



# TOP 10

## GLOBAL TRENDS

**Affecting Downtowns  
& How to Respond  
at Home**

# City of Lincoln Downtown Master Plan

April 10, 2018

# PUMA's Global Trends Report

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- Initially created in 2007 to inform the Downtown Denver Area Plan
- Now developed in partnership with the University of Colorado Denver
- IDA President's Award for value to downtown development field



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# [GLOBAL TRENDS]

2007

## Demographics

Changing American Demographics  
Immigration Trends  
Changes with the "Creative Class"

## Lifestyles

Traffic Congestion & Value of Time  
Trends in Health Care/Wellness/Recreation  
Growth of Tourism  
America's Growing Debt Burden

## Competition

The Emergence of a Planetary Middle Class  
Continued Advances in Technology  
Environmentalism, Sustainability,  
Climate Change

2011

## Demographics

Changing American Demographics  
Education, Talent & Jobs  
Emergence of Young Professional Women

## Lifestyles

Changing Consumer Behaviors  
Shifts in Transportation & Mobility  
Health, Wellness & Urban Form  
The Age of Austerity

## Competition

The Emergence of a Planetary Middle Class  
Continued Advances in Technology  
Sustainability Mainstreamed

2014

## Demographics

Changing American Demographics  
Education, Talent & Jobs  
Influence of Women

## Lifestyles

Changing Consumer Behaviors  
Shifts in Transportation & Mobility  
Health & Wellness  
Rise of Regionalism

## Competition

Shift in Global Wealth  
Continued Advances in Technology  
Social Equity – The Neglected Pillar  
of Sustainability

2017

## Demographics

Changing American Demographics  
Education, Talent & Jobs  
Rise of the Mid-Tier City

## Lifestyles

Changing Consumer Behaviors  
Shifts in Transportation & Mobility  
Housing & Livability  
Regionalism

## Competition

Shift in Global Wealth  
Continued Advances in Technology  
Social Equity

# DEMOGRAPHICS



# ① Changing American Demographics

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Baby Boomers - 75 million born 1945 to 1962

- Sheer numbers supported labor markets, entitlements & consumption
- College education rates increase 5x
- Living longer & healthier, but creating increasing demands on health care system
- Recession caused more to “age in place”
- Empty nest looking to downsize, urbanize



# ① Changing American Demographics

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Gen X – 66 million born 1963 to 1978

- Savvy, self-reliant & skeptical
- Ability to multi-task & transfer skills
- Have the most disposable income, largest group of homebuyers, most have kids
- Moving into leadership positions



# ① Changing American Demographics

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Millennials – 75 million born 1979 to 1996

- Growing up with technology
- More optimistic, tolerant, open-minded
- Diverse – majority minority rises from 43 to 60 of 100 largest cities since 2000
- Redefining adult milestones – deferring home buying, marriage, living with parents



# ① Changing American Demographics

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Gen Z – 70+ million born after 1996

- Gen Z are more realistic & cautious, yet inspired to change the world
- Less oriented to college, but more entrepreneurial
- Savers, may be more materialistic
- By 2018, children under 18 will be majority-minority, by 2042 there will be no racial majority in the U.S.



## ② Education, Talent & Jobs

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### The Premium of a Highly Skilled Workforce

- Game changer in economic development
- Since 2000, young college educated population grew twice as fast within 3 miles of major city centers
- Millennials today comprise 40% of workforce, 50% by 2020, 75% by 2025
- Educational institutions are economic anchors, stabilizers
- Women account for 60% of degrees



# ③ Rise of the Mid-Tier City

## Advantages of Opportunity Cities

- Increasing costs, particularly housing, pushing Millennials out
- Talent attracted by lower costs, quality of life and opportunity to be engaged in “city building”
- Ties to education a big plus
- Strategies to become “18 hour” cities by adding new vitality



# LIFESTYLES



# ④ Changing Consumer Behaviors

## New Patterns in Consumption

- Impulse replaced by deliberate spending
- Ecommerce now 8.0% of retail sales & influences majority of purchases
- Gen X and Millennials driving sales
- Preferences for local, authentic & emotional connections to products
- Sharing economy flourishing



