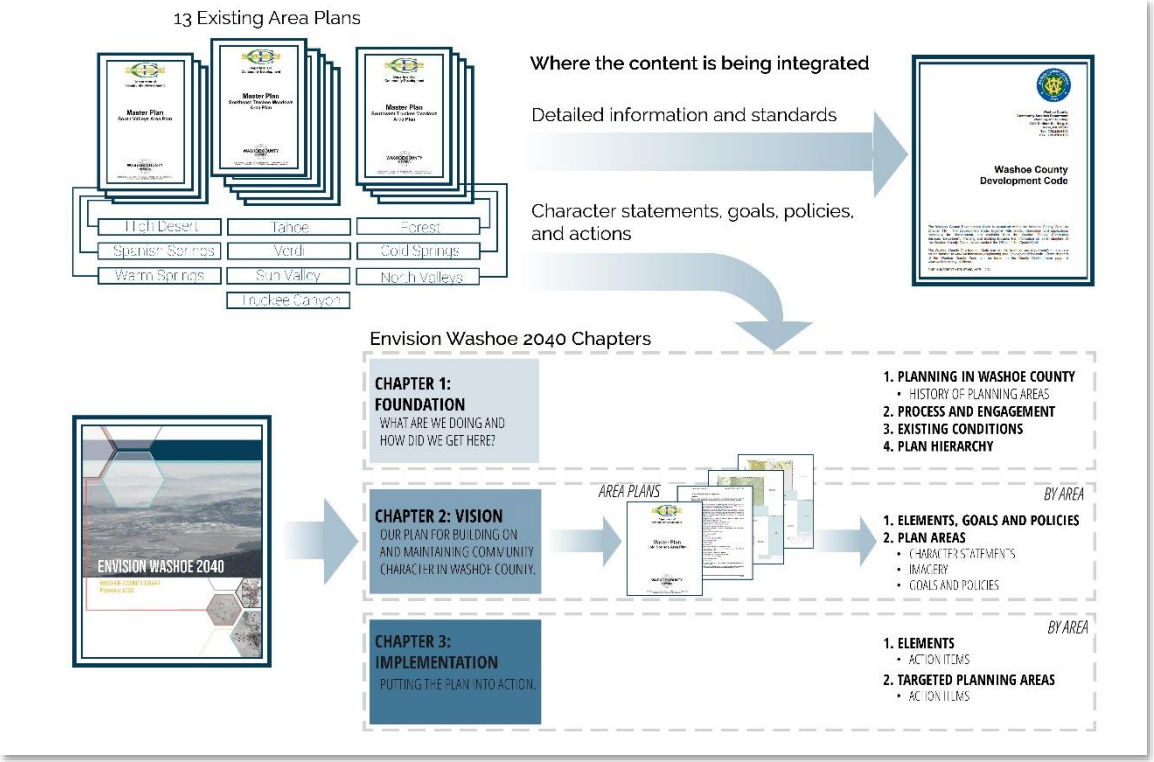
# Plan Structure

- Reshuffling of Elements to tier from Regional Plan
- Combine all Elements into Chapter 2 of the Master Plan.
- Revision of vision, goals, policies, and actions
- Move detailed standards into development code



# Area Plans

- Combining all plans into Chapter 2 of the Master Plan
- Refinement of character statements, goals, policies, and actions
- Move detailed standards into development code

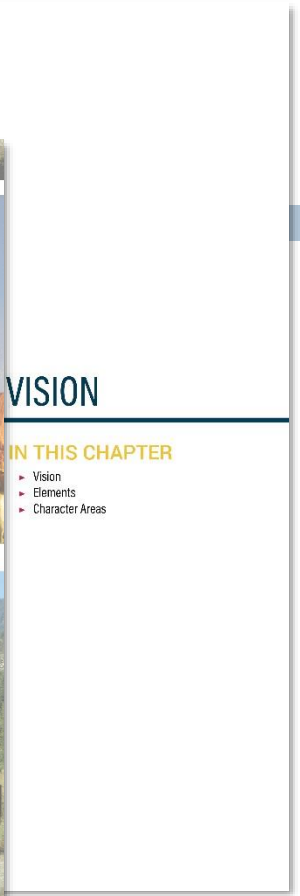


# Chapter 1 | Foundation

I. What is the Plan?
   I. Connection to Other Plans and Documents
   II. Plan Hierarchy
   III. Goals/Objectives for the Update
II. Process and Engagement
III. Area Plans Description
   a. History of Plan Development
   b. How They Have Affected Development and Growth

