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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. What is the General Plan and What is its Purpose?
- B. How to Use this General Plan
- C. Why Update the Current 2001 General Plan?

II. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN TUCSON

- A. **Building from Previous Efforts** *(summary of various recent efforts that looked at growth and other community issues):*

Recent Visioning/Outreach Efforts

- Tucson Regional Town Hall (May 2007)
- TREO Blueprint (March 2007)
- Community Sustainability Forum (October 2007)
- AIA Sustainable Design Assessment Team (June 2007)
- Pima Cultural Plan (February 2008)

Upcoming visioning/outreach efforts:

- "Crafting Tomorrow's Built Environment, Conversation on Regional Land Use," Urban Land Institute, December 3, 2008. This is a more in-depth follow-up to the Regional Town Hall effort regarding land use
- 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Process
- Water Infrastructure Supply and Planning Study (City/County Water and Wastewater Study)

- B. **Results of Public Outreach**

A Public Outreach Plan will be developed which will delineate how we will disseminate information and gather public input. We will have multiple avenues for the public to review draft documents and comment.

- C. **Other Past and On-Going Planning Efforts that Relate to this General Plan**

III. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR TUCSON

Guiding Principles are high-level statements that set the boundaries for the policies that are contained in the General Plan. Guiding Principles are developed from reviewing past visioning efforts and from reviewing the basic tenets of Sustainability and Smart Growth.

IV. STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR TUCSON'S FUTURE

A. Smart Growth

- 1. What is Smart Growth?
- 2. Challenges and Opportunities for Tucson's Smart Growth *(highlights)*
- 3. The Vision of Smart Growth in Tucson *(Vision Statement)*
- 4. Elements of Smart Growth *(include description, policies, goals and actions for each element)*
 - a) Growth Areas
 - b) Land Use and Circulation
 - c) Mobility



- d) Urban Design
- e) Conservation, Rehabilitation and Redevelopment / Neighborhood Preservation and Rehabilitation
- f) Public Services and Facilities / Public Buildings
- g) Cost of Development / Infrastructure
- h) Historic Preservation

B. Environmental Integrity

- 1. What is Environmental Integrity?
- 2. Challenges and Opportunities for Tucson's Environmental Integrity (*highlights*)
- 3. The Vision for Environmental Integrity in Tucson (*Vision Statement*)
- 4. Elements of Environmental Integrity (*include description, policies, goals and actions for each element*)
 - a) Environmental Planning
 - b) Water Resources
 - c) Open Space
 - d) Energy
 - e) Conservation
 - f) Climate Change

C. Socioeconomic Prosperity (*Social Equity and Economic Development*)

- 1. What is Socioeconomic Prosperity?
- 2. Challenges and Opportunities for Tucson's Socioeconomic Prosperity (*highlights*)
- 3. The Vision for Socioeconomic Prosperity in Tucson (*Vision Statement*)
- 4. Elements of Socioeconomic Prosperity (*include description, policies, goals and actions for each element*)
 - a) Economic Development
 - i. Balanced Growth
 - ii. Business Development and Redevelopment
 - iii. Workforce Development
 - iv. Market Trends
 - v. Permitting Processes
 - b) Housing
 - c) Public Safety
 - d) Public Health and Well-being
 - e) Recreation
 - f) Education (*K-9, College, University*)
 - g) Cultural Heritage
 - h) Arts
 - i) Education and Outreach (*educating residents about development issues, processes, ordinances, and how to become involved*)

V. GENERAL PLAN ADMINISTRATION

- A. Adoption and Ratification Process
- B. Major and Minor Amendment Process
- C. Monitoring the General Plan



VI. GLOSSARY

VII. REFERENCES

APPENDICES

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Chart with the following columns:

Action/Program

Participants

Priority

Estimated Timeframe(short, medium, and long-range)

Potential Funding Sources

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

MEASURING PROGRESS

Measurement Indicators by Element

**This is a working document that may be further refined as the project proceeds and additional information and input is obtained.*

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