# 5 Shifts in Transportation & Mobility

## Behaviors Shifting Away From Cars

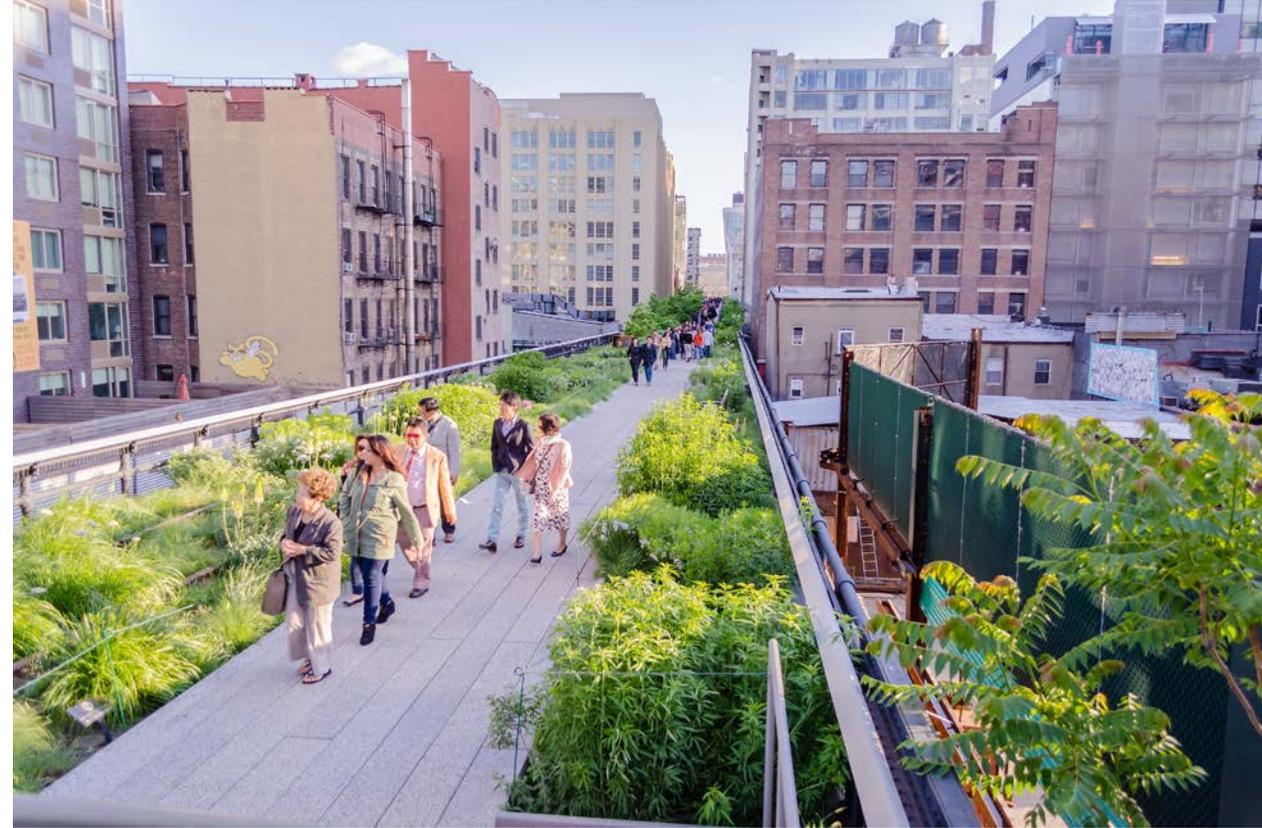
- Driving miles decreased since 2006
- 60% of 18-year olds have licenses, Millennials buy 30% less cars
- Bike share programs growing faster than any mode of transport in history of planet
- Quality public transportation is critical
- Walkable real estate = value premium



