

Sandy General Plan Update

Values & Framework

December 6, 2023

Agenda

- Overview of framework approach
- Summary of Y2 Analytics Survey #2
- Review and discussion of draft Values
- Review and discussion of draft Key Strategies
- Review and discussion of preliminary draft Vision
- Next Steps

Process



Decision Making Framework

Vision

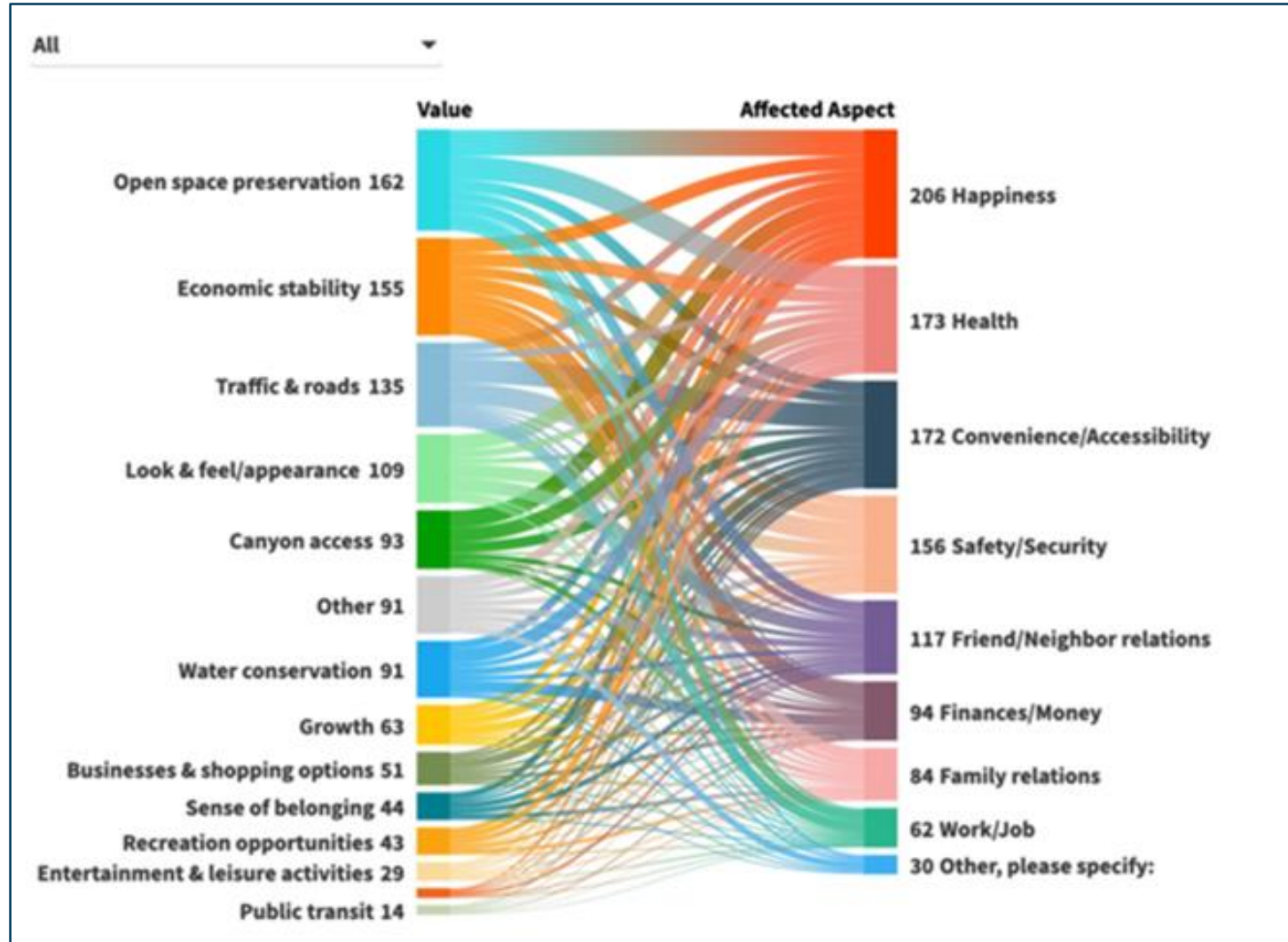
Values

Key Strategies

Elements (Goals & Policies)

Tools (FLUM, Master Plans, etc.)

Why?



Survey Response Themes

- **Convenience**
- **Community / Belonging**
- **Cost of Living**
- **Comfort / Security**
- **Responsible Governance**
- **Environment / Aesthetics**

City Vision Statement

Connecting an active, vibrant, and prosperous community, where people flourish, and you belong.

City Mission Statement

Sandy City strives to be responsible stewards dedicated to providing high-value quality services, with an emphasis on safe neighborhoods, smart planning, preservation, and economic diversity.

Our unique mountain community, in the heart of the Wasatch, simultaneously offers access to open space recreation and urban opportunities, encouraging a health lifestyle for residents and tourists alike.

City Foundational Values

- **Responsible Stewards** – A leader for fiscal responsibility, quality of life, and embracing innovation while honoring heritage.
- **High-Value Quality Services** – A provider of exemplary services at the lowest cost for taxpayers.
- **Safe Neighborhoods** – A community-based approach to public safety, enhanced by citizen and business partnerships.
- **Smart Planning** – An initiative to reflect upon community character by utilizing technology and resources to develop sustainable infrastructure.
- **Preservation** – An intention to recognize the potential of our historic neighborhoods and open spaces to promote health, affordability, prosperity, and well-being.
- **Economic Diversity** – A mission to facilitate the development of an exceptional, regional, commercial, center, as a prime location for future growth, that will provide quality employment, retail shopping, and entertainment experiences.

