

# MONROE — 2044 —



**Community Advisory Committee #5**  
**July 25, 2024**

# Tonight's Agenda

- Project Updates and Last Meeting Summary
- Discussion: Chapter 4: Transportation Goals and Policies
- Discussion: Chapter 7: Shorelines and Natural Environment
- Discussion: Chapter 8 & 9: Capital Facilities and Utilities
- Discussion: Draft Future Land Use Map
- Next Steps

# Project Updates

Implementing the Imagine Monroe Vision



# CAC #4 Review Summary

- Discussed Preliminary Future Land Use Map
- Discussed Chapter 2: Housing Element
- Discussed Chapter 3: Land Use Element
- Discussed Chapter 5: Economic Development Element

# Reviews and Input

- Planning Commission
- City Council
- Committees
- Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
- Public Event, Survey and Pop-Ups

# Chapter 4: Transportation

## Goals and Policies



# Chapter 4: Transportation Goals

## **1. Provide and promote multimodal transportation infrastructure that coincides with need, growth, and long-term objectives.**

- Enhance transportation efficiency, safety, sustainability, by improving connectivity, maintaining infrastructure, encouraging mixed use development, emergency planning, and implementing innovative management strategies.

## **2. Plan for the types, quality, and quantities of housing and commercial development to assure land use compatibility, enhance neighborhood character, and facilitate Monroe's long-term sustainability.**

- Promote sustainable urban development and connectivity by directing new projects to well-served areas, enhancing multimodal transportation, and creating mixed-use centers to make Monroe a regional destination.

# Chapter 4: Transportation Goals

## **3. Provide multimodal means of transportation in a safe, compatible and efficient manner for people of all ages and abilities.**

- Prioritize equity and accessibility by incorporating racial, social, and environmental justice in transportation planning, addressing the needs of special populations, ensuring ADA compliance, and minimizing noise near residential areas.

## **4. Support the local and regional economy with timely transportation system investments**

- Ensure safe, efficient movement of people and goods to support economic growth, recognize key transportation hubs, and coordinate inter-modal planning to enhance overall transportation efficiency.



# Chapter 4: Transportation Goals

**5. Protect Monroe’s environment and natural resources, while supporting the health, safety, welfare, recreational needs and economic well-being of current and future generations.**

- Support renewable energy, incorporating low-impact street design, protecting wildlife habitats, and minimizing the environmental and health impacts of road construction.

**6. Provide and maintain an inventory of locally-owned multimodal transportation facilities and identify regional transportation services needs.**

- Create a transportation system that meets travelers' needs, keeps services reliable, coordinates with regional plans, and ensures infrastructure is safe and durable.

# Chapter 4: Transportation Goals

## **7. Secure funding to ensure an adequate multimodal transportation network that meets the City's LOS policy.**

- Secure diverse funding for transportation projects, balance long-term and short-term financing, maintain a Capital Facilities Plan, by coordinating with regional partners, and providing an annual progress reports.

## **8. Evaluate existing and potential future alternative uses of First Airfield.**

- Optimize the use of First Airfield by identifying its best transportation applications, promoting the efficient transport of goods and services, and reducing impacts on the community.

# Chapter 10: Shorelines and Natural Environment

## Goals and Policies



# Chapter 10: Shorelines and Natural Environment

## **1. Plan to protect and restore natural systems, including shorelines, and their buffers, wildlife habitats, and the ecosystem to support imagine Monroe.**

- Preserve and improve critical areas using best available science. Protect fish and wildlife habitats, maintain natural hydrological functions, designate open space corridors, conserve critical areas and buffers, and protect tree canopies.

## **2. Address impacts to the environment related to climate change.**

- Adopt a Climate Change Element by 2029 to reduce emissions, support climate initiatives, promote energy conservation, and plan for climate adaptation and resilience.

# Chapter 10: Shorelines and Natural Environment

## **3. Connect land use with management of a system of surface water and wetland areas that focuses on access to shorelines and surface water for multiple uses.**

- Manage surface water for flood control, wildlife habitat, recreation, and groundwater recharge, while preserving wetlands and supporting watershed health.