# ⑥ Housing & Livability

## Downtowns Become Neighborhoods

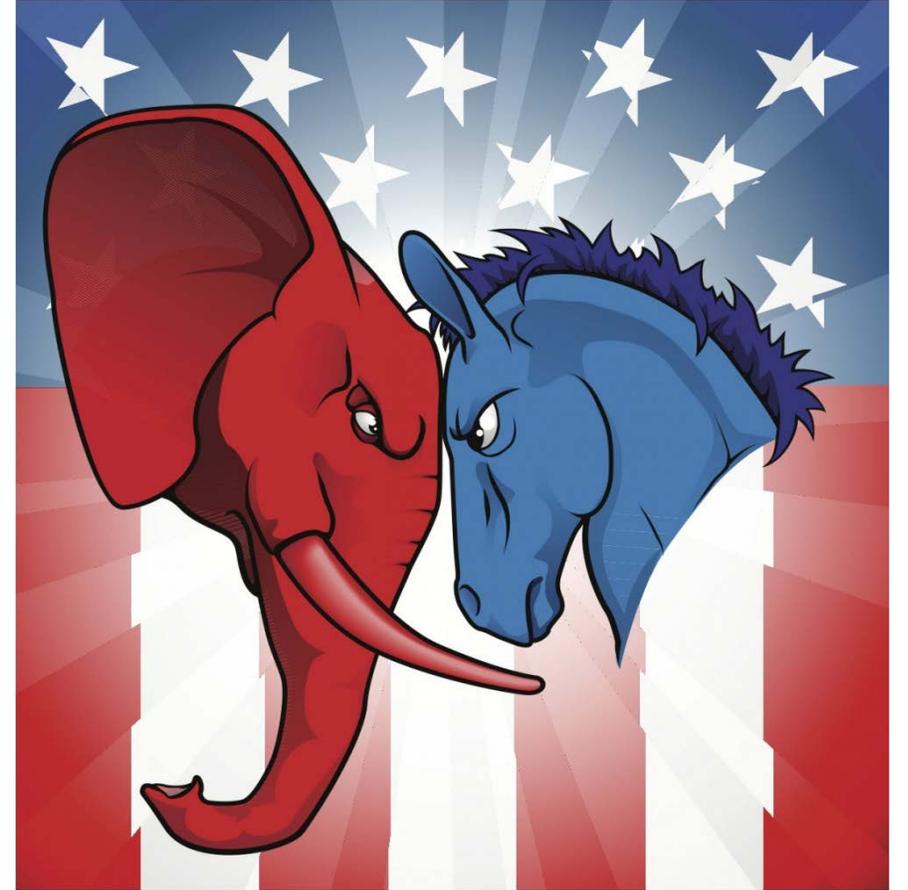
- Both Millennials and Boomers drawn to downtown living -- Gen Z should keep pipeline robust
- 66% rent premium in walkable places
- Amenities are critical to attract/keep residents – parks, schools, retail
- New housing types for diverse cultures and aging populations



# 7 Regionalism

## Cities Propel Growth & Innovation

- Per capita US debt: 2007: \$29,000  
2018: \$63,000+
- Feds broke and dysfunctional
- Today average Rep 93% more conservative than average Dem,  
average Dem 94% more liberal
- Investment in infrastructure, education & innovation to come from regions



# COMPETITION



# 8 Shift in Global Wealth

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The World's Largest Economies: 1850 to 2050

1850	1950	2018	2050
China	United States	United States	China
India	United Kingdom	China	United States
United Kingdom	Germany	Japan	India

# 8 Shift in Global Wealth

## America's Grip On Its Destiny Diminishes

- Global middle class: 1.8B in 2009 to 4.9B by 2030; 66% in Asia
- China's global share of car sales: 2000 < 1%; 2016 > 30.8%
- India growing faster, will have largest & youngest workforce in 10 years
- Emerging economies feature low debt, strong central governments – will invest in infrastructure and innovation



# 9 Continued Advances in Technology

## Key advances shaping cities

- Mobile connections: 9B by 2020
- Explosion in apps for real-time information
- Influencing office & living design to blend work/social space, less sq.ft. per person
- Autonomous vehicles: Game changers?
- Clusters of innovation key to growth



# 10 Social Equity

## Diversified City = Diversified Economy

- Economic & environmental pillars of sustainability widely understood
- U.S. income inequality most extreme since 1920s – top 1% own 35% of wealth, lower 50% own 2.5%.
- Rising tide of civic activism promoting equity in schools, wages, housing
- Can/should downtowns lead?



