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Prioritized Action Themes and Biennial Tracking

Several action themes stand out and should be considered priority for community implementation. These priorities are the results of reviewing the timetable ranking of action items alongside other feedback from the project process such as the dot exercise from the Focus Group open house, the vision statement, primary goals, and comments received throughout the engage and listening phase. The actions are listed according to the types of policies they implement and denote departments, agencies, and entities whose missions make them potential partners for implementation. Additional description of how action items can be implemented are included where possible and denoted in italics.

Biennial Monitoring Report: To monitor progress and effectiveness of the growth policy implementation, a biennial monitoring report will be prepared. It will be used by decision-makers and the public to assess headway made toward achieving the plan's goals and vision. The report will also be used to determine needs for adjusting priorities, strategies, and updating the plan during its 20-year life.

The Prioritized Action Themes are:

Quality Community: Support Missoula's strong sense of place that comes from its cultural heritage, setting, accepting attitude, appreciation for active and healthy lifestyle, and the desire to meet the basic needs for all people.

<p style="text-align: center;">Action #</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specific Action Called for by Growth Policy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Early Implementation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Actions implemented prior to 2019</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recent Implementation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Actions implemented between 2019 and 2021</p>
<p>2.1 Continue to maintain a fair, thorough and open community process for the residents to express ideas to the City.</p> <p><i>Comply with open meeting laws; work with the office of neighborhoods on meaningful processes.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has incorporated many ongoing practices to provide open and fair community processes including: <p>Legal ads, resident/owner mail/digital notification, posting of property, City web site updates, and Office of Neighborhoods publications (weekly digest) and meetings. Public comment is received in writing and in person.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has incorporated many ongoing practices to provide open and fair community processes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completion of the Neighborhood Councils Assessment 2020 ➤ Creation and use of the Engage Missoula website ➤ Expansion of City Council Public Hearings, keeping them open one full week prior to final decision ➤ Expanded online meeting engagement and attendance options.
<p>2.2 Partner with public health department and businesses to make active transportation a wellness issue.</p> <p><i>Support initiatives through Missoula in Motion, the many programs in the Parks Department, and the Let's Move/Active Kids Coalition</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City approved the 2016 Long Range Transportation Plan (Activate Missoula) which includes emphasis on the benefits of active transportation as a wellness issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pedestrian Facilities Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan (Connect Missoula) were updated and included an emphasis on equity in scoring pedestrian facilities projects.



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Missoula in Motion (MIM) continues to provide public information by monthly newsletter, administering the Way to Go club, hosting Sunday Streets and the Commuter Challenge, and partnering with Let's Move Missoula and the Missoula Public School District.• The ongoing Let's Move! Missoula program is part of the national Let's Move! campaign combating childhood obesity.• Missoula Parks and Recreation Department offers affordable recreation programs for youth, adults, and seniors.• Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has completed the Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan, that will replace the Master Sidewalk Plan, and help to identify where and how to prioritize pedestrian improvement projects. The draft includes a greater emphasis on social equity when considering priority areas.• Missoula Invest Health, which was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative, brought together diverse leaders from mid-sized U.S. cities across the nation to develop new strategies for increasing and leveraging private and public investments to accelerate improvements in neighborhoods facing the biggest barriers to better health. The local effort has expanded to include coordination with the University of Montana Health Medicine Program along with the original team of City/County Health Department, United Way, Neighbor Works MT, and the City of Missoula.• In 2017, CDBG funds were used in conjunction with local city matching funds for new sidewalks in the Westside and Franklin to the Fort neighborhoods. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MRA continues to fund sidewalk improvement projects in URDs as needed.• Wildfire Smoke Ready Week addressed the intersection of active transportation and wellness by providing activity level recommendations and education during wildfire smoke episodes. |
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<p>2.3 Work with partners to provide adequate training for staff and volunteers to address issues such as emergency response, sexual assault, public safety, suicide prevention, mental health care, and crisis response.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Missoula City-County Health Department updated the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), a public health work plan focused on improving the health of all residents in Missoula County. • The ongoing Just Response program connects members of the justice system and the community to solve problems, build relationships, share information, and provide training. • The Missoula City-County Health Department provides suicide prevention training on a reoccurring basis. • Missoula County adopted the 2017 Update to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. • Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) adopted Student Instruction 2145, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, and has an annual training. • Office of emergency preparedness adopted the 2017 – Update of the Community Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, the 2018 Update to the Community Wild Fire Protection Plan, and updated the multi-year Training and Exercise Plan. • On-Going quarterly meetings of the local emergency Planning Committee are held to discuss various plans and response to emergencies, the committee includes public safety, transportation, and hazard mitigation agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mobile Health Care Crisis Unit was created as a mobile support to assist emergency responders and community members with behavioral health emergencies. • Amongst various responses to the Covid pandemic, the City and County partnered to provide resources and guidance to the public through a virtual dashboard updated regularly to be responsive to changing conditions. • In the FY22 budget City Council approved a request to create a Mobile Care Team of health and housing professionals who will provide housing navigation and resources and health and mental health support to residents experiencing houselessness. That team should be formed in the next few months. • The Climate Ready Missoula plan identifies the mental health effects of climate change as a serious climate impact and works to expand mental health servicer capacity.
<p>2.4 Work with educational agencies and youth partners to encourage zero-tolerance bullying policies and acceptance of diversity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) has a Violence Prevention and Threat Assessment document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •



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<p>3.1 Conduct workshops and seminars on place making and creating a sense of place through new developments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Design Excellence Project sets new regulations for building design in Missoula’s commercial corridors that are geared toward supporting place-based design. The regulations are the result of a 1 ½ year-long community engagement process with four workshops and many focus meetings. • Community workshops have also been conducted to discuss the Brooks Street corridor (MRA and Development Services), The North Reserve Scott Street area (MRA) and the County Fairgrounds (Missoula County). • The kickoff of the Downtown Master Planning Update process began with an open house/workshop. • Development Services conducted outreach efforts for parcels zoned Special District #2 (SD#2). This project rezoned parcels to existing base zoning districts to coordinate and work efficiently with the Design Excellence Overlay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following projects went through an extensive public outreach process including various forms of notification, and in person and virtual opportunities. Each project involved consideration of the specific location/place it was located and what would enhance that particular area of Missoula. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020, and its associated form based code ➤ 2019 Downtown Master Plan ➤ North Riverside Parks and Trails ➤ W. Broadway Plan ➤ Scott St Planning Process ➤ Currents Community Center Planning ➤ E. Broadway Corridor Plan ➤ Downtown Heritage Interpretive Plan
<p>6.1 Create new inviting and safe public spaces for downtown.</p> <p><i>Implement ideas from the Downtown Master Plan. Use “crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)” techniques when designing public spaces.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The update to the Downtown Master plan is underway and it will likely include developing concepts for safe public spaces. • The Missoula Art Park, finished in 2017, was a joint project between the Missoula Art Museum, Adventure Cycling and the city of Missoula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan. • Adoption of the Design Excellence Overlay provides guidance that can enhance the public realm and be sensitive to and integrated with abutting neighborhoods, and focuses on Downtown and a strategic selection of the City’s commercial corridors. • Replacement of the Bear Tracks Bridge and redesign of the 3rd Street intersection created a safer more inviting area for the public.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Public Library Facility combines UofM Spectrum, MCAT, and Families First facilities. The large amounts of glass connect the uses to outside and the building provides several opportunities for the public to use its diverse spaces including socializing, learning, reading and meeting. • Currents Community Center Planning is in process with a vision to be a flexible, multi-use space, inclusive of recreational and social programs, connecting people of all backgrounds, and a safe year round environment. • Continued discussions regarding Front and Main Conversion from one-way streets back to two-way traffic operations. • Higgins Ave Corridor Plan is in progress and aims to design a street that meets the community's growing needs and fulfills the intention of the 2019 Downtown Master Plan.
<p>7.1 Develop and update neighborhood plans based on historic design patterns that unify neighborhoods and foster a sense of belonging and identifies opportunities for outdoor amenities and public gathering spaces.</p> <p><i>Use the Neighborhood Plan Template.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews to existing neighborhood plans and development of a plan template have not begun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020, and it's associated form based code were adopted and implemented with a "one community" approach planning vision. • Adoption of the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan. • The City has completed a Neighborhood Council System Audit of the Neighborhoods Program with the intent to improve communication and inclusivity with the city's neighborhood councils as well as individual citizens.



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<p>7.2 Update and implement Historic Preservation Plan and coordinate with Downtown Master Plan.</p> <p><i>Work through the Historic Preservation Commission in cooperation with many other entities.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Downtown Master Plan is being updated and will consider heritage planning. • Update to the Historic Preservation general plan has not begun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City adopted the Missoula Downtown Heritage Interpretive Plan 2020
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Resilient Community: Improve the economic health of the community through a multi-faceted approach of nurturing partnerships and addressing business development, the infrastructure needed to remain competitive with outstanding living conditions for all.

<p>1.1 Inventory community assets and promote them to attract businesses and top-notch employees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown Master Plan Update may address this issue. • Missoula Economic Partnership (MEP) developed a Competitive Realities Report and Targeted Industry Strategy for Missoula to assess current dynamics within the Missoula market and identify ways to strengthen the organization’s economic development service delivery efforts. • In 2016 the Missoula Air Service Task Force continued to build a revenue guarantee and pool of funding that could be used to establish year-round airline service to certain markets served seasonally from Missoula, or to establish new routes to other U.S. hubs reducing the price of flights from Missoula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEP, Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDS) is currently in process. • Missoula worked with the State of Montana and established an Opportunity Zone allowing Missoula to identify sites that could be redeveloped using tax incremental financing as an incentive to private investment. • Expansion of Missoula International Airport is underway and on schedule. • Adoption of the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan. • Workforce housing is being created through the adoption/creation of the Villagio and Trinity housing projects. • The City Council adopted the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Ordinance and Funding Commitments Resolution
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<p>2.5 Work with U of M to commercialize research ideas and to promote start-up businesses for graduating students.</p> <p><i>Support U of M programs such as the John Ruffatto Business Start Up Challenge.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missoula Economic Partnership (MEP) Competitive Realities Report assesses opportunities for collaboration with the University of Montana. • The University of Montana hosted the ix5 (ix5: Innovative, Imaginative, Inspirational, Interdisciplinary, International) conference in April 2016. The week-long event showcased achievements, research and stories. • In February 2018, the University of Montana presented plans to implement an Innovation Corridor across Missoula. The corridor proposes to connect the Montana Technology Enterprise Center with a proposed Innovation Campus. The University has invited the City of Missoula to be a part of the process. • April 2018 InnovateUM held their annual gathering to “Envision Missoula’s Innovation Ecosystem.” Findings and recommendations that emerged were included in a guiding document that will inform UM and Missoula’s long-range planning efforts. • April 2018 completed the 29th annual John Ruffatto Business Startup Challenge, a Montana-wide event encouraging innovation and creative thinking. • The Blackstone LaunchPad at the University of Montana (BLP-UM) is a co-curricular, experiential, campus program designed to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career path and develop entrepreneurial skills and mindsets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missoula worked with the State of Montana and established an Opportunity Zone allowing Missoula to identify sites that could be redeveloped using tax incremental financing as an incentive to private investment.
<p>2.6 Continue to explore public/private partnership options for next generation broadband deployment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEP (Missoula Economic Partnership) launched a survey posing a number of questions and exploring the broadband needs of area businesses and whether the city’s current network is capable of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the Downtown Master Plan 2019.



