

TOWN HALL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009
COMMENT CARDS

1. The original Regional Plan is a good start, but needs specific enforcement provisions/application specifics. Maps that are included in the Regional Plan and identify important wildlife, native plan, and geological areas, but these maps are not utilized. We need a conservation lands system so that all future planning and policy considers these important elements. Without the beauty and diversity of our natural surroundings, there is no reason for Flagstaff. Even Gore chose to locate here for the beauty of the natural environment. Eco-tourism is now drawing more tourists than any other single attraction (nationwide). Open space, trees, wildlife, scenery increase property values in the long run. The updated Regional Plan needs to address more specifically:

- Protection of wildlife
- Protection of wildlife corridors
- Preservation of wildlife habitat
- Preservation of open space
- Conservation lands system
- Environmental impact fees
- Staff biologist

Developers are more and more willing to cooperate if they are given adequate information in a timely manner. Back up the Regional Plan by investigating a legal challenge to Prop. 207. Potentially, all zoning may be argued to have a negative financial affect for property owners. If current zoning laws are legal, then Prop. 207 will eventually be successfully challenged and repealed. Join with other municipalities, identify a proper case, and challenge this threat to serious environmental stewardship. Thank you for this opportunity to participate. Transportation Plan should not be adopted until after the Regional Plan is revised and adopted. Current Transportation Plan revisions conflict with wildlife habitat and corridors.

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2. 180 bypass – on one level, build it, and then development will follow. Then park & ride – force the only option for snow play - take Zion Canyon busses as an example but something big is needed.

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3. The phrase “Congestion Relief” sounds like government not listening to the people. No more roads. Take care of what we have and make it better, not bigger. That includes open space, controlled growth that is sustainable. No corridor from 89 to 40. Bypass is not wanted by the community, only FMPO.

4. I am concerned that the myth of progress and growth being used synonymously by city, county, and FMPO staff. Progress, growth need to be used with the sustainability model in mind. More houses, more development do not equate to a better Flagstaff community or a better quality of life.

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5. 1) I believe that we need to ensure that the integrity of our UGB is critical in order to direct development to infill areas where existing infrastructure is in place. 2) We should increase density along transportation/multi-modal corridors – TOD is inpt. 3) Make growth subject to water availability. 4) Expand section on industry and employment and establish/expand goals for bus. Park/research Park develop. Encourage economize diversification esp. policy 1E11. 5) Expand renewable energy goals.

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6. Re: land around airport. If our concerns have been heard clearly, and it seems they have based in the fact that “protecting existing open spaces” is #1 – how can our voices continue to be lifted up as they are passed on to the Citizens Advisory Committee? I would want them to know how important this is to us. Community character is a high value – we need to be mindful of who we are.

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7. Avoid any intrusion into Picture Canyon, in order to access the mall. Instead, provide widening, several lanes, timed signal, but especially, access mall from several major intersections.

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8. 1) I would like to participate in the housing studies. 2) Seems as resource protection should be focused on open space and not true canopy for housing development. 3) Seems as if the drive for extreme density except for the city core is not wanted. Will min density be revised on outskirts?

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9. I am glad you are talking to Pima County about a conservation district. Carolyn Campbell is the best person to tell that story. Also glad to see mention of water catchment for reg plan and zoning codes. I would like to see more quality density. I lived in very high density in a historic neighborhood of Tucson for years and really appreciated the ability to walk to shops, feel safe (as a single mom) and have walking access to trails look at Old Fort Lowell ? in Tucson.

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10. I find it interesting that the presentation highlighted community feedback that was very pro-environmental. However have yet to see these opinions are accurately reflected in the plan. In other words, yes you have heard us but you have not changed your plans/policies to align with the requests of citizens.

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11. Why are developers never at these meetings?

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12. After listening to comments tonight on the cost of increasing mass transit service and of building roads to deal with congestion, I think the logical answer is to increase the number of little community centers so that people don't have so far to drive to get groceries, a haircut, gas, and dinner. I live near the Safeway on Cedar, and many people in my neighborhood walk and ride their bikes to shop, go to the library, go to school, and go to church. Even when they do drive, it's not very far, so there's not a need for gig collector streets to funnel traffic.

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13. It's vital to make sustainability an integral element of all development. For example, design projects so that buildings will be oriented to take advantage of passive solar and wind. To be effective, this must be done from the beginning. After the developer has paid for a design without sustainable elements, it's very hard to change. Use "conservation development." Assess conservation assets before a project is designed and assure that they exist at acceptable levels when the project is completed.