# CONCLUSIONS

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## *Trends favorable for vibrant downtowns*

- America's population growing younger, older & more diverse
- Increasingly connected & competitive world
- Emergence of new "opportunity cities"
- Global growth making investment in cities more attractive
- Innovation & investment more reliant on regional initiative
- Plan for economic & cultural diversity



# IMPLICATIONS FOR LINCOLN

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## *Demographics...*

- Capture the young skilled workforce
  - ✓ Be welcoming with information on jobs, housing & services
  - ✓ Creative incentives – student debt?
- Create an environment that appeals to diverse populations
  - ✓ Embrace tolerance & be multi-cultural
  - ✓ Establish pathways to leadership



# IMPLICATIONS FOR LINCOLN

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## *Demographics...*

- Develop meaningful opportunities for “city building”
- Foster education
  - ✓ Partner with UNL
  - ✓ K-12 options to keep/attract families
- Multiple generations “aging in place”
  - ✓ Amenities for downtown living



# IMPLICATIONS FOR LINCOLN

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## *Lifestyles...*

- Mobility options – complete streets
  - ✓ Walkable, bikable, transit-rich
  - ✓ Age-friendly Universal Design standards
- Promote the sharing economy
- Support authentic and unique retail



# IMPLICATIONS FOR LINCOLN

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## *Lifestyles...*

- Encourage housing with diverse price points and unit types
- Keep it fun, entertaining & interesting
  - ✓ Multiple cultures & languages
- Advocate for regional investment
  - ✓ New education and policy roles
  - ✓ Benefits of downtown to the region

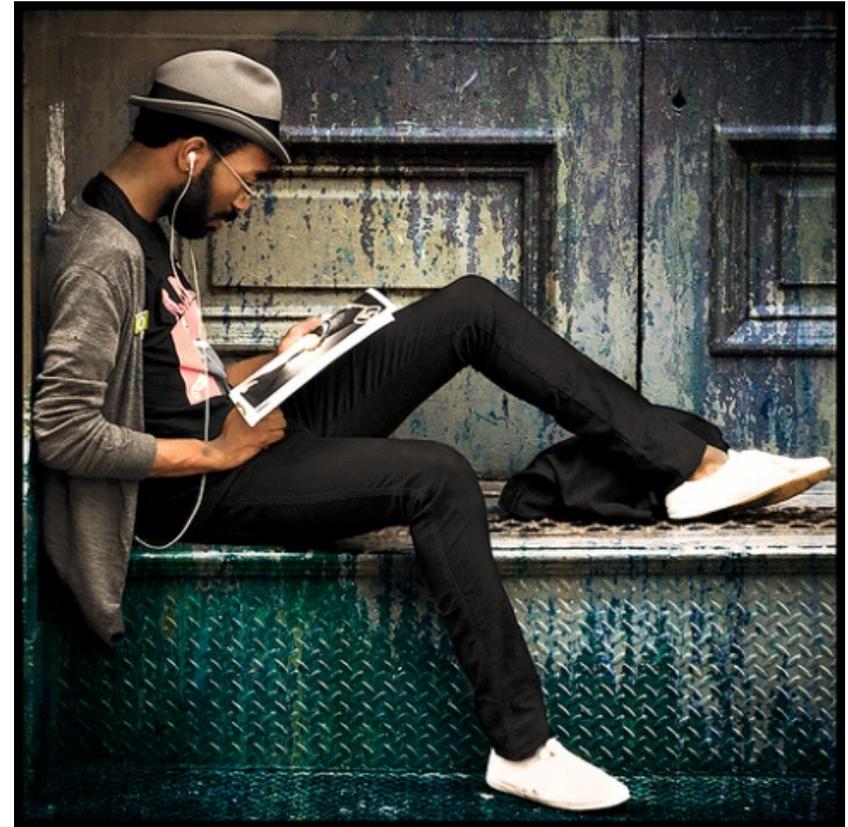


# IMPLICATIONS FOR LINCOLN

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## *Competition...*

- Foster/promote entrepreneurship
  - ✓ Flex space, creative incentives, innovation zones
  - ✓ Prepare for Gen Z
- Innovative public/private financing tools
- Be technologically relevant
  - ✓ Speed and security
  - ✓ Apps to keep tech-savvy engaged



# IMPLICATIONS FOR LINCOLN

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## *Competition...*

- Capitalize on adaptive reuse
- Sustainability part of the downtown brand
  - ✓ Relevant to younger generations
- Be a leader in social equity issues
  - ✓ Downtowns can bring private sector perspective, balance



Bottom Line:  
Never in our  
lifetimes have  
converging  
trends  
favored  
downtowns  
like they do  
today.