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<p><i>Develop & Implement the Broadband Master Plan.</i></p>	<p>meeting their internet demands. MEP also created the Competitive Realities report which assessed broadband availability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Downtown Master Plan Update may address this issue. 	
<p>3.2 Continue to have City agencies conduct outreach and workshops with the development community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Services projects include outreach to the development community seeking comment. • Development Services hosts a monthly Friday afternoon Development Community Meeting involving developers, real estate members, building, Chamber of Commerce and economic representatives, and interested entities. Each meeting highlights larger current or upcoming projects Development Services staff are working on. • The City will launch the 2019 Local Government Citizens' Academy, an eight-week citizen's academy sponsored by the Office of Neighborhoods, community Forum, and members of the City Council. Topics discussed will include how the branches of government work, how various city departments work, present and upcoming city development projects, the connections between the City and County governments, and city taxes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Subdivision Recommendations Report has been completed and will provide guidance to City Council and planning staff regarding necessary updates of the City of Missoula Subdivision Regulations. • The City and County of Missoula worked together to secure and use Build Grant funds to help implement the infrastructure of the Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020. • CPDI encourages communication between the office and developers by hosting periodic meetings with the development community updating them on pending and active projects the planning office is working on.
<p>5.1 Encourage carbon neutral industries to locate and grow in Missoula (i.e. small manufacturing using recycled materials.)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Climate Ready Missoula plan was adopted, and identifies several strategies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) investing in and promoting new, sustainable-oriented opportunities, b) creating an economic innovation hub to identify new business opportunities given climate change,



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		<p>c) enhancing energy efficiency and weatherization workforce and business opportunities.</p>
<p>6.2 Nurture businesses & entrepreneurs with strategies such as incubator space, and other shared facilities and resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of Montana is planning a project known as Innovation Campus, Commons as part of a larger Tech, medical corridor. The Innovation Campus is proposed to become a hub of research for biotech and ecology fields with space devoted to businesses working in those fields. • The Hellgate Venture Network is collaborating with the Missoula Economic Partnership and The University of Montana Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program to develop an Innovation Initiative that provides physical and online environments for innovators and entrepreneurs in Missoula. • The University of Montana hosts Accelerate Montana which helps Montana businesses to increase their success. The organizations that comprise Accelerate Montana serve all stages of business, from startups to established businesses, and link to opportunities both within Montana and outside U.S. borders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City engaged in a community visioning project through the Reserve Street Community Input Project 2021. • Missoula worked with the State of Montana and established an Opportunity Zone allowing Missoula to identify sites that could be redeveloped using tax incremental financing as an incentive to private investment.
<p>6.3 Support strategic redevelopment of blighted, vacant, underdeveloped and obsolete areas and buildings around the community and especially within the downtown.</p> <p><i>Utilize Urban Renewal Districts as a tool.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Renewal Projects administered by the Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA) have included the following public projects; Russell St Corridor Design Study, Golden Spike Project, Montana Rail Link Park, Mary Avenue Road Improvements, California St Preliminary Design, Dakota St to South 3rd St W, Residential Sidewalk Projects, South Reserve Street Trail Crossing, two new urban renewal districts established, and support for many private redevelopment projects. • Development Services is creating an update to the UFDA project which will help focus on opportune vacant and developable areas for residential development potential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan. • Title 20 amendments were adopted creating the Adaptive Re-use process encouraging the reuse of historic buildings instead of demolition. • The Design Excellence Overlay was adopted and will help keep our built environment distinct, original, and uniquely Missoula by implementing specific design criteria in specific areas of our community.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple development projects have been approved, or are in process to help redevelop underdeveloped areas in Missoula. Areas of development include: River Road, Schilling and Dearborn, and Toole Ave. As well as the development and annexation of a project along West Broadway.
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Compact Community: Support quality, compact, and connected urban development in areas with the necessary existing infrastructure and with consideration of the existing context.

