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Plan Salt Lake sets a citywide Vision for Salt Lake City for the next twenty-five years. It considers where we are as a city, where we want to be, and establishes the framework for decision making that will get us there. This plan is a result of consolidated existing City policies and input gathered from thousands of City residents and visitors, leaders, business owners, experts, and concerned citizens. The Plan intends to set the stage for future neighborhood, community, and city system plans to address how they will each contribute to the established 2040 Vision for Salt Lake City.

By establishing a consolidated citywide vision, Plan Salt Lake creates a framework to prepare our City for growth, while focusing on sustainability and livability. At the root of the Vision is quality of life for current and future generations. We recognize that cities evolve and change overtime. As the natural, built, social, and economic environments change, it is our responsibility to ensure we are responsive, resilient, and contributing towards our collective Vision.
OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

The purpose of Plan Salt Lake is to create a shared Vision for the future of Salt Lake City for the next 25 years. The Plan outlines the overarching “umbrella” policies related to managing growth and change that are best identified on a citywide level.

This document is intended to provide direction to policy makers, residents, property owners, designers, planners, business owners, and leaders regarding the community’s Vision for Salt Lake City. The purpose of Plan Salt Lake is to:

- Establish and articulate a citywide vision for Salt Lake City.
- Identify the commonly held values of our community.
- Establish a framework for future community master plans and element plans (also known as thematic plans) to carry out the vision.
- Set targets and identify metrics to help measure our success over time.

PROCESS

The first step in determining where we want to be as a City was to analyze where we are today, creating a baseline for measuring our progress over time. In January 2014, the Plan Salt Lake Existing Conditions Report was complete. This report can be found online at XXXX. The report presents a significant amount of data in many different areas to develop a full and clear picture of Salt Lake City.

Next, the Plan Salt Lake team undertook an extensive public input and research process, analyzing existing city policies and planning documents. Over a two year period, the Plan Salt Lake team received input and thousands of comments from the public and stakeholders.

IMPLEMENTATION

Plan Salt Lake establishes a framework for neighborhood, community, and city system plans to implement the 2040 Vision. The Plan is broken down into thirteen Guiding Principles, each with a set of Initiatives that provide more detail and depth to the Vision. Future community master plans and element plans, or thematic plans, will be guided by these citywide principles and initiatives and will be required to address how they individually contribute to carrying out the shared Vision identified in this document. Because each neighborhood and individual community within Salt Lake City is unique, each community will help carry out the Vision in its own unique way.

A matrix, found on pages 42 and 43, has been developed to help us measure our progress over time. It includes the Guiding Principles and 2014 Targets, as well as the unit of measurement and baseline numbers.
During 2012 and 2013, the Plan Salt Lake team undertook an extensive public engagement effort to identify what Salt Lake City residents and visitors value and gather input on what the future vision for Salt Lake City should be. The Team attended 81 events at locations across the City and gathered thousands of comments from City residents and visitors. From the input received, several key themes emerged as priorities and values of Salt Lake City residents and visitors. The public input, along with existing City policy, was used to create the Vision, Guiding Principles, and Initiatives laid out in this Plan.

The input we received affirmed and reiterated much of what has already been identified as important values in existing and previously adopted City policy.
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Salt Lake City is committed to sustainable growth and development. The Sustainable Salt Lake – Plan 2015 reflects our current broad and ambitious agenda to protect our resources, enhance our assets, and establish a path toward greater resiliency and vitality for every aspect of our community. Plan Salt Lake builds upon the principles and goals identified in Sustainable Salt Lake, incorporating sustainability principles throughout the Plan with the goal of livability and making our city one of the greenest, most inclusive, and economically viable cities in the country.

Sustainability concepts can be incorporated into the design of infrastructure, public spaces, and private development. These concepts have the potential to improve the overall quality of life for a community by reducing energy consumption, improving air and water quality, and providing more lifestyle choices. The following concepts should be used to guide future growth and development in Salt Lake City.

PLACEMAKING

Placemaking is both an idea and a tool. At its root, Placemaking is centered on the belief that public spaces are the core of neighborhoods, communities, and cities. Development plays a critical role in shaping public spaces, creating a sense of place, and Placemaking. With the right mixture of uses, infrastructure, and amenities, desirable, attractive places are formed. Placemaking goes beyond just the urban design of public spaces, and takes into consideration how a place can facilitate patterns of activities and connections that define a place. The policies in Plan Salt Lake establish the framework for creating a sense of place in our neighborhoods, communities, and city overall.

DIVERSE MIX OF USES

By creating places with a diverse mix of uses, building types, connections, and transportation options, people have the choice of where they live, how they live, and how they get around. As our City grows and evolves over time, having a diverse mix of uses in our neighborhoods citywide, will become increasingly important to accommodating responsible growth and providing people with real choices.

CONNECTIVITY & CIRCULATION

Connectivity and circulation are critical to responsible, sustainable growth. We must ensure that our neighborhoods and districts are well connected by both providing a wide-range of transportation and mobility options and increasing the number of connections in our community. Smaller blocks and a diversity of connections are necessary to achieve this.