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# ON-LINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

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600 Responses

- 44% come downtown weekly (outside of work)
- 36% are downtown employees
- 31% age 25 – 34
- 22% age 35-44

# ON-LINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

What words best capture your vision for downtown in 2030?

- Vibrant
- Walkable
- Accessible
- Entertainment
- Innovative
- Parking



# ON-LINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

## What brings you downtown?

- Restaurants and Bars (82%)
- Concerts and Movies (58%)
- UNL Sporting Events (32%)



# ON-LINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

While downtown, how do you most often get around?

- Walk (67%)
- Drive (28%)
- Bike (4%)

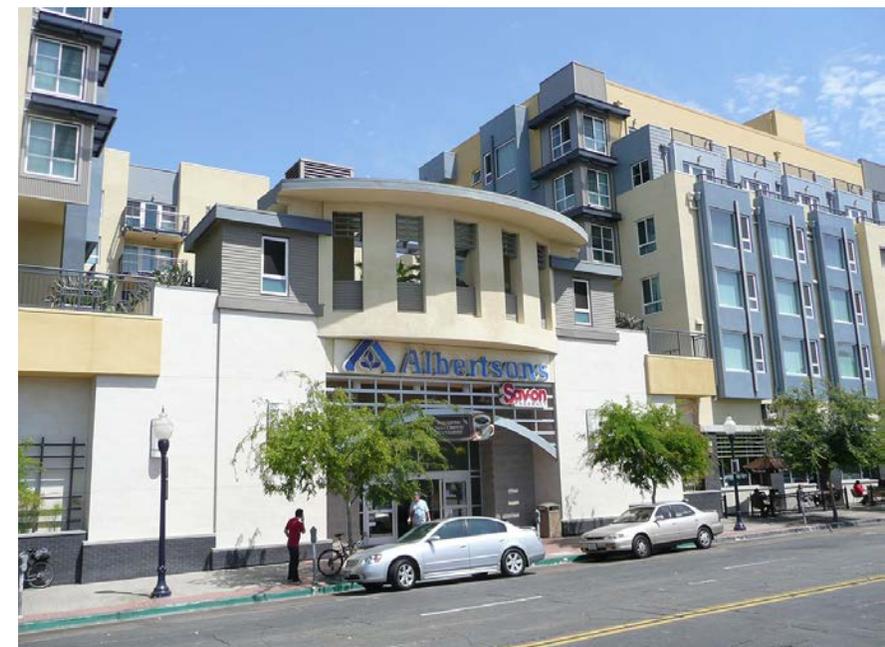


# ON-LINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

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What “amenities” would make living downtown more attractive?

- Full service grocery store (80%)
- Additional parking (46%)
- Improved safety all times of the day (43%)
- Parks and playgrounds (38%)



# ON-LINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

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What is the **SINGLE MOST** important improvement to achieve your vision for downtown?

- Redevelop unused/vacant land: i.e. Pershing Center, Post Office (15%)
- Improve the parking experience (12%)
- More entertainment and events on weekends and evenings (11%)
- More neighborhood retail and services (grocery, daycare, medical, etc. (9%)