<p>5.2 Incentivize mixed-use development so that residences are within walking distance to grocery stores and other basic necessities.</p> <p><i>Refer to the land use map, research best practices, and explore additional zoning tools.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Land Use Map portrays areas supportive of mixed use that are close to basic necessities. Adoption of the B3 zoning district provided a standardized base zone that includes the ability to have cottage industry along with residential and commercial uses in neighborhood mixed use areas. 2016 updates to the zoning ordinance expanded the zoning districts allowing the Residential Support Services use, by permitting the use in RM districts. The Design Excellence Overlay, approved in 2018, includes a set of incentives to promote development in the overlay area. Development Services is developing the UDFA Looking Forward project which includes creation of a suitability map to identify and encourage new development where existing infrastructure can support it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020, and its associated form based code were adopted and implemented encouraging a mix of uses for the proposed neighborhoods. Adoption of the Design Excellence Overlay provides zoning standards for the applicable overlay subdistrict and corridor typology including types of uses allowed. Climate Ready Missoula has been adopted and includes a strategy statement supporting land use regulations and incentives that encourage densities and mixes of uses that allow for and support a wide range of sustainable transportation options.
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<p>5.3 Incentivize development that is close to existing infrastructure and that can utilize non-motorized and public transportation facilities.</p> <p><i>Refer to the land use map, research best practices, and explore zoning tools to support transit oriented development.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land Use Map portrays areas that could support intensified development close to existing infrastructure. • Design Excellence Overlay areas include incentives to offset parking requirements when development is close to non-motorized and transit facilities. • Adoption of the RM2 zoning district, a new medium-high density residential land use area permitting densities between 12 and 23 dwelling units per acre. • Adoption of the B3 zoning district providing a mid-range density in commercial districts, as well as providing the ability to have cottage industry that fits well with residential and commercial uses. • The current zoning code provides incentives like reduced parking and relief from density maximums in areas close to transit, trails and parks. • Development Services is developing the UDFA Looking Forward project which includes creation of a suitability map to identify and encourage new development where existing infrastructure can support it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019 Annexation Policy was adopted to provide orderly development of the city when evaluating voluntary annexation requests. • The City was able to obtain a BUILD Grant to help with the infrastructure in the Mullan Road area. • The city adopted several new programs and policies that facilitate and incentivize the focus inward strategy found in the Growth Policy that promote compact development, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Design Excellence Overlay ➤ A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula’s Housing Needs 2019 • Amendments to Title 20 made it easier to build an ADU by amending things like setbacks, and removing parking and requiring a landowner to be on-site. These changes help forward the City’s adopted Housing Policy. • Work begun on the Housing Incentives Program. • Missoula Connect 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update contains a list of projects that is informed by one of the Growth Policy’s key goals: Maintain assets and invest strategically to boost economic vitality. This plan also contains programs and policies that will organize around improving safety for vulnerable roadway and public transit users.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Ready Missoula includes the following strategy: "Support land use regulations and incentives that encourage densities and mixes of uses that allow for and support a wide range of sustainable transportation options."
<p>5.4 Adopt policies to incentivize protecting open space such as infill and cluster development.</p> <p><i>Refer to the land use map.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the land use map, including an urban agriculture layer encouraging cluster development. The Parks and Open Space Master Plan update is in process and includes City and County offices in the update process. Missoula County citizens approved an updated Open Space bond in 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Council adopted various plans helping to protect open space. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan 2019 ➤ Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan (2019-2021) ➤ Parks, Recreation, open Space, and Trails Plan (2018) ➤ North Riverside Parks & Trails Plan 2020 Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020 and its associated form based code designate specific areas within the neighborhood plan where open space/park area is appropriate/required. Climate Ready Missoula has the following strategy: "Ensure that city and county land use plans adequately protect habitat, open space, and agricultural land."
<p>6.4 Prioritize funding for infrastructure capital improvements that supports land use and transportation patterns consistent with a more compactly-developed community in areas targeted for future growth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016 Missoula Long Range Transportation Plan – Activate Missoula, prioritizes projects that utilize existing infrastructure and provide facilities for all modes of travel. Projects are further prioritized by their proximity to areas with high residential and employment densities and the connectivity that can be provided between the two. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missoula Connect: 2050 Missoula Long Range Transportation Plan is currently in process and will identify future priorities for projects and funding. Missoula Connect Long-Range plan project list selections were informed by growth and travel scenarios that emphasize dense development, the two development areas that contributed to the project list are Sx^wtpqyen and North Reserve/Scott Street Area.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bicycle Facilities Master Plan (BFMP) was adopted in 2017, and provides recommendations for both on- and off-road bicycle facility improvements which would generate a more complete transportation network throughout the community. • The Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan is currently in process to be adopted, and lays out various funding mechanisms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019 Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan was adopted with a goal of developing a strategy for providing a connected, safe, and accessible pedestrian network.
<p>6.3I Reduce the number of septic systems in the Water Quality District over time by extending central sewer service to areas of compact development and encouraging new connections to the central sewer system/abandonment of on-site systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Missoula City Sewer regulations, (13.04.020) require connection to public sanitary sewer upon property transfer, if the property is within 200 feet of a sewer main. • The Missoula County Health Board's 2017 Strategic Goals for groundwater protection include a goal to ensure that connections to public sewer systems inside the Water Quality District occur at a rate such that the total number of septic systems in the District does not increase over time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City adopted the adopted the following plans in support of reducing septic systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wastewater Facilities Plan 2019 ➤ Missoula Annexation Policy 2019 • The Utility Service Review Committee (USRC) meets periodically to evaluate whether a property should be granted sewer service, with the goal to protect groundwater resources when annexation is not feasible or desired due to constraints like floodplains. • The City adopted the Climate Ready Missoula Plan which includes the following strategy: "Create community-wide wastewater systems (rather than septic) in developed or developing areas."
<p>9.1 Develop design standards for higher density in-fill projects (residential or mixed use) to be compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood and identify examples of exemplary projects to illustrate design concepts that create a sense of place.</p> <p><i>Research best practices and coordinate with neighborhoods.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Design Excellence Overlays, providing design standards and guidelines, were adopted for commercial corridors and downtown, areas that are likely to see residential and mixed-use projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sx"tpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020 and its associated form based code include design guidelines and proposed neighborhoods with higher densities. • Design Excellence was adopted providing alternative design standards to designated areas of the City.



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<p>10.1 Identify areas in the city where it would be appropriate to rezone land for compact, small lot single-dwellings or townhomes.</p> <p><i>Refer to the land use map.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Missoula Land Use map identifies areas where rezoning may be considered appropriate for this type of residential development. • Development Services is developing the UDFA Looking Forward project which includes creation of a suitability map to identify and encourage new development where existing infrastructure can support it. In addition the project will help inform future planning processes in regard to appropriate places for high density housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TED Ordinance Updates 2019 • Amendments to Title 20 made it easier to build an ADU by amending things like setbacks, and removing parking and requiring a landowner to be on-site. These changes help forward the City's adopted Housing Policy. • The Annexation Policy 2019 helps to identify areas that are more or less appropriate for compact urban development. • The TED Ordinance Update, 2019, refocused the use of this subdivision exemption explicitly towards infill residential development. • The City has received the Subdivision Recommendations Report 2019 which will inform regulation updates.
<p>10.2 Develop an annexation policy that identifies growth areas in the urban fringe consistent with focus inward, and establishes recommended zoning and development standards.</p> <p><i>Refer to the land use map along with data and trends from the Urban Fringe Development Area information to help guide policy. Coordinate with County regarding development standards.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Services is in process of developing an annexation policy. • CAPS has revised some zoning regulations and is planning to revise more that will help to create consistency between county and city development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has developed and adopted the Annexation Policy 2019 • CPDI staff evaluate annexation requests in light of the annexation policy on a regular basis.



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Sustainable Community: Mitigate and adapt to climate change with sustainable practices and development.