DENSITY

Density and compact development are important principles of sustainability, allowing for more affordable transportation options and creating vibrant and diverse places. Density in the appropriate locations, including near existing infrastructure, compatible development, and major transportation corridors, can help to accommodate future growth more efficiently. This type of compact development allows people to live closer to where they work, recreate, shop, and carry out their daily lives, resulting in less automobile dependency and greater mobility.
COMPATIBILITY
Compatibility of development generally refers to how a development integrates into the existing scale and character of a neighborhood. New developments will need to be context sensitive to the surrounding development, taking into account the existing character of the neighborhood while providing opportunities for new growth and to enhance the sense of place.

MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS
The cost of public infrastructure investments, such as transit, can be recaptured through new development and increases in density. Transit-oriented development can increase the number of residential units in an area resulting in more viable businesses. This type of development results in more walkable, vibrant, and accessible neighborhoods, as well as increases in property values and sales tax revenues for the community.

RESPONSIVE & RESILIENT
Designing infrastructure and development to be adaptable and responsive to a changing climate and demographic shifts will ensure our community is resilient and meets the changing needs of future generations. This means creating places that are durable and long lasting while being flexible, allowing for a diversity of users and uses.

GREEN BUILDING
Green infrastructure and development should incorporate sustainable building best practices, such as LEED, including high performance energy and resource efficiency, renewable energy generation, transit and pedestrian orientation, storm water and water management, and high quality, durable building materials.
Salt Lake City is the social, economic and cultural center of the region. It is a place that welcomes all with open arms, isn’t afraid to tackle the complex issues of our times, and is committed to effective and transparent governing.

We are a city that values a healthy lifestyle where we enjoy clean mountain air to breath and fresh water to drink. Our quality of life is centered on our access to our natural surroundings and the ability to interact with one another as we walk and bike our kids to school, enjoy our numerous cultural resources and events, or shop and dine at our unique local shops and restaurants. Our City respects the natural environment and the relationship we have with it. We recognize and value the importance of protecting our quality of life for future generations.

Whether through our ancestry or architecture, our past helps define the context of our City. Every generation and development adds to that context. As we grow, we expect that growth will make a positive contribution to our community by respecting our past and adding to the definition of the City.

We expect to have true choices about how we live our lives, from what kind of home we live in to how we travel to work, shop, worship, or recreate. We expect to be safe while we are in our neighborhoods and to have the resources and services we need.

We strive for a complete education for all, understanding that a strong education is the backbone of a successful economic environment.

We expect that our government will be open, fair and responsive to the needs of the City. We expect that all people will be treated equitably, with dignity and respect, and be free from discrimination and that these tenets will be followed as we see demographic changes.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1/ Neighborhoods that provide a safe environment, opportunity for social interaction, and services needed for the wellbeing of the community therein.

2/ Growing responsibly while providing people with choices about where they live, how they live, and how they get around.

3/ Access to a wide variety of housing types for all income levels, providing the basic human need for safety and responding to changing demographics.

4/ A transportation and mobility network that is safe, accessible, reliable, affordable, and sustainable, providing real choices and connecting people with places.

5/ Air that is healthy and clean.

6/ Minimize our impact on the natural environment.

7/ Protecting the natural environment while providing access and opportunities to recreate and enjoy nature.

8/ A beautiful city that is people focused.

9/ Maintaining places that provide a foundation for the City to affirm our past.

10/ Ensure access to all City amenities for all citizens while treating everyone equitably with fairness, justice, and respect.

11/ Vibrant, diverse, and accessible artistic and cultural resources that showcase the community’s long standing commitment to a strong creative culture.

12/ A balanced economy that produces quality jobs and fosters an environment for commerce, local business, and industry to thrive.

13/ A local government that is collaborative, responsive, and transparent.
1/ NEIGHBORHOODS

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: Neighborhoods that provide a safe environment, opportunity for social interaction, and services needed for the wellbeing of the community therein.
Neighborhoods

Guiding Principle/Neighborhoods that provide a safe environment, opportunity for social interaction, and services needed for the wellbeing of the community therein.

2040 Targets:
1. Community Amenities (Parks, Natural Lands, Libraries, Schools, Recreation Centers) located within 1/4 mile walking distance of every household
2. Safe Neighborhoods: Reduction in Crime

We believe that vibrant neighborhoods are fundamental to the health and vitality of Salt Lake City and its residents and visitors. Our neighborhoods have the ability to contribute and enhance our quality of life by providing basic goods and services, support, safety, amenities, and opportunities for social interaction.

Salt Lake City is made up of unique neighborhoods and districts, from Downtown’s urban neighborhood, to the historic Avenues, to the tree lined streets of Rose Park. Each individual neighborhood contributes to shaping our City as a whole and plays an important role in helping us fulfill our collective Vision. As a City, our neighborhoods, districts, and the residents and visitors who live, work, play, and do business within them, define who we are and what we value. It is important that we embrace and support the character and uniqueness of each neighborhood, while understanding the important role that they play in helping us reach our collective Vision.