Draft General Plan Values

- **Community**
- **Accessible**
- **Opportunity**
- **Stewardship**
- **Well-Being**

Draft General Plan Value: Community

A recognition of the fundamental importance of nurturing a strong, inclusive, and connected social fabric within the City

- Sandy's neighborhoods are attractive and well-kept, maintain their unique character and are premier options for housing in the region
- The vibrancy of commercial centers is supplemented by active public spaces and proximity to surrounding housing
- Current and future residents participate in events that build a sense of belonging and unity
- Sandy is a desirable location for businesses and employment
- New development should integrate with and enhance existing development
- Sandy's history and unique character is celebrated

Draft General Plan Value: Accessible

An emphasis on efficient, safe, and comfortable mobility to facilitate access to goods, services, recreation, open space, and employment through walking, biking, and vehicles

- The road network is complete, safe, and connected**
- The transit network is frequent, reliable, and available**
- The trail network is complete, safe, and connects key amenities, transit, and destinations**
- Residents and visitors have easy access to goods, services, amenities, & open space**
- Neighborhoods have good access internally and are well connected externally**

Draft General Plan Value: Opportunity

An effort to improve the potential for positive change, growth, and development of individuals, families/households, neighborhoods, commercial endeavors, and the City itself

- Housing options are attainable for households of differing sizes, family types, ages, and income levels
- Commercial interests are varied and diverse to ensure a stable tax base and to provide goods and services
- Access to a variety of educational choices
- An educated workforce supports business and office retention and expansion
- A strong office environment provides employment options

Draft General Plan Value: Stewardship

Responsible management of the City's resources and a consideration for potential impacts in an effort to ensure adequate capacity, foster a healthy resiliency, and pursue a sustainable balance of economic, environmental, and social outcomes

- Public assets are effectively managed
- Environmental impacts are considered
- Infrastructure investments are effectively utilized
- City services are reliable
- Sensitive areas are protected
- Open space preservation is valued
- Mitigation of regional issues
- Natural resources are used effectively

Draft General Plan Value: Well-Being

A focus on creating environments and systems that support the safety, happiness, and physical, mental, and social health of individuals in Sandy City

- Residents have convenient access to parks, open space, recreation opportunities, and trails
- Sidewalks are safe and connected
- The City has a robust urban forest
- Residents and businesses are served by responsive emergency services
- Safety is an important design consideration
- Public infrastructure, facilities, and services are responsibly maintained and reliable
- First/last mile connections to transit are improved

Draft General Plan Purpose Statement

Sandy residents live in communities of vibrant, safe neighborhoods that provide housing options meeting diverse needs and income levels in close proximity to world-class recreation and open space and active commercial areas that provide access to desirable entertainment, retail, services, and employment opportunities.

Draft Key Strategies

- Safeguard neighborhoods
- Enhance commercial centers
- Improve mobility
- Support diversified economic vitality
- Increase housing opportunities
- Be a responsible regional partner
- Strengthen livability
- Conserve open space and natural resources

Draft Key Strategy: Safeguard Neighborhoods

- Manage integrated growth
- Maintain and improve the livability of neighborhoods
- Improve ability to address changing lifecycle needs
- Encourage maintenance of private property
- Preserve neighborhood character

Draft Key Strategy: Enhance Commercial Centers

- Promote a vibrant city center (Implement The Cairns Master Plan)
- Facilitate revitalization of neighborhood activity centers
- Capitalize on regional growth opportunities
- Absorb properly integrated housing
- Support Sandy businesses

Draft Key Strategy: Improve Mobility

- Enhance connections and access for all modes
- Take advantage of investments in transit
- Coordinate land use and transportation decisions
- Explore additional transit and trails in the community

Draft Key Strategy: Sustain Economic Vitality

- Implement the Cairns District plan
- Identify opportunities to improve the economic performance of existing commercial areas
- Encourage the appropriate development of housing in commercial areas
- Include community amenities in neighborhood activity centers
- Support diversification of Sandy's economic base

Draft Key Strategy: Increase Housing Opportunities

- **Improve housing options for all family types, age groups, income levels and abilities**
- **Encourage the appropriate development of housing in commercial areas**
- **Include community amenities in neighborhood activity centers**
- **Strategically include housing in commercial revitalization areas**
- **Identify adequate administrative support for housing programs**

Draft Key Strategy: Seek to be a Reliable Regional Partner

- **Actively participate in regional planning efforts**
- **Implement the Wasatch Choice Centers plan as appropriate in Sandy**
- **Work with regional partners to plan for natural hazards**
- **City policies contribute to improvement of social, environmental, and economic well-being throughout the region**

Draft Key Strategy: Strengthen Livability

- Ensure buffer and transition areas between uses and densities
- Connect neighborhoods to amenities and resources
- Plan for aging facilities, infrastructure, amenities, and neighborhoods
- Identify opportunities to encourage property maintenance
- Support social cohesion of an increasingly diverse community

Draft Key Strategy: Conserve Open Space and Natural Resources

- **Preserve open space that is sensitive and strategically located**
- **Provide opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy parks and open space**
- **Identify opportunities to further reduce water consumption**
- **Plan for and mitigate natural hazards**
- **Sustain service levels for amenities, open space, and services**

General Plan Chapters

Introduction/Overview

Framework (Vision and Values)

Elements

Livability

Neighborhoods & Housing

Moderate Income Housing

Community

Parks, Recreation, & Open Space

Cultural & Social (Historic)

Health & Safety

Mobility

Transportation & Connectivity

Economic Stability

Economic Development (Commercial Revitalization)

Environmental Stewardship

Water Preservation

Natural Hazards

Growth Management

Land Use (Future Land Use Plan)

Resiliency and Sustainability

Annexation Plan

Implementation Strategy

Appendix