# BREAK-OUT TABLES

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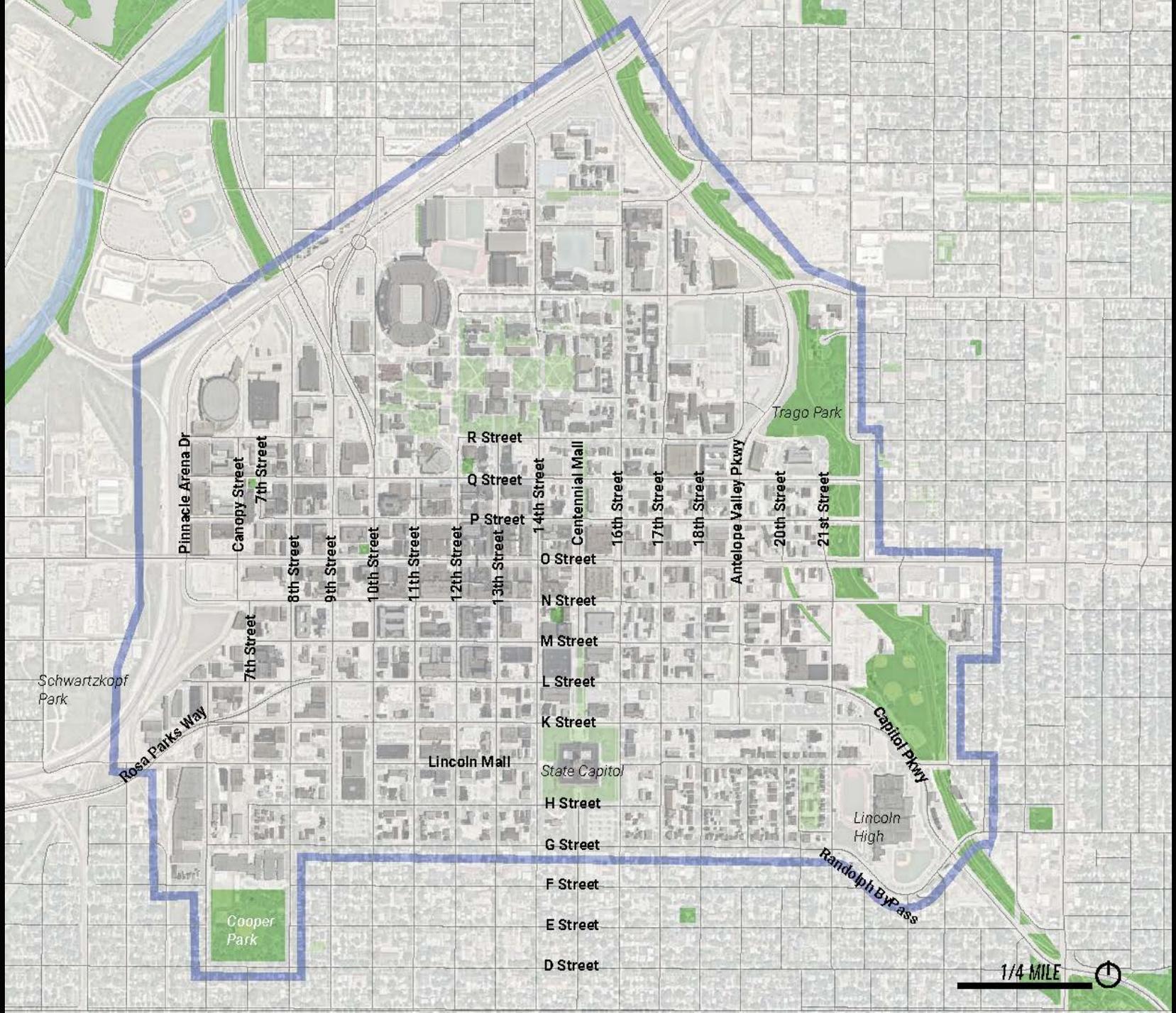
- Economic Development/Innovation
- Urban Design/Streetscape/Open Space/Parks
- Transportation & Mobility
- Downtown Living

# Thank You!

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8th Street

9th Street

10th Street

11th Street

12th Street

13th Street

14th Street

16th Street

17th Street

18th Street

20th Street

21st Street

7th Street

Lincoln Mall

State Capitol

H Street

G Street

F Street

E Street

D Street

R Street

Q Street

P Street

Centennial Mall

Trago Park

Antelope Valley Pkwy

Capitol Pkwy

Randolph Bypass

Schwartzkopf Park

Rosa Parks Way

Cooper Park

Lincoln High

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