Salt Lake City neighborhoods are diverse, exciting, safe, and well maintained. We believe all of our neighborhoods should be inclusive and supportive of all people, at all stages of life including families, young people, and older adults.

Our neighborhoods provide valuable services and amenities including recreation, cultural, social, and community gathering places, services, and events. These include businesses, schools, parks and natural lands, libraries, community events, and more. It is important that these resources are located within neighborhoods, close to residents and accessible by walking, bicycling, and public transit.

Our community gathering spaces are vital to our neighborhoods, offering open space and places for social engagement, learning, community building, and opportunities to connect with the community and nature. Community gathering spaces vary by neighborhood and come in many different sizes and forms, from parks and natural lands, to schools and libraries, we value and recognize the important role that community spaces play in civic engagement, social interaction, walkability, and community identity. Our neighborhoods must provide access to community gathering spaces, including parks and recreation facilities, within walking distance in all neighborhoods in our City.

Neighborhood business districts also play an important role in shaping the unique character of our neighborhoods and provide valuable goods and services for nearby residents. While they vary in size and draw, neighborhood business districts contribute to the overall livability and economic health of our City.

Initiatives
1. Maintain neighborhood stability and character.
2. Support neighborhoods and districts in carrying out the City’s collective Vision.
3. Create a safe and convenient place for people to carry out their daily lives.
4. Support neighborhood identity and diversity.
5. Incorporate artistic elements and support cultural events on a neighborhood scale to reinforce neighborhood character and identity.
6. Promote accessible neighborhood services and amenities, including parks, natural lands, and schools.
7. Encourage and support local businesses and neighborhood business districts.
8. Provide opportunities for and promotion of social interaction.
9. Improve the usefulness of public rights-of-way as usable public space.
10. Improve green infrastructure (including parks, natural lands, green-ways, and urban forestry) in neighborhoods by incorporating best management practices for our parks and streetscapes.
2/ GROWTH

GUIDING PRINCIPLE/ Growing responsibly, while providing people with choices about where they live, how they live, and how they get around.
Responsible growth means minimizing our impact on the natural environment while providing people with lifestyle choices, including a range of housing types and choices citywide, and providing mobility choices through a variety of transportation options including walking.

The key strategies for responsible growth are addressed in the following Initiatives and include an emphasis on transit oriented development (TOD), infill and redevelopment of underutilized properties, and locating growth and new density in areas that are already serviced by existing infrastructure including Downtown, along transit corridors, and within large commercial nodes such as the Sugar House Business District.

In recent decades, Salt Lake City’s population has seen a modest increase but has not kept up with the growth of the surrounding suburbs along the Wasatch Front. Based on current and forecasted trends, it is expected that Salt Lake City will see a significant population growth over the next twenty-five years. It is our responsibility to ensure growth and development adds to the public realm through the use of high quality materials, sustainable building practices, and best practices in urban design. With the right tools and policies, growth can enhance quality of life for the residents and visitors of Salt Lake City, providing more choices and setting new standards for best practices in development.

Anticipated future growth provides us an opportunity to minimize the negative impacts of population growth while maximizing the benefits including increases in political representation, distribution of federal funds, and population-based sales tax revenues. Because of our expansive infrastructure, access to parks and recreation, and major employment centers, Salt Lake City is uniquely situated to accommodate growth. Capitalizing on our strengths and welcoming new residents will help us clean our air, promote healthy lifestyles, and increase the opportunities for people to succeed.

As we grow and our City becomes more dense and urbanized, we must ensure that our community is walkable and provides access to amenities that contribute to our quality of life, including access and opportunities to connect with one another and the natural environment. Walkability and proximity to the places and services necessary to carry out our daily lives will become increasingly important, as will the need to protect the natural environment including a connected open space network. It will be important to consider not only proximity to amenities and services, including parks and recreational facilities, but also quantity and quality of these services and amenities to ensure they meet the demands of future users and residents.
3/ HOUSING

GUIDING PRINCIPLE/ Access to a wide variety of housing types for all income levels, providing the basic human need for safety and responding to changing demographics.
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**GUIDING PRINCIPLE**/ Access to a wide variety of housing types for all income levels, providing the basic human need for safety and responding to changing demographics.

**2040 TARGETS:**

1. **INCREASE DIVERSITY OF HOUSING TYPES**
2. **DECREASE % OF INCOME SPENT ON HOUSING**

Almost half of the total housing units in Salt Lake are single-family detached dwellings. While preserving the existing housing stock will continue to be a priority for Salt Lake City, over the next 25 years, it will be critical for us to encourage and support a diversity of new housing options and types with a range of densities throughout the City to best meet the changing population.

In recent years, we have seen a renewed interest in walkable neighborhoods, increased residential development downtown, and transit-oriented development. There is a growing demand for urban living, primarily driven by Baby Boomers and Millennials, paired with changing demographics on a national and local level that include an aging population, growing minority communities, and an increase in single-parent households and households without children. These changing households require changes to our housing policies and housing stock to provide choices on how best to meet their needs. The following Initiatives are focused on helping us meet these changes and demands by providing a range of housing types and choices for all abilities, incomes, and stages of life.