<p>1.2 Monitor the status of climate change by tracking available strategic indicators including, but not limited to, the following: temperature, precipitation, snowfall, days below freezing, fire energy, and installation of photovoltaic infrastructure.</p> <p><i>Develop community-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory to include sustainability indicators including many of the metrics described with this action.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missoula’s community-wide efforts to be part of climate solutions have accelerated, a team of Missoulians has crafted the Community Climate Smart Action Plan, 2015, and Community Emissions Inventory, 2017. • Over the past three years Climate Smart has worked with the City to begin implementing the Community Climate Action Plan, and connect these efforts to the municipal climate action plan, and other local planning, development and health efforts. • Missoula City Municipal operations and Climate Smart Missoula, created a baseline greenhouse gas inventory in 2008 which was updated in 2015 and 2017, and is in process of being updated now with an estimated report completion in 2019. • The Climate Resiliency Plan is a joint effort between the City of Missoula, County of Missoula and Climate Smart Missoula and will be completed in late 2019. The document provides a primer of localized (regional/county) indicators as climate change projections and creates a coordinated plan to prepare our County for the changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Smart will continue to implement the Missoula Community Climate Smart Action Plan. • Adopted the Climate Ready Missoula Plan in 2020, and created an implementation group. • The Montana Climate Office monitors this science and releases it in their Montana Climate Assessment. • Climate Ready Missoula (2020) has current and projected data for temperature and precipitation.
<p>1.3 Educate the public on best practices to promote community gardens, locally-produced foods, healthy food preparation, and ecologically-sound gardening practices that reduce water, synthetic fertilizer and pesticide use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many programs currently exist to support this action including recycling and composting, Climate Smart Missoula; PEAS Farm and Youth Farm, Garden City Harvest; Youth Education Program, The Missoula Urban Demonstration Project (MUD); and Eat Smart, the Missoula City/County Health Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Ready Missoula has identified the following strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Increase support for locally sourced food through education and outreach, economic incentives and other programs. b) Identify and promote ecologically sound agricultural best practices in a 1-stop shop, considering pests, pathogens, heat, drought, smoke. c) Promote regenerative soil building to revitalize soil quality.



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<p>3.3 Conduct community outreach with schools, businesses, non-profits, and residents to increase awareness, explain benefits and promote voluntary efforts to address climate change, achieve a carbon neutral lifestyle, zero waste and other related sustainability objective topics.</p> <p><i>Utilize the Missoula Community Climate Smart Action Plan v1.0 to guide outreach.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year Climate Smart Missoula and the city of Missoula work to keep the River City Roots Festival “green” by ensuring the festival is as climate and waste smart as possible. • The City of Missoula and NorthWestern Energy introduced two Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations at the City’s Park Place parking structure. • Climate Smart Missoula worked with community partners on the Solarize campaign to increase solar installations in Missoula. • The City Council adopted the “Zero by Fifty” program that aims to eliminate 90 percent of the city’s waste stream by 2050. • The City’s Energy Conservation Coordinator hosts a weekly “Sustainable Missoula” column on line in the Missoula Current. • Climate Smart Missoula received a Bloomberg Award for Partners for Places, a grant creating a program to help Missoulians be physically and mentally healthy and resilient amidst changing summer conditions. • The city of Missoula purchased 10 solar panels at Missoula Electric Coops 50-Kilowatt solar facility. • Mayor Engen signed a proclamation designating May 4th as “Straw Free Day” in Missoula April 2018. • Home Resource hosts the Zero Waste Ambassadors Program (ZWAP) which educates 5th grade students on topics like where does stuff come from, where does it go when we’re done with it, what actions can we 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans adopted by the City to further this goal include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 100% Clean Electricity Policy 2019 ➤ Climate Ready Missoula Plan 2020 ➤ The Zero by Fifty Plan and Website helps people identify what they can do with their waste
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	<p>choose to take to knock out waste in Missoula, how can we make a difference and create a healthier planet.</p>	
<p>3.4 Educate residents regarding mitigation techniques for fire-prone areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Missoula City Fire Department provides ongoing free defensible space consultations and is involved with the Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Program. • The Community Wildfire Protection Plan was approved in 2018 by the County and includes recommended actions for education, among other things. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Fire Plan 2019 • Wildfire Ready Missoula focuses on reducing risk and catastrophic losses to resources and property on private land throughout Missoula County. • Climate Ready Missoula identifies the following strategy related to this goal: Adopt regulations and programs to address the home ignition zone, such as neighborhood ambassadors, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) building codes, WUI zoning codes, and WUI standards in building, zoning, and subdivision codes.
<p>5.5 Promote and incentivize green building infrastructure, energy conservation, recycling, renewable energy (solar/geothermal), zero waste, etc. Also consider disincentives such as fees and pollution pricing.</p> <p><i>Explore state laws and local policies and pricing structures to identify feasible incentives.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Missoula hosts the web page Going Solar which expresses a commitment to becoming a solar friendly community and a commitment to driving continual improvement in Missoula’s solar market. The web page includes links to solar financing and incentives. • The City Council adopted the “Zero by Fifty” program that aims to eliminate 90 percent of the city’s waste stream by 2050. • The gross floor area definition in Title 20 was revised to account for thicker wall construction models related to greater energy conservation. • The city of Missoula and Climate Smart Missoula have teamed up with other entities in Montana to investigate the potential for powering electric vehicle charging infrastructure with solar power. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City adopted several plans and policies to address climate change, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 100% Clean Electricity Policy 2019 ➤ Climate Ready Missoula Plan 2020 • The City, County, and Climate Smart co-lead the Building(s) for the Future effort, which wants to ensure healthy, efficient, and affordable buildings for everyone.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MRA has established a Demolition Alternative Policy and Deconstruction Guide. In April 2016, the MRA Board directed staff to develop an Agency policy clearly stating the MRA’s commitment to conservation, sustainability and reuse with respect to the removal of structures and the use of TIF funding. The policy is intended to not only reinforce the MRA commitment to reuse, but to cause any applicant for TIF funding for removal of a structure to give serious consideration to deconstruction through an analysis of salvageable materials. It also requires provision of a convincing rationale for the need to demolish. • The City Development Services Division has created a Deconstruction Resource Guide that the Building Department is using to encourage deconstruction. It not only guides the developer through steps for deconstruction, but also outlines benefits and provides a list of resources for deconstruction and recycling. 	
<p>8.1 Institute programs and projects to address sustainability and climate change such as repair of aging water mains, recycling and reuse of materials to achieve zero waste, water metering, etc.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Survey best practices in each identified sector.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018 Missoula Water replaced nearly 2 miles of leaking water mains and updated booster pumps. • Missoula Water’s sustainability goals include: improving pump plant efficiency of existing well and booster pumping systems by replacing pumps and motors with high efficiency motors; a focus to replace 1% of the system’s water mains each year; updating facilities with LED and sensor lights, and insulation; implementing the All-In-one Recycling Program; to replace irrigation systems with systems designed to be more efficient; water meters are rebuilt when possible instead of thrown out; and efforts continue to reduce system leakage. • Missoula’s community-wide efforts to be part of climate solutions have accelerated, a team of Missoulians has crafted the Community Climate Smart Action Plan, 2015, and Community Emissions Inventory, 2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City adopted several plans and policies to address climate change, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 100% Clean Electricity Policy 2019 ➤ Climate Ready Missoula Plan 2020