# Chapter 2 | Vision

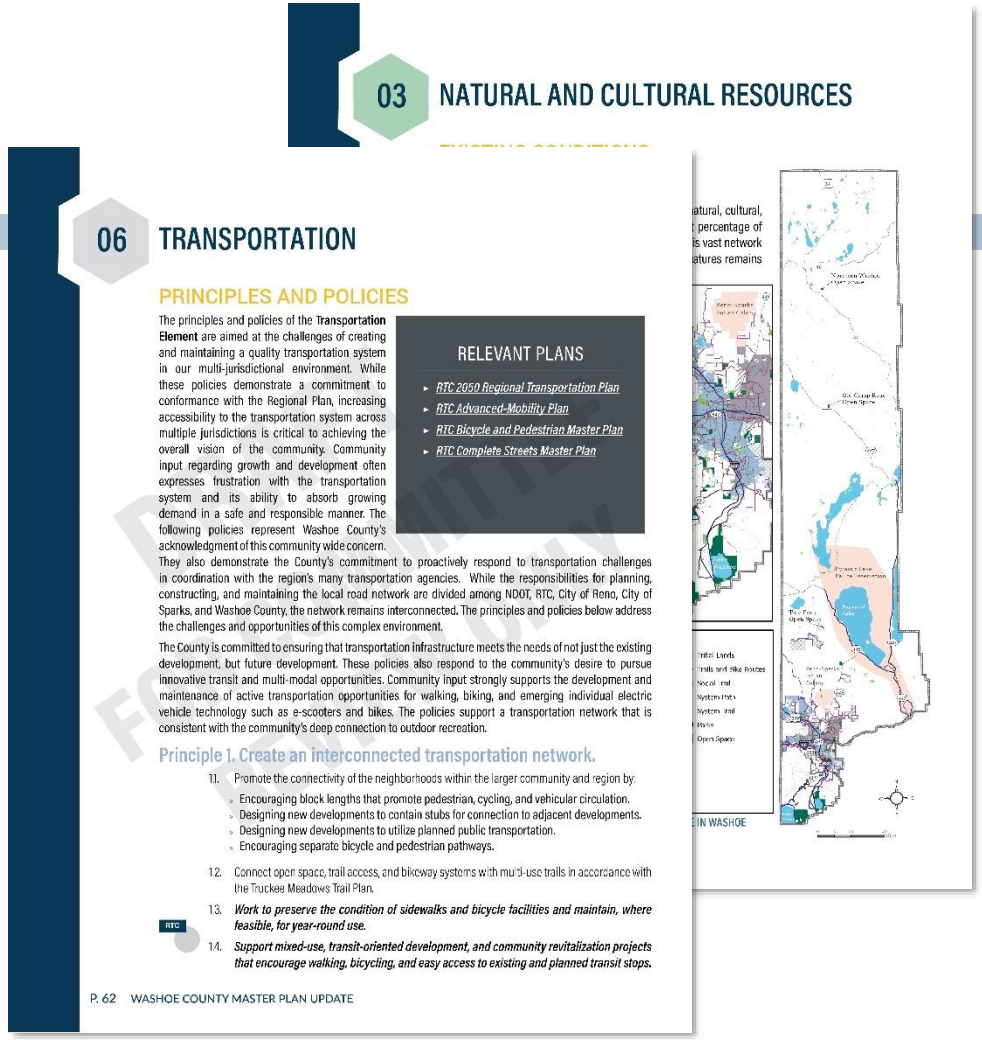
I. Elements (as tiered from Regional Plan)
   a. Population and Housing
   b. Regional Form and Coordination
   c. Natural and Cultural Resources
   d. Adaptation and Resiliency
   e. Land Use
   f. Transportation
   g. Public Services and Facilities



# Chapter 2 | Vision

## ELEMENTS

I. Existing Conditions
II. Principles and Policies
    I. Introduction
    II. Relevant Plans (linked)
    III. Principles & Policies



03 NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

06 TRANSPORTATION

### PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

The principles and policies of the **Transportation Element** are aimed at the challenges of creating and maintaining a quality transportation system in our multi-jurisdictional environment. While these policies demonstrate a commitment to conformance with the Regional Plan, increasing accessibility to the transportation system across multiple jurisdictions is critical to achieving the overall vision of the community. Community input regarding growth and development often expresses frustration with the transportation system and its ability to absorb growing demand in a safe and responsible manner. The following policies represent Washoe County's acknowledgment of this community wide concern.