**INITIATIVES**

1. Ensure access to affordable housing citywide (including rental and very low income).
2. Increase the number of medium density housing types and options.
3. Encourage housing options that accommodate aging in place.
4. Direct new growth toward areas with existing infrastructure and services that have the potential to be people-oriented.
5. Enable moderate density increases within existing neighborhoods where appropriate.
6. Promote energy efficient housing and rehabilitation of existing housing stock.
7. Promote high density residential in areas served by transit.

Affordability is a critical component of housing choice. As people’s income levels rise and fall, providing housing options that match income levels and stages of life will allow people to make their own choices. This includes offering a wide range of housing types for all income levels in neighborhoods throughout the City.
4/ TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

GUIDING PRINCIPLE/ A transportation and mobility network that is safe, accessible, reliable, affordable, and sustainable, providing real choices and connecting people with places.
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2040 TARGETS:
1. PUBLIC TRANSIT WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF ALL HOMES
2. REDUCE SINGLE OCCUPANCY AUTO TRIPS
3. DECREASE PEDESTRIAN, BIKE, AND AUTO ACCIDENTS
4. PRIORITIZE MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE
5. ENCOURAGE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)
6. SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE SALT LAKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS A REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AMENITY (INCLUDING FREIGHT)
7. COLLABORATE WITH REGIONAL PARTNERS TO RELIEVE CONGESTION AND ENHANCE RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION
8. ENHANCE RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO JOIN, RATHER THAN SEGREGATE, ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOODS
9. INTEGRATE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTO OUR RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS
10. INTEGRATE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED ELEMENTS, INCLUDING STREET TREES, PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING, SIGNAGE, AND EMBEDDED ART, INTO OUR RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

INITIATIVES
1. CREATE A COMPLETE CIRCULATION NETWORK AND ENSURE CONVENIENT EQUITABLE ACCESS TO A VARIETY OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS BY:
   - HAVING A PUBLIC TRANSIT STOP WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF ALL RESIDENTS
   - EXPANDING PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE NETWORKS AND FACILITIES IN ALL AREAS OF THE CITY
   - PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE USE OF TRANSIT
   - ENHANCING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
   - CREATING A SYSTEM OF CONNECTIONS SO THAT RESIDENTS MAY EASILY ACCESS EMPLOYMENT, GOODS AND SERVICES, NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITIES, AND HOUSING
2. REDUCE AUTOMOBILE DEPENDENCY AND SINGLE OCCUPANCY VEHICLE TRIPS
3. MAKE WALKING AND CYCLING Viable, SAFE, AND CONVENIENT TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN ALL AREAS OF THE CITY
4. PRIORITIZE MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE (ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE, SAFETY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND MOBILITY)
5/ AIR QUALITY

GUIDING PRINCIPLE/ Air that is healthy and clean.
integrates adaptation strategies into our planning processes. We can employ policies that best link land use with transportation and target growth in places with existing infrastructure and development to maximize infrastructure investments, reduce resource consumption, and minimize automobile dependency.

Through public policy, education, and collaboration, we can improve our air quality in Salt Lake City. With a 2040 Target of reducing emissions and citywide energy consumption, we aim to do our part in improving air quality in our City.

**INITIATIVES**

1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Reduce individual and citywide energy consumption.
3. Increase mode-share for public transit, cycling, walking, and carpooling.
5. Protect and enhance the existing urban forest, including street trees.
6. Support and promote renewable energy sources.
7. Encourage energy efficiency citywide.
8. Incorporate climate adaptation strategies into city planning processes.
9. Ensure local industries meet stringent environmental standards.

Air quality has been identified as one of the most important issues for Salt Lake City residents and is one of the most frequently discussed topics in the region. This is especially true during the winter months when the Wasatch Front is plagued by pollutant trapping inversions and deteriorating air quality. The inversions create more than just a health hazard and negative impact on the natural environment, they affect overall quality of life for residents and create negative perceptions for visitors and investors.

Poor air quality is directly related to pollutants caused by vehicle and industry emissions. It is our responsibility to reduce emissions of unhealthy air pollutants and climate-changing greenhouse gases to ensure the region’s health, resilience, and quality of life. Salt Lake City is aggressively working to reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality through programs that conserve electricity and natural gas, encourage individuals to decrease their personal motor vehicle use, and reduce other sources of air pollution. The City has been working to reduce both its own internal fleet emissions, and the vehicle emissions generated by the community.

With future changes to our climate, we will need to evaluate and address climate change impacts on air quality and develop a climate adaptation plan that
6/ NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: Minimize our impact on the natural environment.
6/ NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

GUIDING PRINCIPLE/Minimize our impact on the natural environment.

2040 TARGETS:
1. EXPAND NATURAL LANDS AND WATERSHED PROTECTION ACREAGE
2. REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION
3. INCREASE RECYCLING AND REDUCE WASTE BY 2040

Salt Lake City is an environmentally conscious community committed to preserving and protecting our natural environment and resources for current and future generations.

