

“Guide and manage growth in a way that preserves natural scenery while also providing more opportunities to live, work, shop, and recreate in Providence.”

PROVIDENCE CITY VISION

SIX KEY INITIATIVES

Providence City, through the process of developing this general plan, established five key initiatives to act as the planning and development focus for the City. These initiatives will guide decisions regarding City land use, transportation, housing, and economic development and will also provide direction on overall policy and budget decisions. These major strategies build from the vision and will direct the projects and programs the city will prioritize for implementing the ideas of the general plan.

INITIATIVE #1: SENSE OF PLACE

Preserve the 'sense of place' by identifying characteristics that define Providence as a unique place.



INITIATIVE #2: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE



Make decisions regarding storm water and exterior water use guided by green infrastructure and low impact development best management practices.

INITIATIVE #3: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Consider life-cycle costs in mind when making decisions for design standards (such as road widths) and new capital improvement projects.



INITIATIVE #4: A MULTI-MODAL CITY



Ensure that transportation and recreation facilities accommodate a variety of transportation modes (biking, walking, driving) to provide people multi-modal transportation options as a lifestyle and recreation choice.

INITIATIVE #5: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Consider long-term economic development impacts when making land use, transportation, and other planning decisions.



INITIATIVE #6: VARIOUS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES



Encourage housing options to meet the needs of residents of all ages, income level and family size, regardless of their stage of life.

Growth strategy framework map & Key Initiatives

The Framework Map on the following page represents the preferred scenario for planning and managing future growth in Providence. This map reflects the overall characterization and general location of future nodes and regional centers of employment and shopping. The Framework Map reflects an integrated approach to the areas identified as priorities for future planning within Providence City. The Key Initiatives support the overall Growth Strategy and the ideas captured in Framework Map.

A description of the elements included on the Framework Map are provided below.



Providence City Core

A community business district style of commercial and office uses serving multiple surrounding neighborhoods. The City Core is an area for mixed use and higher density/attached housing. The mixture of uses can be in a horizontal or vertical format (e.g. residential or office above retail; residential above office). Regional examples include the Sugar House Business District, SoDa Row in Daybreak, and Lehi Main Street.



Providence Downtown Core

A "Downtown" Main Street style of commercial and office uses. The downtown designation recognizes the historical role of this area. The mixture of uses can be in a horizontal or vertical format (e.g. residential or office above retail; residential above office). Regional examples include Downtown Provo, Ogden 25th Street, and Downtown Murray.



5 min./10 min. Mixed-Use Nodes

A small collection of retail and service uses focused on a corner or single block, serving the immediate surrounding neighborhood. Mixture of uses in a horizontal format (e.g. different uses adjacent to each other). Regional examples include 9th & 9th in Salt Lake City and 15th & 15th in Salt Lake City.