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<p>11.1 Lobby the State to expand net metering opportunities to encourage local renewable energy production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Smart Missoula advocated for Net Metering and PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) at the 2017 State Legislature, and will engage for a third time in 2019 for Net Metering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Affordable Community: Address housing costs to make housing affordable and accessible for all.

<p>3.5 Host roundtable discussions with housing developers to determine the barriers to developing housing in the downtown area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of Making Missoula Home, stakeholder conversations occurred via one on one meetings and written survey tools to determine barriers to developing housing across Missoula. • Housing and Community Development held several roundtable discussions with developers to determine barriers to developing infill housing. • Through the Downtown Master Plan update, a group of local housing developers and advocates are meeting with the consultants to specifically discuss affordable housing in the downtown area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan. • A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula's Housing Needs 2019 • The Affordable Housing Incentives Program is currently being developed and will include this type of discussion. • The Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee meets monthly and considers developer and other partner feedback.
<p>4.1 Support financing tools to promote affordable housing such as financing bonds, tax increment financing, loans, and housing trust, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the creation of a Housing Policy, Housing and Community Development is working with other city departments and community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition of “affordable” was amended in Title 20 to help coordinate with the City’s Housing Policy.



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<p><i>Continue with the Mayor’s Housing Initiative. Establish a clearing house of particular financing tools along with associated benefits and drawbacks for particular development types.</i></p>	<p>members to identify a host of financial tools aimed at promoting affordable housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Missoula City Council approved 12 grants to local organizations and agencies funding everything from rental assistance and Meals on Wheels to sidewalks and tiny houses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional recourses developed for housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula’s Housing Needs 2019 ➤ 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for HUD-Funded Programs ➤ Affordable Housing Trust Fund ➤ Housing Incentives Program, in progress ➤ Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee
<p>5.6 Continue rental assistance programs that move people quickly from homelessness into housing with support services that also include job training and employment assistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several programs are in place including: <p>The Emergency Solutions Grant Program which can pay for first month's rent, security deposit, and utility deposit for eligible participants to move into permanent housing; and</p> <p>Rapid Re-Housing which places a priority on moving homeless families into permanent housing as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Homeward provides affordable housing, housing counseling and education, teaches financial literacy, holds renter workshops, provides homebuyer education and counseling.</p> <p>Housing and Community Development supports Housing First programs to eliminate homelessness in our community through the allocation of CDBG funds to local non-profits engaged in this work.</p> <p>District XI Human Resource Council provides tenant-based rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>6.5 Develop additional safe, affordable and permanent housing for low-income, homeless families and seniors such as small multi-dwelling housing with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Housing and Community Development office continues to create policy and manage grants that support this action. Between 2008 and 2017 eight major new affordable multi-dwelling projects were developed, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula’s Housing Needs.



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<p>services/subsidy, transitional housing, housing cooperative, micro-apartments, graduated senior housing communities, etc.</p> <p><i>Continue to use grant programs to help support this type of development.</i></p>	<p>providing a total of 299 dwelling units, which is about 6% of the total new units in that same time frame within the UFDA area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded HOME Investment Partnership funds to support the creation of 200 units of deed restricted affordable rental housing and funded the creation of 6 small deed restricted homes to meet homebuyer needs. • Through the creation of Housing Policy, HCD will create a suite of Affordable Housing Incentives that will promote the development of diverse affordable housing types. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several development projects have been approved or are in process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Villagio Housing Development ➢ Trinity Housing Development ➢ Scott Street Development (project planning) ➢ Russell St Hotel Purchase • The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (2020) provides additional flexible funding to support housing preservation and construction, and is in the process of developing the Affordable Housing Incentives Program.
<p>7.3 Conduct a housing needs assessment to identify the demand for affordable housing, inventory developable land, market for downtown housing, and areas that can accommodate higher density multi-dwelling development, etc.</p> <p><i>Identify funding sources and partners for developing the housing needs assessment.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018 the City of Missoula supported the completion of Making Missoula Home, a housing gaps and needs analysis. • The Downtown Master Plan update may address this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the 2019 Missoula Downtown Master Plan. • A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula's Housing Needs 2019 • 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for HUD-Funded Programs 2019 • Annually the City will complete a Housing Assessment Report to report on our outcomes of our funded programs and look at key indicators of the market; first report should be out by fall 2021.
<p>9.2 Consider zoning tools to address affordable housing or the high cost of housing such as reduce minimum lot size, density bonuses for affordable units, mobile homes, mixed use developments, cottage homes, etc.</p> <p><i>Utilize information from the housing needs assessment, roundtable discussions, housing initiative, and research of best practices to prioritize zoning tool development.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the RM2 zoning district, a new medium-high density residential land use area permitting densities between 12 and 23 dwelling units per acre. • Adoption of the B3 zoning district providing a mid-range density in commercial districts, as well as providing the ability to have cottage industry that fits well with residential and commercial uses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to Title 20 made it easier to build an ADU by amending things like setbacks, and removing parking and requiring a landowner to be on-site. These changes help forward the City's adopted Housing Policy. • The definition of "affordable" was amended in Title 20 to help coordinate with the City's Housing Policy.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to Title 20 in 2017 relaxed the ADU process and removed the conditional use requirement allowing ADUs in every zoning district. • The Housing and Community Development office is working on a new housing policy and will explore recommending additional zoning tools as part of the City Housing Policy project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents and ordinances adopted and further this goal include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Updating the TED Ordinance ➤ A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula's Housing Needs 2019 ➤ 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan for HUD-Funded Programs 2019 • The Housing Incentives Program is in process of being created. • CPDI has received the Subdivision Recommendations Report allowing staff to review and make appropriate changes to the City's Subdivision Regulations.
<p>10.3 Identify appropriate areas in the community to develop high density housing.</p> <p><i>Refer to the land use map.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Land Use Map portrays areas appropriate for high-density housing. • Development Services is working on the UFDA Reset project which will help inform future planning processes in regard to appropriate places for high density housing. • Through Housing and Community Development and the creation of Housing Policy, Technical Working Groups are using UFDA data as a resource and will be exploring areas in the city that are considered high opportunity due to proximity to transit, service hubs, and other amenities – thereby making them appropriate for high density housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City adopted several plans and policies to identify and help facilitate development of high density housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master 2021 ➤ A Place to Call Home: Meeting Missoula's Housing Needs 2019 ➤ Annexation Policy 2019 ➤ Design Excellence Overlay 2019