The natural environment that is integrated into our City and surrounds our community is part of our identity and one of our most important assets. Our sense of place is heavily shaped by our location between the Wasatch Mountains and the Great Salt Lake, putting us at the center of where the mountains, foothills, and valley lowland environments merge.

As a City, we recognize the importance of protecting and managing our natural resources and important habitat to sustain biodiversity and ecosystem functions. We are committed to the protection and stewardship of our open space, native vegetation, water supply, and aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat while providing access and educational opportunities for the public. We will continue to provide the highest levels of service and implement policies that will help us do our part in conservation and stewardship.

Water is one of our most precious natural resources. With population growth, increasing demand, and changes in short- and long-term supply levels due to weather fluctuations and climate change, water conservation is necessary to sustain our water supply for future and current generations. Salt Lake City is committed to protecting our water supplies, ensuring water quality and safety, and complying with or exceeding all EPA requirements. We will continue working to address our stream and storm water quality and to reduce the risk of damage by floods.

Future changes to our climate will have an impact on our natural resources and the natural environment. These changes will need to be addressed at a local level. It is our responsibility to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community.

Through policies, pricing, and education, we have committed to reducing overall waste and greenhouse gas emissions, increasing recycling and renewable energy generation, and supporting the highest and best use of materials and land.

Over the next twenty-five years, we will strive to protect and restore critical wildlife habitat, sensitive natural lands, and open space. These environments are crucial to water supply and quality and to the ecosystems that sustain us. We will work to preserve and restore riparian corridors in and around our community.

INITIATIVES

1. Preserve natural open space and sensitive areas to sustain biodiversity and ecosystem functions through:
   • Increased education regarding stewardship of natural lands;
   • Restoration of natural lands and critical habitat;
   • Implementation and promotion of best practices in management and stewardship of natural lands;
   • Restoration of aquatic and riparian corridors and habitats (including day-lighting of streams and water corridors); and
   • Reduction in habitat fragmentation.

2. Protect water quality and supply by:
   • Reducing water consumption per capita;
   • Limiting development in the canyons;
   • Preserving and expanding acreage of property critical to watershed protection;
   • Operating facilities to ensure water quality meets regulatory requirements;
   • Promoting and supporting reuse of reclaimed and secondary water sources; and
   • Protecting ground water sources.

3. Practice responsible waste management by:
   • Reducing and preventing waste;
   • Reusing and repurposing materials, including promoting the reuse of existing buildings over demolition; and
   • Increasing the recycling rate in the City.
7/ PARKS & RECREATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: Protecting the natural environment while providing access and opportunities to recreate and enjoy nature.
7/ PARKS & RECREATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE/ Protecting the natural environment while providing access and opportunities to recreate and enjoy nature.

2040 TARGETS:
1. Increase park space
2. Parks or open space within walking distance of every household

As a City, we value active communities – ensuring access and opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to live a healthy lifestyle. This includes accessible and safe places to recreate and carry out a variety of physical activities. These places range from pocket parks and urban plazas to natural lands and trail networks.

Salt Lake City is committed to balancing conservation of important habitat and natural resources with access to recreation and opportunities to enjoy nature. Our goals are to preserve and steward natural areas, increase access to parks, and enhance trail and open space connectivity. We are committed to providing public spaces that serve a multitude of users while preserving urban green space. We are dedicated to preservation, development, and maintenance of parks throughout the City for the use and enjoyment of the community. Our current City park system includes 126 parks, consisting of 925 acres and 58 municipal playgrounds.

Our parks, plaza, greenways, and natural lands all contribute to our community identity, sense of place, and livability. These places play an important role in providing spaces for people to gather and celebrate, recreate and engage in organized sports, as well as opportunities for people to connect with nature, find solitude and offer respite from the built environment. Our developed parks are designed to sustain heavy use and activities – both active and passive. How our parks are used, has and will continue to change over time in response to changes in community demographics and interests.

Along with the many acres of urban parks and natural lands, the City owns and maintains thousands of acres of undeveloped public lands. A large portion of these lands are located in the foothills and mountains above Salt Lake City and provide critical habitat for ecosystem preservation, as well as opportunities for low intensity, passive recreational use.

We understand that our parks and public spaces need to be safe, accessible, and well connected. In line with promoting an active community, we believe people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities should be able to easily access our parks, this means a well connected pedestrian and bicycle network allowing for greater mobility and accessibility.

INITIATIVES
1. Balance protection and management of natural lands with access to recreational opportunities.
2. Provide accessible parks and recreation spaces within 1/2 mile of all residents.
3. Enhance trail and open space connectivity through improved visual and physical connections.
4. Protect and enhance existing parks, recreational facilities, and trails allowing for modifications to enhance usability and promote activity.
5. Establish level of service standards that address type, proximity, quality, and quantity of park space per population.
6. Integrate artistic elements into parks, urban trails, and other urban public spaces.
7. Support urban agriculture and local food systems that produce healthy and sustainable food for the community, while providing valuable open space.
GUIDING PRINCIPLE: A beautiful city that is people focused.
GUIDING PRINCIPLE/A beautiful city that is people focused.