## **4. Manage open space, shorelines, and natural habitats to improve the environment and reduce conflicts with development.**

- Continuously update building codes to incorporate best practices, minimize environmental impacts, manage hazardous area development, and reduce ambient light for ecological and public health protection.

# Chapter 10: Shorelines and Natural Environment

**5. Encourage cooperation and collaboration between government entities and the community to ensure effective and transparent governance of shorelines and the natural environment and stewardship of habitat species.**

- Participate in regional recovery efforts, cooperate with state agencies on watershed and water quality management, coordinate land use and wildlife management with local and tribal governments, and organizations to restore salmon habitat.

**6. Encourage conservation and sustainability throughout the city.**

- Limit toxic pesticides, use native vegetation, and promote alternative pest management. Support urban wildlife habitat through education, City projects, and habitat-friendly practices in park design and maintenance.

# Chapter 10: Shorelines and Natural Environment

## **7. Equitable access to environmental and health resources.**

- Support clean drinking water and environmental stewardship by protecting watersheds, maintaining hydrological functions, reducing toxic product use, and restoring natural shorelines and ecosystems.

## **8. Prioritize vulnerable populations.**

- Mitigate environmental impacts, especially on vulnerable populations, minimize climate change effects, include equitable resilience measures in the Climate Change Element, and ensure all residents have access to a healthy environment.

# Chapter 10: Shorelines and Natural Environment

## **9. Reduce hazard potential and improve resiliency.**

- Plan for hazards like flooding, wildfires, and heat by improving the urban tree canopy, addressing climate impacts, and implementing adaptive measures to enhance the resilience of the city and its residents.

## **10. Preserve historic and cultural resources.**

- Identify, preserve, and protect historic, cultural, and archaeological resources by collaborating with state agencies and tribes, and considering development impacts on culturally significant sites and tribal lands.



# Chapter 8: Capital Facilities

## Goals and Policies



# Chapter 8: Capital Facilities

**1. Provide and maintain public services and facilities that support the Monroe's growth projections through 2044 by maximizing safety and maintenance of existing facilities, utilizing financing efficiently, and increasing well-being and health of all residents.**

- Focus on optimizing use of resources and capacity, integrate community input when developing CIP, and ensure that development aligns with Monroe's goals to growth.

**2. Ensure that public services equitably meet the current and future growth of the community.**

- Prioritize investments to address disparities, equitable access to services, and maintain an effective emergency response plan.

# Chapter 8: Capital Facilities

## **3. Manage financial resources to ensure sufficient and appropriate funding allocations for capital facilities projects.**

- Coordinate capital facilities with land use and economic policies, finance through impact fees and bonds, mitigate development impacts, and ensure transparent reporting.

# Chapter 9: Utilities

## Goals and Policies



# Chapter 9: Utilities

**1. Support private utilities in providing quality, safe, and modern energy services equitably to households, residents, and businesses within Monroe.**

- Coordinate with utility providers to maintain and expand services, prioritize underserved areas, minimize disruption, promote high-speed internet and grid modernization, and ensure transparent service costs.

**2. Continue advancing the city's solid waste and recycling management strategy to reduce solid waste and promote sustainable end-of-life practices...**

- Promote equitable education and outreach to reduce waste and encourage positive behavior change around best practices in sustainably using utilities.

# Chapter 9: Utilities

## **3. Minimize the environmental and social impacts of utilities and Monroe.**

- Encourage resource conservation and renewable energy, ensure new developments cover their utility impacts, and enhance utility infrastructure to support sustainability and minimize environmental impact.

## **4. Prepare the city's utility providers and services to be resilient and quickly recover in response to natural hazards or disasters.**

- Develop comprehensive emergency management and disaster response plans, enhance safety practices, and ensure effective communication and recovery strategies

# Chapter 9: Utilities

## **5. Identify financing opportunities to promote the advancement of utilities.**

- Form partnerships to fund clean energy projects, boost efficiency, and support equitable access while providing financial aid to protect vulnerable residents.