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Accessible Community: Develop a connected, safe, and accessible multi-modal transportation system that provides options for all and enhances the natural and built environment.

<p>I.4 Prioritize bicycle and pedestrian transportation system safety features with a goal of zero fatalities and severe injuries.</p> <p><i>Implement the Community Transportation Safety Plan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), along with its partners, are working to implement recommendations from the Community Transportation Safety Plan and are currently working on an update to the plan. • Additionally, the MPO reviews projects and designs on a continuous basis to ensure adequate protection for people biking and walking, and annually purchases and distributes bike lights and maps to the public. • In 2017 the City adopted the Bicycle Facilities Master Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a School Zone Policy is currently underway. • The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program 2021, as created with several goals including reducing the frequency and severity of crashes. • A goal to develop a strategy for providing a connected, safe, and accessible pedestrian network is included in the adopted Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan. • A citywide initiative to establish greenways is ongoing with some pilot projects applied in 2020. • The adopted Missoula Area Community Transportation Safety Plan, is a plan directed around pinpointing and addressing crash hotspots, addressing behavioral crash causes while prioritizing bicyclists and pedestrians • Missoula Connect 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update: contains a list of projects that emphasize complete streets, and contains programs and policies that will organize around improving safety for vulnerable roadway.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Ready Missoula identifies the importance of complete streets.
<p>1.5 Identify best practices and implement policies that reduce automobile dependence.</p> <p><i>Refer to the Long Range Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bicycle and Pedestrian (Bike/PED) office of the City’s Transportation Division is involved in several ongoing projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researching best practices in bicycle parking requirements with the idea of updating the City’s zoning code, Title 20. Regularly reviews projects and development proposals submitted to the zoning office to ensure they meet best practices in site accessibility, bicycle parking, pedestrian facilities, and provide expertise. In 2016 revised the City of Missoula’s Complete Streets Policy. • The Missoula In Motion (MIM) office of the City’s Transportation Division has developed research and a white paper on trip reduction ordinances to start conversation about how Missoula addresses TDM through our codes and ordinances. The MIM Strategic Plan was created and will address best practices in transportation and shift the focus of MIM to be more effective at reducing single occupancy vehicle trips, and MIM collaborated with Ride Amigos providing an online tool for trip reporting, ride sharing, route identification, and providing other resources. • The Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is in the process of developing a Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan (PFMP). • In March 2017 Activate Missoula 2045 set mode split goals that the MPO and its partners are working toward meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several policies and policy updates were adopted, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan 2019 ➢ Missoula Connect: 2050 Missoula Long Range Transportation Plan • The City is currently in the process of development recommendations to create a more robust TDM program.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mountain Line Strategic Plan was updated in 2018. 	
<p>3.6 Educate people about traffic laws and enforce laws to improve safety for bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicle traffic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bicycle and Pedestrian Office (Bike/Ped) of the City's Transportation Division continues to fund bicycle ambassadors to promote active transportation, bicycle safety, and highlight biking in Missoula. The office also participates on the Traffic Services team to respond to changing traffic patterns and requests for additional traffic calming measures and traffic control. The Missoula In Motion (MIM) Office of the City's Transportation Division continues with radio and online marketing of bicycle and pedestrian options, safety, and awareness; continues to emphasize bicycle and pedestrian safety during events such as the annual Sunday Streets, and has developed videos to promote safe biking and walking which are available through the City's website on the Road Safety Channel. Missoula City Police Department participates in the MPO's annual distribution of bike lights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A School Zone Policy is currently in process. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program 2021 The Community Transportation Safety Plan is a plan directed around pinpointing and addressing crash hotspots, addressing behavioral crash causes while prioritizing bicyclists and pedestrians.
<p>5.7 Incentivize new development and redevelopment that implements safe pedestrian design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Design Excellence Overlay includes a variety of standards that are aimed at enhancing pedestrian accessibility on-site, and improvements to the interface between private development and the public realm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted Design Excellence Overlay. Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020, and its associated form based code. Missoula Connect 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update contains programs and policies that will organize around improving safety for vulnerable roadway users.
<p>6.6 Focus limited transportation funding on creating complete streets, connected trails, and neighborhood greenways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MRA funds projects that support complete streets and non-motorized transportation within the Urban Renewal Districts. Recent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missoula Connect 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update: contains a list of projects that emphasize complete streets projects, bicyclist and pedestrian oriented street and