RELEVANT PLANS

- RTC 2050 Regional Transportation Plan
- RTC Advanced-Mobility Plan
- RTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- RTC Complete Streets Master Plan

They also demonstrate the County's commitment to proactively respond to transportation challenges in coordination with the region's many transportation agencies. While the responsibilities for planning, constructing, and maintaining the local road network are divided among NDOT, RTC, City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County, the network remains interconnected. The principles and policies below address the challenges and opportunities of this complex environment.

The County is committed to ensuring that transportation infrastructure meets the needs of not just the existing development, but future development. These policies also respond to the community's desire to pursue innovative transit and multi-modal opportunities. Community input strongly supports the development and maintenance of active transportation opportunities for walking, biking, and emerging individual electric vehicle technology such as e-scooters and bikes. The policies support a transportation network that is consistent with the community's deep connection to outdoor recreation.

#### Principle 1. Create an interconnected transportation network.

11. Promote the connectivity of the neighborhoods within the larger community and region by:
    - Encouraging block lengths that promote pedestrian, cycling, and vehicular circulation.
    - Designing new developments to contain stubs for connection to adjacent developments.
    - Designing new developments to utilize planned public transportation.
    - Encouraging separate bicycle and pedestrian pathways.
12. Connect open space, trail access, and bikeway systems with multi-use trails in accordance with the Truckee Meadows Trail Plan.
13. ***Work to preserve the condition of sidewalks and bicycle facilities and maintain, where feasible, for year-round use.***
14. ***Support mixed-use, transit-oriented development, and community revitalization projects that encourage walking, bicycling, and easy access to existing and planned transit stops.***

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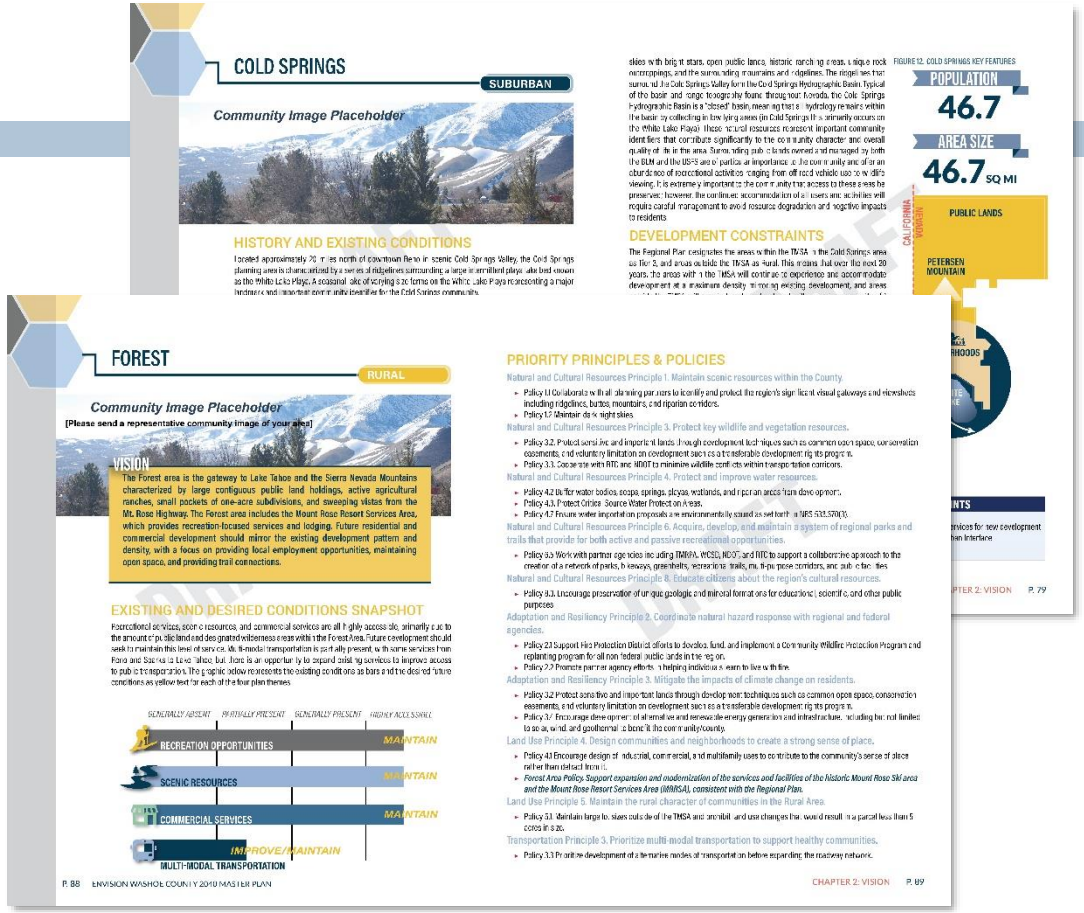
# Chapter 2 | Vision

