

Implementation

Conditions

This comprehensive plan has identified a number of needs expressed by both the community and identified by needs assessments and other studies. Wherever possible, needs highlighted by the process or by external plans have been categorized and included in appropriate chapters. The goal and policy sections within each chapter were developed to address those needs.

The implementation items presented in this chapter also come from input gathered during the planning process, but are more general in nature. They are ideas that participants presented at workshops and projects that need to be finished to maintain levels of service. They are projects that increase non-motorized mobility and preserve historic character, plan for parks and recreation facilities, or study the feasibility of new ideas.

Implementation of this comprehensive plan depends on building partnerships. The various City, County and regional agencies need to work together, and need to work with the many community groups that improve the local quality of life in order to make many of the larger goals contained in this plan a reality. For example, Sandpoint is committed to



Figure 12.1 - Maintaining current levels of service for utilities, public facilities and schools - on-pace with growth and affordable for residents - underpins many aspects of the comprehensive plan. (Image source: Studio Cascade, Inc.)

working to improve the climate for the types of businesses the community wants to see.

Organizations concerned with preserving the historic character of Sandpoint are encouraged to join with the City to find and implement creative solutions to preserve those qualities – historic district zoning controls, for instance. In short, partnerships are key to successful implementation of Sandpoint’s comprehensive plan.

The items in this chapter are prioritized according to current estimates of need, urgency, and fiscal possibility. Attempting all implementation items at once would certainly drain the City coffers – and likely the energies of the community. Instead, the City will attempt to budget projects and

complete them in a timely fashion to maintain fiscal balance, ensure steady progress, and advance productive, civic involvement.

Creating and annually updating a capital facilities plan will aid in moving projects from concept to realization. Capital facilities planning, together with long-range budgeting for necessary improvements, is critical.

This comprehensive plan and the implementation items presented in this chapter are meant to reflect the community's expressed needs and goals. As those needs and goals change, so should the relative priorities of the implementation items. These need to occur in tandem with community support and fiscal ability.

The following pages detail the various implementation projects and programs to help Sandpoint achieve its comprehensive planning goals. Each project or program is summarized, linked to specific policies appearing elsewhere in the plan and assigned a relative priority. Each project or program also is assigned a department or departments_ to be responsible for its implementation.

Abbreviations in the responsibility column represent the departments in City government:

Parks – Parks and Recreation

Plng – Planning Department

PWks – Public Works

PD-Police

FD-Fire Department

CC-City Council

Mayor

Table 12.1 - Implementation Projects and Programs

Project or Program	Summary	Policy Reference	Responsibility	Priority	Timing
Interim zoning	Adoption of zoning controls consistent with the comprehensive plan in advance of a complete development regulations update	-	Plng	1	0-6 M
Development regulations update	Preparation and adoption of updated regulations to implement comprehensive plan policy, including zoning, subdivision rules and design control.	LU-2.A LU-4.C	Plng	1	0-18 M
ACI agreement with County	Adoption of intergovernmental agreement to affirm City/County collaboration in planning and land use decisions within ACI with updates as appropriate.	T-4.D NR/H-1.A CD-2.E	Plng	1	0-6 M
Annual review of Implementation Plan	Annual retreat including the Mayor, Department Heads and the City Council to review and adjust implementation strategy as appropriate.	Entire Plan	All	1	Annually
Adoption of intergovernmental agreements	Development of intergovernmental agreements with surrounding municipalities targeting regionalism, land use and facility planning or management.	Entire Plan	All	1	0-36 M
Public land acquisition	Research and facilitate public lands acquisition for regional facilities	ED-1,2 PS 1,2,	ALL	1	Ongoing
Review and adopt an Urban Area Transportation plan	Consider and adopt appropriate portions of the 2026 Draft Urban Area Transportation Plan	Various	FD PD PWks Plng CC Mayor	2	0-6 M
Parks and recreation comprehensive plan Public lands acquisition mapping Integrated trails plan	Adoption of a parks and recreation comprehensive plan to identify P&R opportunities and set policy for P&R investment and services. Preparation of a diagram and accompanying policy guidance to direct acquisition of lands for public use in the city limits and ACI. Preparation of a trails plan and strategy identifying trail routes and standards for trail improvements.	R-1.B,C,F R-2.B,C R-3.C LU-1.E R-1.F,B R-1.D,F R-3.C T-1.F	Parks Plng PWks	3	0-12 M

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Downtown strategy	Develop a downtown plan establishing strategic direction for public policy, public investment, private investment and economic development.	E-4 LU-1,2,3 CD-2	Plng Mayor	2	0-18 M
Bypass strategy	Develop specific strategies to mitigate negative impacts of the bypass.	T-2.A,C,D	Plng PWks Mayor	1	Ongoing
Street standards review and revision	Analysis and revision of standard street sections to ensure consistency with comprehensive plan policies and Context Area districts.	CD-3.A H-2.B T-1.D T-2.E LU-2 H-3	PWks Plng	2	12-24 M
US 2 corridor streetscape design	Creation of a corridor streetscape plan consistent with Context Areas and anticipated land uses.	CD-1,3	PWks	3	
Grade-separated RR crossings	Design and construction of roadway underpasses at Baldy Mountain and Boyer RR crossings, to permit unobstructed access and retain viability of adjacent corridor development. .	T-4.A,E NR, H-2	PWks	3	
Historic district nomination and zoning controls	Formal recognition of historic neighborhoods to ensure land use decisions are compatible with historic character. Adoption of special zoning regulations to implement findings of historic district nomination and listing.	SA-1.A,B,2 CD-1.B H-2	Plng Historic Commission	3	0-18 M
Mixed-use incentives program	Creation of development and incentives programs to encourage housing units in CA4 and CA5 districts.	CD-2.B,C LU-1.B,C,2,3 H-1,2	Plng	4	0-48 M
Revision of Comprehensive Plan	Community-wide review.		Plng	5	2014

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Sidewalk Funding Plan	Exploration of funding options for sidewalk improvements	Various	Plng PWks	4	0-48 M
EMS system design strategy	Review and assessment of service	PS 1,2,3	CC Fire	3	0-18 M
Energy and resource efficiency strategy	Broad review of city activity to develop and implement a strategic plan that will modify city activity and improve efficiency to decrease our impact on the environment.	Various	All	3	0-24 M