

Key activities for Planning Department in 2008

Began in 2006-07 and continuing into 2008:

- Provide continued support to implement recommendations of Mayor's Event Facilities Task Force and West Haymarket Action Team
- Participate with Public Works in updating City street design standards
- Study potential for additional bikelanes and other facilities downtown, in cooperation with DLA and other stakeholders
- Participate with other departments and agencies in developing habitat conservation plan for tiger beetle protection, and assist developers with required consults
- Complete survey of county historic resources
- Assist Public Works in completing updated master plans for water, wastewater, and stormwater
- Complete Technical Report documenting process for adopted Long Range Transportation Plan; refine traffic model inputs; complete prospectus identifying transportation planning roles and responsibilities
- Complete the outdoor lighting standards study, share with community, and use to amend City design standards
- Develop and implement design guidelines and review process for downtown and Antelope Valley, and assist Urban Development with special zoning standards for Antelope Valley R&D corridor
- Prepare and implement amendments to clarify and consolidate land uses in zoning code
- Support County's efforts to pass state law enabling Transfer of Development Rights, and prepare local code changes
- Prepare amendments to County resolutions delegating approvals of preliminary plats and special permits to Planning Commission
- Draft proposed updates to commercial on-premise sign regulations for community review
- Design and implement system for digital submission and review of site plans and plat maps

Beginning in 2008:

- Initiate work on federal-mandated traffic congestion management process
- Participate with Public Works in review of key traffic areas: North 70th/North 84th/Cornhusker/I80 area, and 27th Street/40th Street/South Beltway area
- Review annexable properties and fiscal impacts for City
- Participate with Health Dept on amendments related to development near pipelines and land uses that handle large volumes of hazardous materials, as recommended by the Health Board and Planning Commission
- Assist with Health Board/Planning Commission review of land use issues related to noise, air pollution, and exposure to hazardous materials along major transportation corridors
- Draft amendments and formalize administrative process on appeals to administrative decisions on special permit, use permit, and PUD amendments
- Update street naming policies
- Assist the new city/county GIS Manager develop priorities and a workplan
- Consolidate/simplify web access to parcel information on special zoning conditions governing land use
- Update new commercial floor area database as staff resources allow

Ongoing:

- Conduct annual review of Comprehensive Plan
- Prepare Annual Indicators report
- Coordinate preparation and review of City 6-year Capital Improvement Program
- Prepare new What's Up in Lincoln report
- Administer MPO administrative and budgetary requirements, including new federal grants for human service/transit programs
- Assist Urban Development and Mayor's office with review of blight studies, redevelopment plans, agreements and policies
- Assist Chamber/LPED with information for prospects about new/expanded primary jobs
- Staff and assist various standing and adhoc city/county advisory committees
- Review and process 700+ development plans and applications
- Program training workshops for Planning Commission and staff as budget permits
- Provide public education on planning and preservation through local schools, universities, business, charitable, civic, professional and religious organizations
- Maintain and expand GIS layers, capabilities
- Maintain and expand webpage applications

Accomplishments in 2007:

- Coordinated Transit Development Plan process leading to adoption of recommended new service plan
- Completed "mobility audit" for College View area
- Monitored and evaluated downtown bikelanes
- Assisted Urban Development with West O Corridor, West Haymarket, and South Street redevelopment plans
- Coordinated efforts to rename streets with confusing names in unincorporated villages
- Designated Havelock commercial area as local historic district
- Amendments to city/county regulations including: replacement of certain nonconforming billboards; allowing kennels in city limits; broadening non-profit functions and allowing multiple uses in multifamily districts; clarifying the limitations on multiple uses in single family/duplex districts; adding social halls as conditional use; eliminating front yard in portions of B4 district; clarifying parking requirements; increased height limits in H districts
- Coordinated development agreements and applications for several departments/agencies in development of Huskerville tract
- Designed and implemented website access to database on pending and completed development applications, including map of posted zoning signs; other website improvements include: new land use/zoning reference table, historic landmarks/districts virtual tour, and annotated Neighborhood Design Standards
- Administrative improvements: revised standard language in escrow agreements to allow guarantees to automatically transfer with replats; initiated mailout of post-application surveys to customers; established web access to information on pending and completed applications, including information on parcels on which zoning signs have been staked; created new table showing when/how land uses are allowed in different zoning districts; updated table on height/area requirements in different zoning districts; developed new database for collecting, organizing, and analyzing information on proposed CIP projects
- Notable applications included: annexation and rezoning of Firethorn, surplus and rezone/CUP

for 10th and Military, surplus and rezone/use permit for Talent Plus expansion, adjustments to accommodate Verizon, annexation and rezoning of Saltillo/14th Street area, downzoning of portion of Everett, rezoning of land at northeast and southwest corners of North 84th Street/Adams, rezoning of 9th/10th/South Street parcel, County special permit for dragstrip