## CHARACTER AREAS

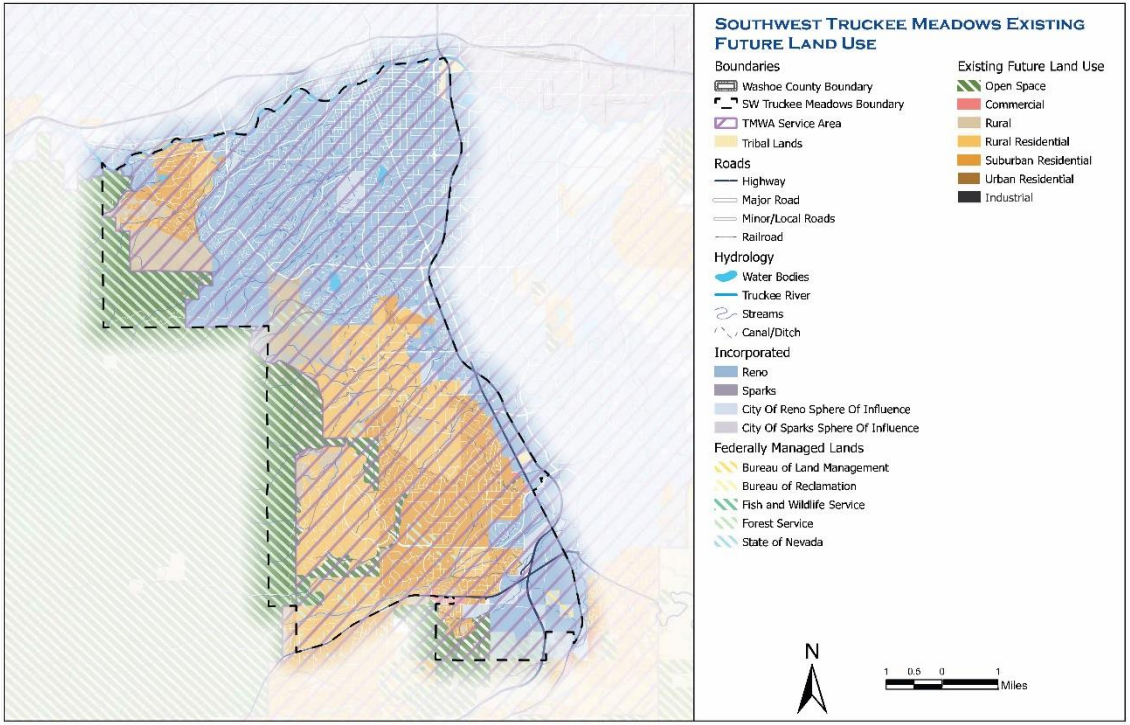
I. Imagery
II. History and Existing Conditions
III. Development Opportunities & Constraints
    - *Key issues and opportunities*
IV. Area Vision
    - *Refined character statement*
V. Principles & Policies
    - *Priority goals and policies tiered from Elements*