2040 TARGETS:
1. PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED DESIGN STANDARDS INCORPORATED INTO ALL ZONING DISTRICTS THAT ALLOW RESIDENTIAL USES
2. ACTIVE AND VIBRANT PARKS AND PLAZAS

Salt Lake City is a beautiful city with a distinct urban form characterized by our built environment and our pristine natural surroundings and topographical features. Our large blocks and wide streets contribute to our urban form along with our unique location, nestled against the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains to the East and the wetlands, Great Salt Lake, and Oquirrh Mountains to the West.

Open space and the natural environment are defining features of Salt Lake City. Our beautiful City parks and open spaces, paired with the dramatic views of and proximity to the Wasatch and Oquirrh mountains, make Salt Lake City a beautiful place to live and visit. These aesthetic and recreational qualities attract new residents, visitors, employers, and investment to our City.

As a City, we believe the built environment should match the grandeur of our natural setting. We believe in urban design and development that enhances our quality of life and reflects our commitment to high quality materials, building standards and people-focused development. We recognize the critical role that the built environment plays in shaping our sense of place, public realm, and overall quality of life.

Our wide public rights-of-way provide us with a unique opportunity to incorporate more than just roadways. Within this public space, we can incorporate pedestrian elements and green infrastructure that enhances our streetscapes and quality of life.

As a city, we value public artwork that enhances the public realm. We support and promote incorporating art into public buildings, infrastructure, and public spaces. From sidewalks to bridges, we are committed to seeking out and supporting opportunities to incorporate art into all City infrastructure projects.

Salt Lake City residents and visitors recognize our green network, including our urban forest, parks, and street trees, as one of our greatest assets. Our green network plays an important role in shaping our streetscapes and urban form. It enhances the livability of the City, improving air and water quality while providing shade, buffering noises, and enhancing walkability and streetscapes citywide. We recognize that this green network contributes to a healthy and beautiful city and we will continue to make its maintenance and expansion a priority.

Our built environment, including buildings and infrastructure, should be people-focused. Our 2040 Target to incorporate Pedestrian Oriented Design Standards into the City’s residential and commercial zones, will help us achieve our Vision of a beautiful, people-oriented city.

INITIATIVES
1. Reinforce downtown as the visually dominant center of the City through the use of design standards and guidelines.
2. Identify and establish standards for key gateways into the City.
3. Identify, preserve, and enhance view corridors and vistas, including views of natural lands around and within the City.
4. Use art to create and reinforce a sense of place, including embedded art in infrastructure of all sizes.
5. Support and encourage architecture, development, and infrastructure that:
   • Is people-focused;
   • Responds to its surrounding context and enhances the public realm;
   • Reflects our diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious heritage; and
   • Is sustainable, using high quality materials and building standards.
6. Promote and expand the City’s street lighting program throughout the City.
7. Reinforce and preserve neighborhood and district character and a strong sense of place.
8. Promote increased connectivity through mid-block connections.
9. Protect, maintain, and expand the City’s urban forest, including the provision of adequate space and infrastructure for street trees to thrive.
10. Develop landscapes that reflect our geographic region.
11. Create opportunities to connect with nature in urban areas.
12. Reinforce the development of a connected green network of urban open spaces and forest that accommodates active transportation and provides contact with nature.
9/ PRESERVATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE / Maintaining places that provide a foundation for the City to affirm our past.
9/ PRESERVATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLE/Maintaining places that provide a foundation for the City to affirm our past.

2040 TARGETS:

1. INCREASE NUMBER OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES AND SITES

Salt Lake City’s Historic Preservation Program aims to preserve the best examples of the City’s historic architecture, buildings, landmarks, and landscapes. Our historic preservation tools and resources protect assets that are uniquely historic and best represent the story of the City’s past.

As a City, we value neighborhood character and the defining elements that make up our neighborhoods and City. The historic development patterns, including building composition and landscaping, details and elements all play important role in defining the character of our places.

Our City contains a number of officially designated historic landmarks sites, local and national historic districts, and other unofficially recognized sites and spaces that are unique to us. From City parks and open spaces to the historic homes and buildings found throughout the our community, Salt Lake City is rich with places that reflect our unique past. We take great pride in our history and in our places. While we believe it is important to preserve our past by identifying and protecting unique places that best tell our story, we also recognize that places evolve and change over time. Change and new development should respect the character defining elements of our City and neighborhoods.

We recognize that preservation is an important component of community character and sense of place. In addition to more traditional historic preservation tools aimed at preservation of individual structures and sites, Salt Lake City offers tools geared towards stabilizing and preserving neighborhood and community character and identity. As our City grows, finding the right places to preserve the character is as important as finding the right places for growth to occur.

We understand and respect that change is part of history and that places evolve. As a City, we will continue to balance preservation and character conservation with growth and redevelopment, prioritizing preservation while allowing flexibility and change where appropriate.

