Comprehensive Plan 2040 is the vision for Denver and its people. It reflects the voice of thousands of residents who shared their hopes, concerns and dreams about the future. It is the guiding document for city leaders, institutions and community members to shape the city we will become over the next twenty years.

The vision, composed of six vision elements, is the backbone of the plan. It knits together a set of long-term, integrated goals to guide our future. The goals are clear and concise, yet also allow for flexibility over time.

Planning Denver’s Future

Comprehensive Plan 2040 creates a vision and goals to tie together the city’s plans and policies

WHAT IS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A holistic and sustainable vision to guide the future of Denver

CITYWIDE PLANS

- BluePrint Denver
- Game Plan
- Climate Action Plan
- Housing An Inclusive Denver
- Imagine 2020
- Denver Moves
- MANY OTHERS...

- Generated by multiple departments
- Contain detailed goals, objectives and strategies
- Reflect the vision and advance the goals established in the comprehensive plan
The vision of Comprehensive Plan 2040 represents the voice of our community. Throughout a three-year planning process, thousands of Denverites shared their unique perspectives on what makes Denver great and how it can evolve to be even better.

Thousands of Denverites shared what was most important to them about their community.

**COMMUNITY VALUES**

- Active and Vibrant
- Equity
- Walkable, Bikeable
- Accessible and Transit-Friendly
- Access to Opportunity
- Environmental Stewardship
- Access to Amenities, Services and Healthy Food
- Diverse, Friendly and Open Community
- Business-Friendly and Entrepreneurial
- Sense of History and Cultural Heritage
- Outdoor Lifestyle with Connection to the Mountains
- Affordable Housing and Transportation
- Great Parks and Open Spaces
- Safe and Inviting

**THE VALUES COME FROM YOU**

- **Why are they important?**
  - Why is it important?
  - Provides the framework for all city plans

**THE VALUES INFORM THE VISION**

The vision is made up of six vision elements:

- VI
- V
- IV
- III
- II
- I

**ALL OF THE VALUES INFORM THE VISION**

**EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE AND INCLUSIVE**

- Access to Opportunity
- Environmental Stewardship
- Access to Amenities, Services and Healthy Food
- Affordable Housing and Transportation

**STRONG AND AUTHENTIC NEIGHBORHOODS**

- Diverse, Friendly and Open Community
- Business-Friendly and Entrepreneurial
- Sense of History and Cultural Heritage
- Outdoor Lifestyle with Connection to the Mountains
- Affordable Housing and Transportation
- Great Parks and Open Spaces

**COMBINED, SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PLACES**

- Safe and Inviting
- Walkable, Bikeable
- Accessible and Transit-Friendly
- Diverse, Friendly and Open Community
- Business-Friendly and Entrepreneurial
- Sense of History and Cultural Heritage
- Access to Opportunity
- Environmental Stewardship
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**ECONOMICALLY DIVERSE AND VIBRANT**

- Environmental Stewardship
- Affordable Housing and Transportation
- Great Parks and Open Spaces

**ENVIRONMENTALLY RESILIENT**

- Access to Opportunity
- Environmental Stewardship
- Affordable Housing and Transportation
- Great Parks and Open Spaces

**HEALTHY AND ACTIVE**

- Access to Opportunity
- Environmental Stewardship
- Affordable Housing and Transportation

**GOALS**

- Provide direction, set expectations for what the plan can do to help achieve the vision, and establish a decision-making framework.

**STRATEGIES**

- Recommended actions to help achieve the goals.

My vision for Denver in 2040 is:

- "An inclusive city where anyone can afford to live, work, eat, and enjoy. All residents have options to walk, ride, and drive."

- "Cleaner and greener"

- "More diverse and affordable housing options...easier to walk, ride, and drive."

- "A robust transportation system"
In 2040... Denver residents have safe, convenient and affordable access to basic services and a variety of amenities.

1.1 Ensure all Denver residents have safe, convenient and affordable access to basic services and a variety of amenities.

1.2 Support housing as a continuum to serve residents across a range of incomes, ages and needs.

1.3 Develop housing that is affordable to residents of all income levels.

1.4 Preserve existing affordable housing.

1.5 Reduce the involuntary displacement of residents and businesses.

1.6 Integrate equity considerations into city policies, processes and plans.

1.7 Make neighborhoods accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

1.8 Increase housing options for Denver’s most vulnerable populations.

1.9 Improve equitable access to quality education and life-long learning opportunities.

In 2040... Denver’s neighborhoods are complete, unique and reflective of our city’s diverse history.

2.1 Create a city of complete neighborhoods.

2.2 Enhance Denver’s neighborhoods through high-quality urban design.

2.3 Preserve the authenticity of Denver’s neighborhoods and celebrate our history, architecture and culture.

2.4 Ensure every neighborhood is economically strong and dynamic.

2.5 Create and preserve parks and public spaces that reflect the identity of Denver’s neighborhoods.

2.6 Empower Denverites to be involved and collaborative in city government.

2.7 Leverage the arts and support creative placemaking to strengthen community.

2.8 Conduct intentional, equitable and measurable neighborhood planning.

2.9 Ensure all neighborhoods are safe.

In 2040... Denver is connected by safe, high-quality, multimodal transportation options.

3.1 Deliver a multimodal network that encourages more trips by walking, rolling, biking and transit.

3.2 Provide a safe transportation system that serves all users.

3.3 Maximize the public right-of-way to create great places.

3.4 Create an equitable and connected multimodal network that improves access to opportunity and services.

3.5 Ensure the development of a frequent, high-quality, and reliable transit network.

3.6 Build and maintain safe bicycle and pedestrian networks.

3.7 Expand funding options for multimodal infrastructure.

3.8 Strengthen multimodal connections in mixed-use centers and focus growth near transit.

3.9 Advance innovative curb lane management and parking policies.

3.10 Embrace innovations in transportation policy and technologies to improve movement throughout the city.

In 2040... Denver is a global city with a robust economy that reflects the diversity of our community.

4.1 Ensure economic mobility and improve access to opportunity.

4.2 Grow a strong, diversified economy.

4.3 Sustain and grow Denver’s local neighborhood businesses.

4.4 Ensure Denver has a productive, competitive and knowledgeable workforce.

4.5 Strengthen Denver as a global city that will be competitive in the economy of today and tomorrow.

4.6 Enable Denver’s youth to access quality education and compete in the global economy.

4.7 Accelerate Denver’s economic vitality through arts, culture and creativity.

4.8 Expand participation in arts and culture and ensure that arts and culture are accessible to all.

4.9 Stimulate the growth of ideas and innovation.

4.10 Promote a vibrant food economy and leverage Denver’s food businesses to accelerate economic opportunity.

5.1 Mitigate climate impact by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

5.2 Prepare for and adapt to climate change.

5.3 Conserve water and use it more efficiently.

5.4 Integrate stormwater into the built environment by using green infrastructure to improve water quality and reduce runoff.

5.5 Enhance and protect the South Platte River.

5.6 Protect and expand the city’s green infrastructure network.

5.7 Reduce the disposal of solid waste and conserve raw materials.

5.8 Clean our soils, conserve land and grow responsibly.

5.9 Protect and improve air quality.

5.10 Promote diverse and environmentally responsible food systems.

5.11 Cultivate safe, prepared and resilient communities through emergency planning.

In 2040... Denver is a thriving, sustainable city connected to nature and resilient to climate change.

In 2040... Denver is a city of safe, accessible and healthy communities.