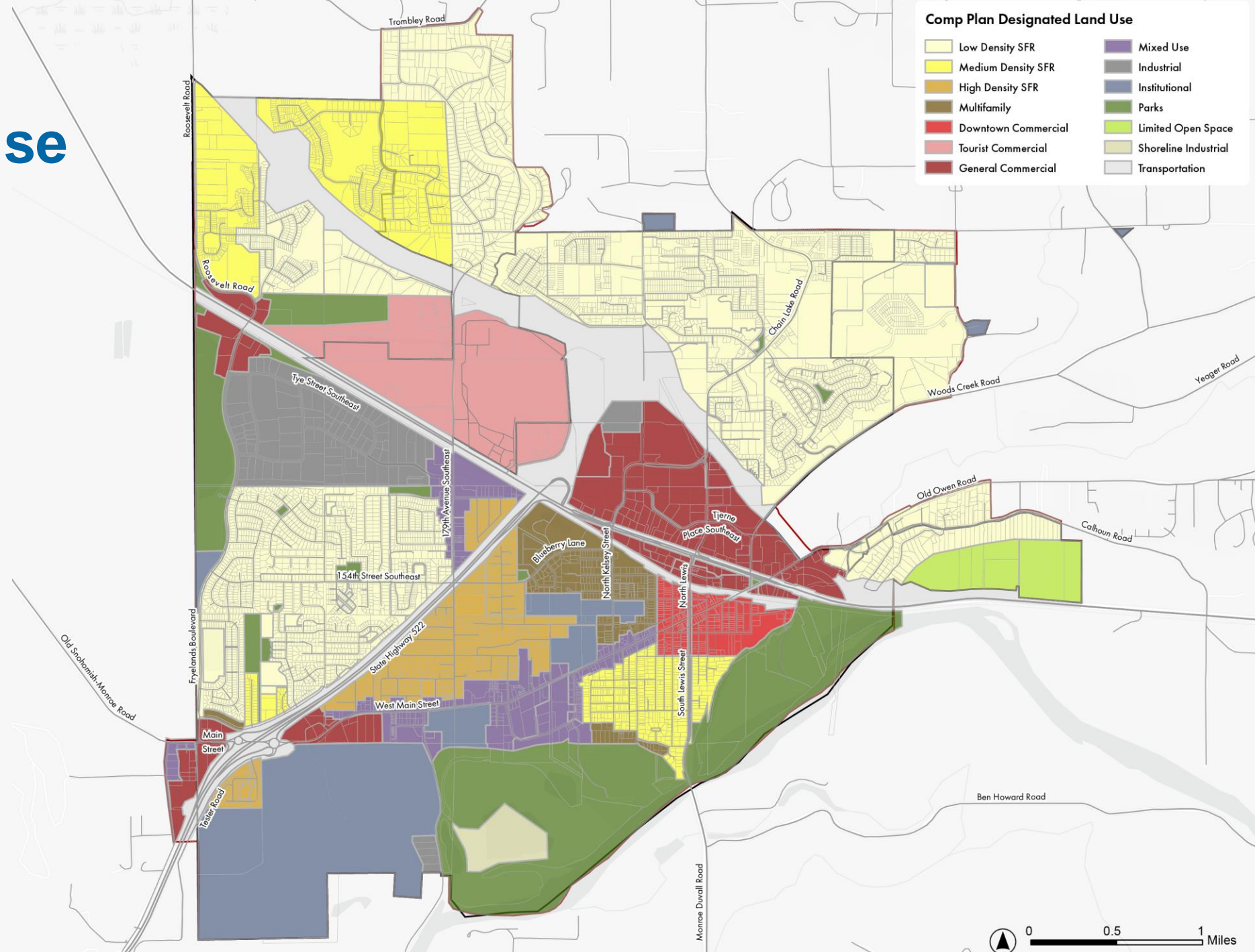
# Proposed Future Land Use Map





# Current Land Use Designation

2015 Comprehensive Plan  
Land Use Designations



# Major Changes

Update to permit neighborhood commercial to serve neighbors

Remove Transportation Designation

Mixed-use corridor on 154<sup>th</sup> St. *Not supported by the public*

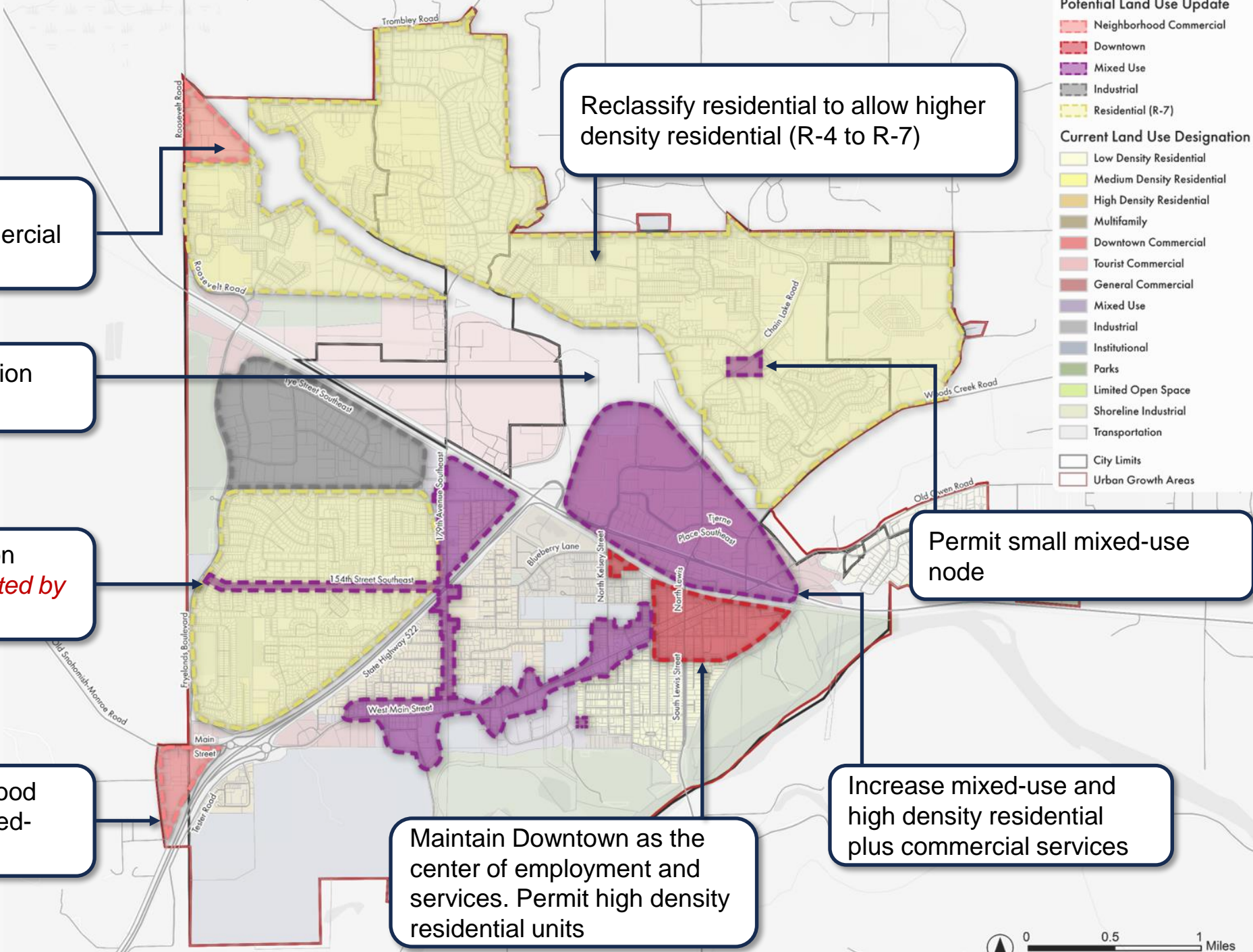
Focus on neighborhood commercial and mixed-Use

Reclassify residential to allow higher density residential (R-4 to R-7)

Permit small mixed-use node

Maintain Downtown as the center of employment and services. Permit high density residential units

Increase mixed-use and high density residential plus commercial services



# Next Steps



# Schedule

## 2024

- August: Draft Future Land Use Map/Draft Utility Plans
- **September: Public Review of Comprehensive Plan**
- September: Draft Comprehensive Plan to Commerce
- October: Planning Commission/City Council
- **November: City Council Hearings**
- **December: Adoption**

## 2025 (if needed)

- Development code/other implementation requirements

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