INITIATIVES

1. Preserve and enhance neighborhood and district character.
2. Encourage the incorporation of historic elements into buildings, landscapes, public spaces, streetscapes, neighborhoods, and districts where appropriate.
3. Retain areas and structures of historic and architectural value.
4. Integrate preservation into City regulation, policy, and decision making.
5. Balance preservation with flexibility for change and growth.
6. Improve education and outreach about the value of historic preservation.
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2040 TARGETS:

1. INCREASE OVERALL PARTICIPATION IN ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
2. EMBEDDED ART IN ALL CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Salt Lake City residents and visitors recognized our City and our downtown as the hub of entertainment and nightlife for the region. We support the growth of existing and new cultural and entertainment opportunities, from local restaurants, to concert venues, to museums and theaters. We understand that arts and culture play an important role in tourism, our local and regional economy, and in bringing the community together. We cannot imagine our City and our neighborhoods without it.

Our City has a rich culture and vibrant arts community. As a City, we are committed to supporting arts and culture through investment in facilities, events, art in infrastructure, and supporting of our local arts and culture community. We support many different types of art and events in our community including national- and regional-scale festivals, concerts, performances, and exhibitions and local, neighborhood-scale festivals, installations, and celebrations.

We strive to make our parks, plazas, streetscapes, and other public spaces venues for artistic and creative expression. We are committed to integrating art into the fabric of our City. By embedding art into our infrastructure, from large-scale infrastructure projects such as overpasses, bridges, and transit, to small-scale neighborhood benches and signage, we support and recognize embedded art as vital to community identity, expression, and character.

Salt Lake City is a regional center for arts, entertainment, and culture and a national and international destination for tourism. We are home to world-class entertainment and cultural venues including museums, theaters, galleries, and sports arenas that add to the vibrancy of our City, Region and State.

Small local venues and events are equally important to our quality of life. Whether it is a block party, gallery strolls, or live music at a restaurant, bar, or park, the intimacy of experiencing local art and culture is a defining element of our neighborhoods.

INITIATIVES

1. Support opportunities for vibrant expression of cultural diversity.
2. Promote and support Salt Lake City as a regional entertainment, artistic, and cultural center and destination.
3. Promote and support Salt Lake City as an international tourism destination.
4. Ensure access to, and support for, a diversity of cultural facilities citywide.
5. Support and encourage public art.
6. Seek partnerships to enhance the arts.
11/ EQUITY

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2040 TARGETS:
1. DECREASE COMBINED COST OF HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION
2. IMPROVE OUR OPPORTUNITY INDEX SCORE IN ALL AREAS OF THE CITY

Our City is a place where residents and visitors can live, work, play, and do business free from discrimination, and be treated with tolerance and respect.

We are committed to providing universal access and opportunity to all. As a City, we value accessibility in all aspects of our community, from access to public amenities and events, to healthy food, housing, employment, education, and recreation. In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Salt Lake City works to ensure that people with disabilities have access to City programs, services, activities, and facilities.

Salt Lake City is a place for opportunity. Using the Opportunity Index as a measure of our success over time, we will strive to provide our citizens with ample opportunity to improve their quality of life through access to quality education, employment, housing, and community resources.

We will strive to eliminate concentrated areas of poverty to improve overall quality of life and opportunity for all of our residents.

INITIATIVES
1. Recognize and advocate for the rights of all residents and visitors.
2. Ensure access to all City amenities and services.
3. Promote and foster high rates of social capital.
4. Be among the most inclusive, welcoming, and dynamic cities.
5. Collaborate with community partners and the private sector to combat discrimination and ensure safe and equal access.
6. Provide and promote clear and effective communication.
7. Educate the public on the importance of nondiscrimination, equity, and respect.

THE OPPORTUNITY INDEX
The Opportunity Index was developed by Measure of America and Opportunity Nation to set a national standard of measuring opportunity in communities throughout the United States. The Index measures 16 indicators on an annual basis and is “designed to connect economic, academic, civic and other factors together to help identify concrete solutions to lagging conditions for opportunity and economic mobility.” (http://opportunityindex.org/about/)

*In 2013, Salt Lake County received a C+ (50.07/100) from the Opportunity Index.
12/ ECONOMY

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2040 TARGET:
1. INCREASE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Salt Lake City is the economic center of the region, with a strong downtown core that is the center of financial and commercial activity of the City, region and State. We value a resilient and diversified economy with high quality jobs and a strong local, national, and international industry base.

We understand the importance of supporting businesses that provide excellent wages and benefits for our citizens and enhance the overall quality of life and the livability of our City. While the 2010 Census shows the median household income in Salt Lake City is increasing, we are still below the County and State median household income. Over the next twenty five years, we will support policy and actions that increase the median household income in Salt Lake City.

We recognize and value the important role that neighborhood and local businesses play in creating unique community identity and a sense of place and will continue to support these neighborhood business nodes citywide.

Education is a measure of a healthy, economically sound community. Salt Lake City residents value our educational institutions and an educated workforce. We recognize that education is linked to greater opportunity.