Neighborhood/Residential Development

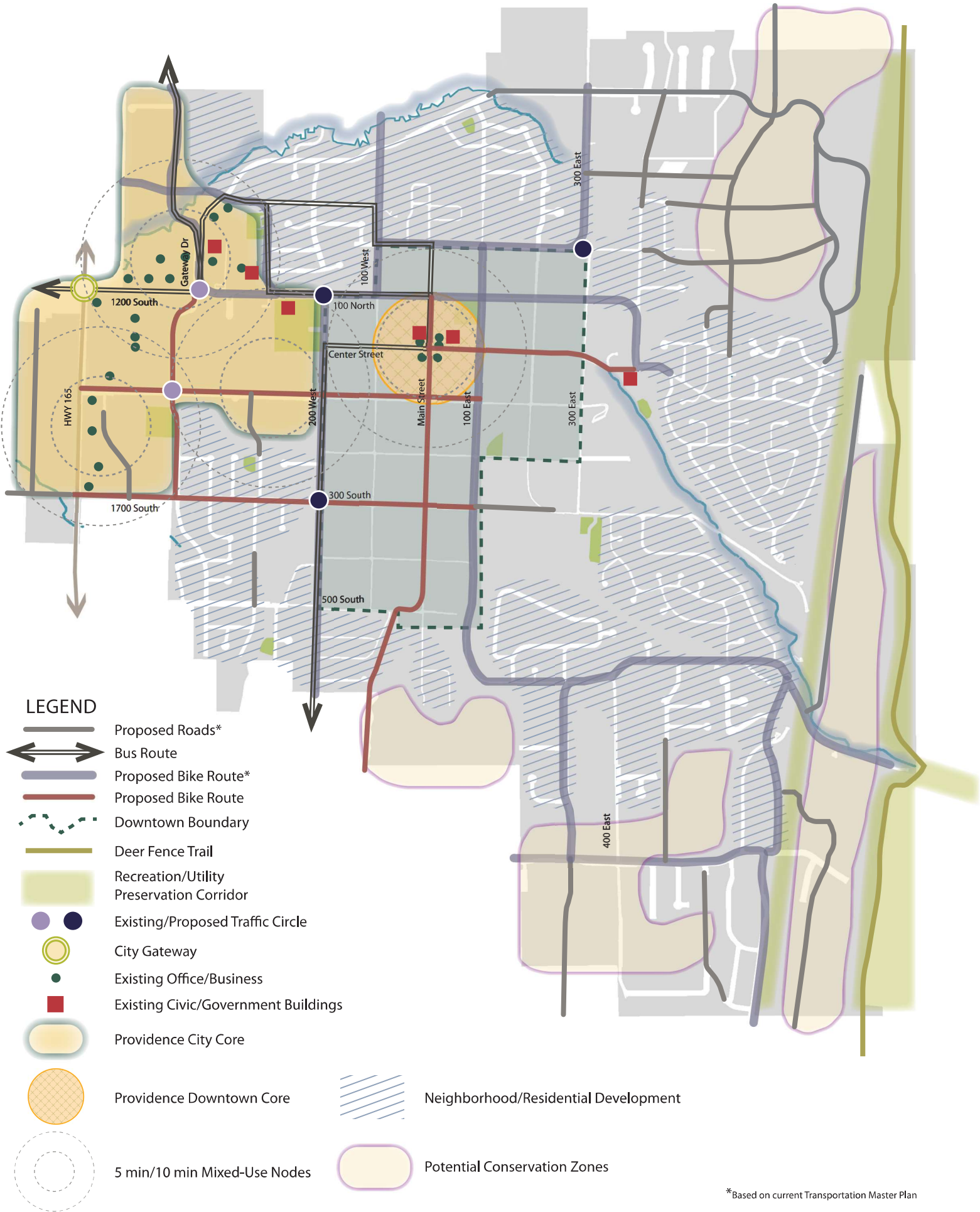
Locations of existing and potential new residential development. Neighborhoods and residential development may consist of one housing type or a mix of housing types.



Potential Conservation Zones

Areas of ecological sensitivity such as wildlife habitat, productive farmland, scenic value, steep slopes and other environmental qualities in need of protection. Sensitive lands are protected with an easement while development is constructed around the sensitive land. Density, housing types, and lot sizes vary by conservation zone type.

3-FRAMEWORK for the Future



HOW THE KEY INITIATIVES ARE SUPPORTED

Part Two of this document contains chapters on individual areas of the general plan. Each chapter has an overarching goal and objectives with strategies to implement to achieve the goal and objectives. While the chapter goals address the topic for that chapter, collectively the goals are intended as a mechanism for achieving completion of the key initiatives. Below each objective is listed under the key initiative it supports.

KEY INITIATIVE #1: SENSE OF PLACE

Objective: Guide future development to support a city-wide network of activity centers, public spaces, and destinations including a commercial areas, neighborhood parks, historic areas, and civic places all linked by streets, sidewalks, pathways, trails, and mass transit routes.

Objective: Create parks as places of open space and centers of community activity.

Objective: Improve “walkability” and “bikeability” of City.

KEY INITIATIVE #2: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective: Integrate existing and future development through zoning and infrastructure standards that will offer requirements, solutions, and compatible support options.

Objective: Promote development patterns and conservation development design, that protects Providence’s natural environmental and scenic resources and a network of preserved natural spaces as part of the residential subdivision process.