# Chapter 2 | Vision

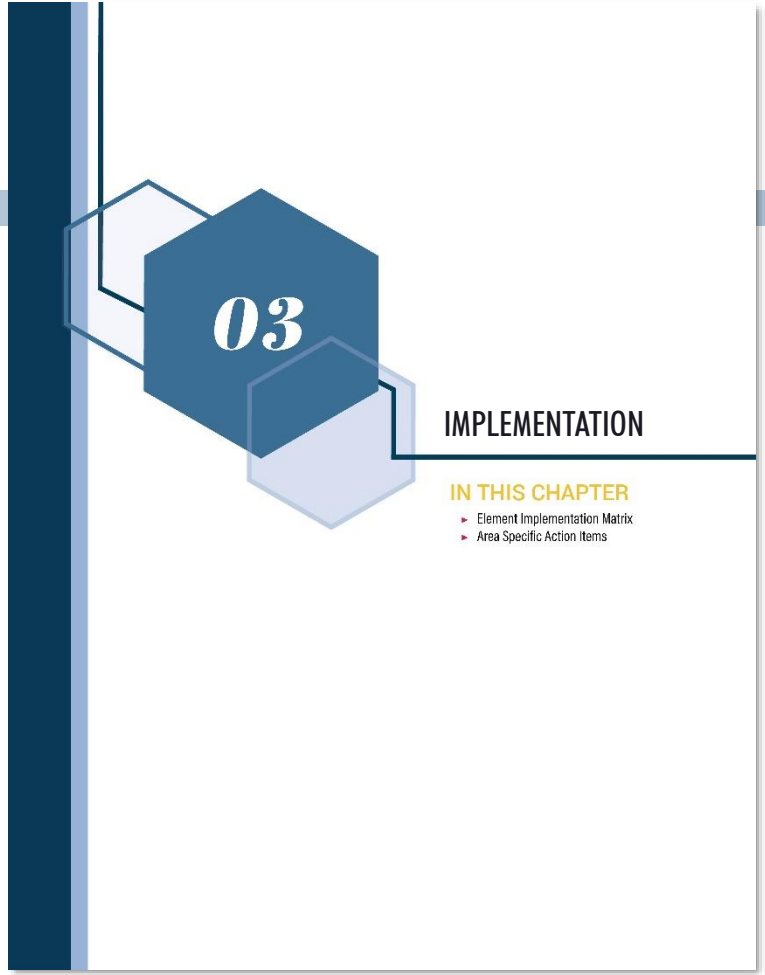
## CHARACTER AREAS

1. Future Land Use Map *(Master Plan Designations)*
   - Existing Master Plan Designations
   - Existing roads/trails



# Chapter 3 | Implementation

I. Actions for each Element
II. Actions for Area Plans*



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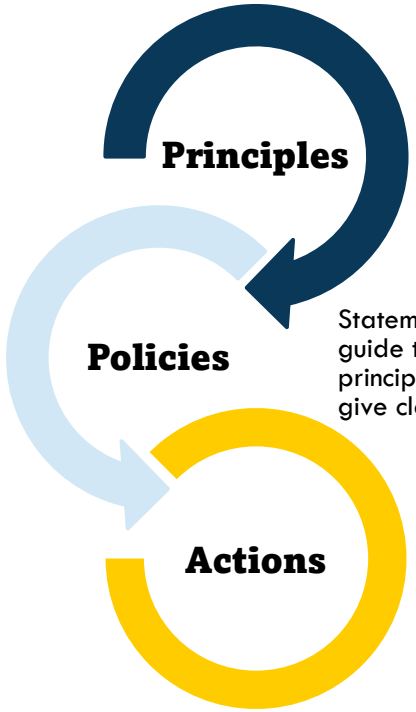


Expressions of community ideals. They are broad directions that establish ideal future conditions toward which policies are focused.

Statements which further refine the principles and guide the County's course of action to achieve the principles. They should guide decision-making and give clear indication of intent.

Detail steps needed to implement the principles and policies.

- **Development Code Revisions**
- **Capital Projects**
- **Plans, Studies, & Policies**
- **Programs & Resources**

## ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

| ACTION | TYPE | ASSOCIATED PRINCIPLES & POLICIES | LEAD | PARTNERS | ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Ongoing and Immediate Action Items* | | | | | |
| Develop a Dark Skies Ordinance to minimize impacts of excess lighting while maintaining a safe level of visibility at night. | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | | |
| Revise public notice requirements to increase the effectiveness of noticing practices. | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | | |
| Develop standards and code enforcement strategies to address junk and storage areas | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | Code Enforcement | |
| Update ridgeline protection standards to mitigate development impact on scenic views. | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | | |
| Develop sensitive area standards to protect and mitigate development impacts to natural open space, wildlife habitat,water bodies, wetlands, and sensitive lands. Include standards for scenic viewshed protection. | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | Regional Parks and Open Space | |
| Evaluate and Update the Development Code to remove barriers to provision of affordable and workforce housing consistent with ongoing Washoe County Strategic planning efforts. | Development Code Revisions | PH 3.1, PH 3.2, PH 3.3 | Planning | TMRPA | |
| Conduct a development code assessment to identify barriers to affordable housing | Development Code Revisions | PH 3.1, PH 3.2, PH 3.4 | Planning | Washoe County Housing | |
| Evaluate the maximum densities and consider removing special use permit requirements and expand the types of housing allowed by-right in all zones where appropriate. | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | Washoe County Housing | |
| Develop new methods, through zoning designations, overlays, or some other method, to encourage walkability and residential development near commercial uses and transportation nodes | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | Washoe County Housing | |
| Revise the DADAR and accessory dwelling units section of the Land Development Code. | Development Code Revisions | PH 3.5 | Planning | Washoe County Housing | |
| Amend the Land Development Code to require an environmental review for subdivisions and development in sensitive areas | Development Code Revisions | | Planning | Regional Parks and Open Space | |
| Update future land use maps and apply new land uses. | Plans, Studies, & Policies | | Planning | TMRPA | |
| Explore non-development incentives for the permanent protection of open space. | Plans, Studies, & Policies | | Planning | Regional Parks and Open Space | |

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# Chapter 3 | Implementation

## Development Code Revisions:

Development regulations and standards that need to be updated to ensure consistency with the goals and objectives of the Plan.

- *Develop sensitive area standards to protect and mitigate development impacts to natural open space, wildlife habitat, and sensitive lands. Include standards for scenic viewshed protection and dark skies lighting.*

## Capital Projects:

Major infrastructure investments and funding partnerships needed to implement the Plan.

- *Complete outstanding segments of the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway.*

## Plans, Studies, & Policies:

Specific locations or initiatives that may require additional support and direction at a more detailed level than what is established in the Plan.

- *Develop a Water Supply and Quality Study to understand the supported densities, water use thresholds and risks to water quality that will guide land use decisions in the future.*

## Programs & Resources:

Additional programs and resources needed to implement the Plan.

- *Update the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Reno and City of Sparks to reflect updated SOI boundaries and development review process.*

## *Timeframe*

- **Ongoing/Immediate Actions:** Priority actions that can be completed within 5 years.
- **Short Term Actions:** Actions which can be completed within 5 years
- **Mid Term Actions:** Actions which can be completed in 5-10 years.
- **Long Term Actions:** Actions which require 10-20 years for completion.

# Upcoming Public Outreach & Next Steps

# Next Steps & Upcoming Events

- **Latino Arte and Culture's Poetry Encounters** | Teglia Paradise Park | August 5th 11 AM - 4 PM
- **High Desert CAB** | Gerlach Community Center | August 10th 6 PM
- **Lazy 5 Music Series** | Lazy 5 Regional Park | August 16th 5 - 7 PM
- **Planner at Library** | South Valleys Library | August 17th 4 - 5:45 PM
- **All County Webinar** | Zoom | August 21st 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- **Planner at Library** | Verdi Library | August 22nd 4 - 5:30 PM
- **Planner at Library** | North Valleys Library | August 23rd 4:30 - 6 PM
- **Sierra School of Performing Arts** | Hawkins Amphitheater | August 25th 6:15 - 7:30 PM
- **Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival** | Bowers Mansion | August 26th 9 AM - 2 PM
- **Spanish-language Open House** | North Valleys Regional Park | August 28th 5 - 7 PM

# Next Steps & Upcoming Events

- **South of the River Open House** | South Valleys Library | August 31st 5:30-7:30 PM
- **Planning Commission Open House** | Chambers Lobby County Commission | September 5th 4-6 PM
- **North of the River Open House** | North Valleys Regional Park | September 6th 4-6:30 PM
- **Board of Adjustment Open House** | Chambers Lobby County Commission | September 7th 12- 1:30 PM
- **Planner at Library** | Spanish Springs Library | September 13th 4- 5:45 PM
- **Warm Springs CAB** | Regional Shooting Facility | September 13th 6 PM
- **Planning Commission Meeting** | October 3rd 6 PM
- **Planning Commission Hearing** | October 16th 6PM
- **Board of County Commissioners Hearing** | November 14th 6PM
- **Board of County Commissioners 2nd Reading** | December 12th 6PM