Salt Lake City is home to several higher education facilities including the University of Utah, Westminster College, LDS Business College, and Salt Lake Community College. These facilities play an important role in our community, contributing to our culture, our neighborhood and regional character, research and innovation, and our economy.

As a City, we will continue to grow and support an educated workforce by incorporating more student housing and educational spaces throughout the city and in our downtown.

We will maintain and improve the City’s position as the prime location in the State for new and existing businesses and commerce, including corporate headquarters, to locate, innovate, grow, and improve. We will continue to build and promote a diversified economic base by encouraging different types and scales of businesses.

We recognize the important role that neighborhood and local businesses play in creating unique community identity and a sense of place and will continue to support these neighborhood business nodes citywide.

We understand the importance of connecting people with employment and services and will continue to strengthen multi-modal connectivity by increasing mobility connections (transit, rail, trail, and multi-modal streets).

We value and encourage entrepreneurship and innovation, and see the creative economic sector as an important part of our local and regional economy.

INITIATIVES
1. Encourage a resilient and diversified economy.
2. Strengthen our role as an economic and social commerce center.
4. Increase household income.
5. Support neighborhood businesses.
6. Integrate higher education into the social and economic fabric of the City.
7. Maintain the City’s competitive economic edge.
8. Support entrepreneurship and innovation.
9. Foster and support growth of the creative economy sector.
13/ GOVERNMENT

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: A local government that is collaborative, responsive, and transparent.
The following Initiatives are derived from the City’s adopted policies on openness, collaboration, accountability, and transparency.

**INITIATIVES**

1. Ensure easy access to complete and understandable information.
2. Provide opportunities for public participation, input, and engagement throughout the decision making process.
3. Facilitate open communication and transparency.
4. Encourage collaboration and partnerships to ensure efficiency and responsiveness.
5. Maintain and enhance City infrastructure in a way that is equitable and fair.
6. Collaborate to set short- and long-term priorities and invest accordingly.
7. Support and promote opportunities for education in all stages of life.
8. Protect people and infrastructure from crimes and natural hazards.
10. Be prepared for severe disasters.
11. Prepare for climate change impacts on community health and safety.
## PLAN SALT LAKE MATRIX

### GUIDING PRINCIPLE

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Neighborhoods that provide a safe environment, opportunity for social interaction, and services needed for the wellbeing of the community therein.

- **METRIC**: Amenities located within 1/4 mile from every household
- **METRIC**: Citywide crime (violent crimes, nonviolent crimes)

- XX of amenities located within 1/4 of households
- XX Crimes (20xx)

- 1/ Community Amenities (Parks, Natural lands, libraries, schools, rec centers) located within 1/4 mile walking distance from every household
- 2/ Safe Neighborhoods - Reduction in Crime

| **2/ GROWTH**

Growing responsibly, while providing people with choices about where they live, how they live, and how they get around.

- **METRIC**: Total Population of SLC
- **METRIC**: Total Population of Wasatch Front (Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah counties).

- 191,180 SLC Population (2013 estimate)
- XXXX WF Population

- 1/ Increase Salt Lake City’s share of population growth along the Wasatch front

| **3/ HOUSING**

Access to a wide variety of housing types for all income levels, providing the basic human need for safety and responding to changing demographics.

- **METRIC**: # of Housing Units (by type)
- **METRIC**: % of income spent on housing

- 80,724 housing units total (by type)
- XX% of income spent on housing (average) (2014)

- 1/ Increase diversity of housing types
- 2/ Decrease % of income spent on housing

| **4/ TRANSPORTATION**

A transportation and mobility network that is safe, accessible, reliable, affordable, and sustainable, providing real choices and connecting people with places.

- **METRIC**: # of Housing Units within 1/4 mile of transit
- **METRIC**: SOV mode-share % and overall annual #
- **METRIC**: # of accidents

- XX (XX% of total) Housing Units within 1/4 mile of transit (20xx)
- SOV make up XX% of total mode-share, total # of SOV trips # of accidents (20xx)

- 1/ Public transit within 1/4 mile of all homes
- 2/ Reduce Single Occupancy auto trips
- 3/ Decrease pedestrian, bike, and auto accidents

| **5/ AIR QUALITY**

Air that is healthy and clean.

- **METRIC**: DEQ SLC data
- **METRIC**: Energy consumption

- XXX DEQ 2013 air quality measurements
- XXX energy consumed (20xx)

- 1/ Reduced emissions
- 2/ Reduce citywide consumption of energy

| **6/ NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

Minimize our impact on the natural environment.

- **METRIC**: watershed protection acres
- **METRIC**: water consumption
- **METRIC**: Recycling rate
- **METRIC**: Waste diverted from landfill

- XX WS protection acres
- XX water consumption
- XX recycling rate
- XX Waste diverted from landfill

- 1/ Expand watershed protection acreage
- 2/ Reduce water consumption
- 3/ Increase recycling and eliminate waste by 2040
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<td>A beautiful city that is people focused.</td>
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