Objective: Provide value to the community’s character and identity by maintaining and improving the aesthetics of streets and public rights of way.

Objective: Minimize negative impacts to watershed, ground water, canals, springs, streams, rivers and other aquatic systems.

Objective: Protect surface and ground water resources from pollution and depletion.

Objective: Retain open spaces and scenic views that contribute to the character of Providence.

Objective: Secondary water system developed to reduce demands on the City culinary system.

Objective: Cooperate with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL) to protect non-federal land from wildland fire.

Objective: Floodplain and storm water management and mitigation.

Objective: Identify the need for municipal services in developed and undeveloped unincorporated areas.



KEY INITIATIVE #3: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Objective: Accommodate growth and accompanying infrastructure expansion without negative financial impacts to the city.

Objective: Facilitate consistent quality development that is long-lasting and sustainable, while allowing for design flexibility.

Objective: Maintain an adequate supply of clean water to meet present and future needs and demands.

Objective: Provide public services of water, sewer and parks and recreation facilities with consideration of life-cycle costs, including up-front costs and on-going maintenance costs.

Objective: Coordinate planning of emergency resources with residents, the county, non-profit, and religious entities.

Objective: Maintain a sewer collection system that is efficient, economical, and sanitary, meeting local, state and federal requirements.

Objective: Provide public services of water, sewer and parks and recreation facilities with consideration of life-cycle costs, including up-front costs and on-going maintenance costs.

Objective: Manage financial resources wisely, and maintain adequate fund reserves.

KEY INITIATIVE #4: A MULTI-MODAL CITY

Objective: Promote development patterns that provide connectivity.

Objective: Improve pedestrian safety, walkability and accessibility on Providence City streets, rights of ways and easements.

Objective: Create a network of bicycle and pedestrian sidewalks and pathways throughout Providence with interconnecting points to adjacent communities.

Objective: Providence City transportation system shall have a workable plan coordinating with county and regional road systems.

Objective: Plan and construct transportation improvements within Providence City and interconnections to surrounding region.

Objective: Identify existing and future Right of Way Corridors within the city and interconnections with neighboring communities and agencies.



KEY INITIATIVE #5: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Use zoning and design standards to provide compatible transitions and/or integration between residential areas and commercial development.

Objective: Maintain a sewer collection system that is efficient, economical, and sanitary, meeting local, state and federal requirements.

Objective: Identify the need for municipal services in developed and undeveloped unincorporated areas.

Objective: Provide a map of the expansion area.

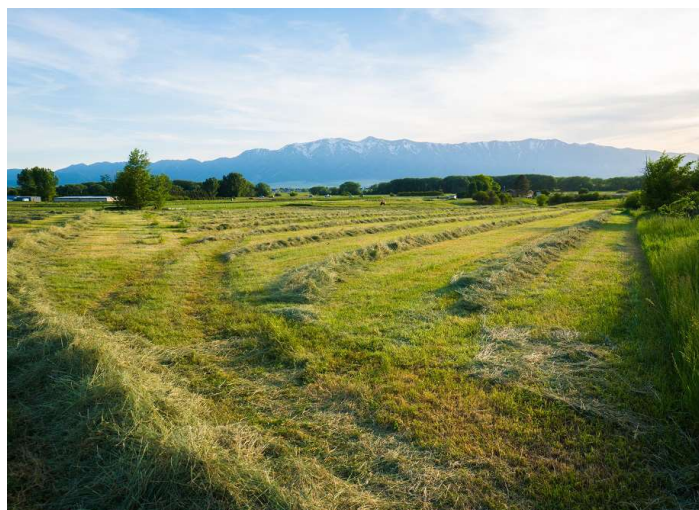
Objective: Identify the municipalities plans for extension of municipal services.

Objective: Identify how the services will be financed.

Objective: Provide an estimate of the tax consequences to residents both currently within the municipal boundaries and in the expansion area.

Objective: Identify certain areas that the City does not want to consider for annexation.

Objective: Identify the interests of all affected entities.



KEY INITIATIVE #6: VARIOUS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Objective: Support and utilize existing affordable housing resources.

Objective: Support fair housing practices through education and awareness.