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<p><i>Refer to the Long Range Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan.</i></p>	<p>projects include the South Reserve Bitterroot Trail crossing, Golden Spike Project, and Montana Rail Link Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transportation Division’s Long Range Transportation Plan funding priorities & project ranking emphasize complete streets, creating connections, and multi-modal transportation. • The highest ranked non-motorized project is the Neighborhood Greenways Network. Implementation of this project is ongoing through grant applications. • The Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization is actively seeking/applying for Transportation Alternatives grants to complete neighborhood greenways and complete streets. • The Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan (PFMP) will prioritize sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities in locations that address goals such as; improving health & equity, complete critical connections to schools/parks/transit, promote non-SOV travel and provide for improved safety through intersection/crossing projects. 	<p>off street projects including the Neighborhood Greenways Program (in process).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several adopted plans have a focus on furthering this goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Missoula Area Community Transportation Safety Plan 2019 ➤ Reserve Street Community Input Project 2021 ➤ Higgins Avenue Corridor Plan (pending) ➤ East Missoula Highway 200 Corridor Plan 2021 ➤ Greenways Project, on-going
<p>8.2 Work with Mountain Line Transit to increase transit and para-transit options through more routes and expanded hours especially near affordable housing areas and health care facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Line’s recently approved Long Range Strategic Plan focuses on improving both frequency and length of service. Emphasis is placed on creating high functioning transit in the urban core and provide consistent service to places where additional affordable housing is expected. • There is an increased emphasis on transit funding in the 2016 Long Range Transportation Plan to support mode split goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Stop Master Plan, updated 2020 • Missoula Connect 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update contains a list of projects, programs, and policies that will organize around improving public transit operations.



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<p>9.3 Consider revisions to Public Works standards and policies to address speed limits, travel lane width, truck routes, a roundabouts-first policy, and other improvements that promote safety, active transportation and implementation of the transportation plans.</p> <p><i>Coordinate with more specific information and direction provided through Long Range Transportation Planning process. Conduct additional research as needed.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) the complete streets policy has been revised to better address bicycle and pedestrian facilities (safety, connectivity, design). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Works Manual 2020 • Missoula Connect: 2050 Missoula Long Range Transportation Plan 2021 includes programs/policies around traffic calming and speed management, and residential slow streets.
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Natural Community: Protect, preserve and maintain the unique characteristics of Missoula’s setting, especially the River corridors, the open space, and access to local foods.

<p>2.7 Work with partners to promote and expand the supplemental food programs that support local foods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) of Missoula County received a grant in 2016 allowing SNAP participants to receive twice the amount of produce at local farmer’s markets than in past years. (Double SNAP) • The Western Montana Growers Cooperative (WMGC) continues to provide a Community Supported Agriculture program that delivers produce boxes for 16 weeks throughout the summer, and SNAP-eligible citizens were able get those at half price because of the grant received by CFAC. • Missoula Aging Services continues to administer the Farmers Market coupon program, Meals on Wheels, Liquid Supplement program, Rural Nutrition program, and the Congregate Meals program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City County Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board was created in 2020
<p>3.7 Conduct outreach on, and reduce impacts of, pesticides, fertilizers and other nutrients and toxins on water quality and to enhance understanding about the benefits of wetlands and floodplains.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2016 Missoula City created the City Storm Water Division. This department is involved in the Watershed Education Network and is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wastewater Facilities Plan 2019 • Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan 2019-2023



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	<p>working with the University of Montana to create the Central Clarkfork Restoration Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Missoula Valley Water Quality District is in process of building a new Hazardous Waste Facility so hazardous waste can be collected continuously instead of only during the annual Hazardous Waste Days. • In 2018 the Missoula Valley Water Quality District adopted the Watershed Restoration Plan, presented their new aquifer and surface water model to elementary students and at the Clark Fork Market, as well as continued to conduct 3-day in classroom Water Quality education for high school students. 	
<p>5.8 Incentivize the inclusion of garden space in new multi-dwelling development.</p> <p><i>Amend the open space requirements for multi-dwelling development.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title 20 currently allows garden areas to be counted toward required activity areas for multi-dwelling houses and multi-dwelling buildings that include ten or more dwelling units. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>6.7 Acquire, restore and protect river and stream corridors and floodplains as open space whenever possible including corridors outside urban service areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Parks department has acquired parcels along 3rd St W of Reserve and N of 3rd that are river coarse areas, some containing trails. • After acquiring Missoula water, the City is in process of planning to remove the dam and restore the creek on Rattlesnake Creek. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rattlesnake Dam Removal • Operation Shelter - Missoula relocated the homeless encampment along the Clark Fork River.
<p>7.4 Develop a river corridor plan to address land use, river access, open space, transportation, water quality, views and vistas and wildlife habitat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parks and Recreation Department has conducted a river use survey and count; is in process of partnering with others to develop a river access plan, and is reviewing commuter trails and restoring riparian habitat through town. The department received an American Rivers grant to install informational signage educating users on responsible river recreation, helped form the Three Rivers Collaborative, and will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan 2018 • Formation of the 3 Rivers Collaborative, which is considering a community River Planning Process



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	<p>administer the newly approved open space bond and conservation stewardship mill levy.</p>	
<p>7.5 Integrate opportunities to connect parks, schools and open space through trails and green space in various city plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Invest Health Initiative provides a new resource for consideration of ways to support connectivity and healthy environments in our low-wealth neighborhoods. • Projects administered by the Missoula Redevelopment Agency (MRA) have included the South Reserve Bitterroot Trail crossing, Golden Spike Project, and Montana Rail Link Park. • The City Parks department has acquired parcels along 3rd St W of Reserve and N of 3rd that are river coarse areas, some containing trails. These areas were acquired with bond money and open space funds. • The City Parks department has acquired parcels along 3rd St W of Reserve and N of 3rd that are river coarse areas, some containing trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several plans have been adopted to forward this goal, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2019 Missoula Urban Area Open Space Plan 2019 ➤ Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan (2019-2021) ➤ Parks, Recreation, open Space, and Trails Plan (2018) ➤ North Riverside Parks & Trails Plan 2020 ➤ Greenways Project, on-going ➤ Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020 • Missoula Connect 2020 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update contains several goals forwarding this GP goal as well as programs and policies that will organize around improving safety for vulnerable roadway users
<p>10.4 Identify and protect appropriate locations for agricultural uses and value-added production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council adopted the land use map which includes an urban agriculture layer encouraging cluster development. • In 2018 Missoula voters approved a \$15 million county-wide general obligation open space bond and an open space and stewardship mill levy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sx^wtpqyen (S-wh-tip-KAYN) Neighborhoods Master Plan 2020