

Lincoln-Lancaster County 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan
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Workshops Lay Foundation for Discussion on LPlan 2040 "Complete Streets" and "Living and Working in 2040" Workshops Held in June and July

Complete Streets

On June 8th, the Planning Department hosted a workshop on "Complete Streets" in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The workshop used Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds to bring in expert Michael Moule, a Professional Engineer with 16 years of experience in traffic and transportation engineering and its relationship to communities, neighborhoods and bicycling and walking.



Lincoln's streets are an important part of the livability of our community. "Complete Streets" are designed and operated to allow pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities to safely travel along and across them. A safe walking and bicycling environment is a key part of improving public transportation and creating friendly, walkable communities. Michael Moule discussed the elements of Complete Streets: things like sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, transit accommodations, accessible pedestrian signals, safe crossings, and more. He shared the benefits of Complete Streets, including improved safety, increased walking and bicycling, decreased noise, and the potential for reducing carbon emissions by encouraging alternative modes of travel.

You can view the slideshow and a video of the public meeting on the "Events" tab of the LPlan 2040 website at LPlan2040.lincoln.ne.gov. To learn more about Complete Streets, visit completestreets.org.



Living and Working in 2040

On July 13th, the Planning Department hosted a workshop called "Living and Working in 2040: Forecasts for Lincoln and the Globe." The workshop was held in the City Council chambers at City Hall. The workshop was an effort to address some key questions: What will our community be like in the year 2040? How will Lincoln grow, where will people live and work, and how will changes in climate, population, transportation and technology affect our future?



The two hour workshop was led by keynote speaker Dr. Arthur C. Nelson, a nationally recognized futurist who is the Presidential Professor of City & Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah where he is also Director of the Metropolitan Research Center. Following his presentation, Dr. Nelson was joined by a panel of local experts to discuss global, national and local trends and what we can expect for Lincoln's future over the next 30 years. The panel included:

- Phil Baker: Labor Market Information Center Director, Nebraska Workforce Development
- David Drozd: Research Coordinator, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR)
- Dr. Ernie Goss: Chair and Professor of Economics at Creighton University in Omaha
- Dr. Arthur C. Nelson: Director of the Metropolitan Research Center, University of Utah
- Dr. Eric Thompson: Director of the Bureau of Business Research, UNL

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Each of the panelists responded to the presentation based on their field of expertise. Together, they also answered questions from the audience and supported their arguments with additional slides of information. You can learn more about the workshop, watch the

video, and view the slideshows on the “Events” tab of the LPlan 2040 website at LPlan2040.lincoln.ne.gov. The Living and Working in 2040 Report and the Population Projections Report can both be found at the same web address on the “Background” tab.

Dr. Nelson’s Projected Future Trends

- 1 Lancaster County will grow to 412,697 people in 2040 and will invest \$50 billion in residential, nonresidential and infrastructure development in the next 30 years. A lot of rebuilding may be required along with new construction.
- 2 The number of households without children is growing in Lancaster County and across the country.
- 3 A large portion of the population will be aged 65 and older as the Baby Boomer generation enters retirement age.
- 4 Lancaster County will also experience a marked increase in the population of minorities.
- 5 Housing in the future will trend toward smaller homes, smaller lots and more renters.
- 6 The emerging trends indicate an affinity toward neighborhood development that provides transit access; walking distance to schools, stores and eating places; a mix of housing types, ethnic backgrounds, age and incomes.
- 7 Underutilized strip commercial centers with large parking lots provide the best locations for redevelopment of mixed-use neighborhoods.
- 8 Downtown living will catch on as a trend and about 2%-3% of the population could be living in and around downtown in 2040. This is equivalent to about 10,000 residents.

Citizen Advisory Committee Meetings

Brett Baker, the city manager for Hickman was asked to join the LPlan 2040 Advisory Committee (LPAC) to represent the interests of the small towns in Lancaster County, and became the Committee’s 21st member.

The Committee meets every 2 weeks to discuss various topics of interest as we proceed with the update of the Comprehensive Plan.



The major topics the Committee has discussed to date are:

- General overview of the Comprehensive Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan
- A background report entitled “Living and Working in 2040” prepared by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department.
- Review and discussion of major background elements covered in the report and how those elements relate to the update of the Plan:
 - Global changes likely to affect the community’s future
 - Local population and housing demands
 - Employment and non-residential space demands
 - Economy and land use analysis
- Presentation by consultants
 - David Drozd with UNO on changing demographics for Lancaster County
 - Dennis Nutter with Sigma Group on the community survey results

The Committee also began a discussion on major Plan assumptions that will continue In August, together with a review of sustainability elements and potential future growth scenarios. To learn more about the committee, or to view agendas, meeting materials, or meeting notes, please go to the Committee tab on the LPlan 2040 website at lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov.

LPlan Advisory Committee Members (LPAC)

Brett Baker, Small Towns
Carolyn Chamberlin, Business/Health
Michael Cornelius, Planning Commission
Scott Ernstmeyer, Education
Dick Esseks, Planning Commission
Wendy Francis, Planning Commission
Leirion Gaylor Baird, Planning Commission
David Grimes, Farmer
Randy Harre, Business
Tom Huston, Attorney
Bill Langdon, Commercial Realty
Roger Larson, Planning Commission
Jeanelle Lust, Planning Commission
Patte Newman, Neighborhood
Jim Partington, Planning Commission
Mike Rezac, Builder
Dennis Scheer, Design
Cecil Steward, Sustainability
Lynn Sunderman, Planning Commission
Tommy Taylor, Planning Commission
Donna Woudenberg, Natural Resources

The Community Gives Us Their Bright Ideas



Bright Ideas is an online forum designed to get maximum feedback from the community. Think of it as an online town hall meeting! Five topics rotate through a two-week idea submission period, followed by one week of voting. During the submission period, members can suggest additions or changes to the ideas. The five topics are Beautiful Places, Getting Around, Where We Live, How We Play and Where We Work.

As of July 30, over 1500 individuals had visited the Bright Ideas website and 160 had become registered members!

When all five ideas have rotated through the submission and voting process, the top ideas will be identified and the authors will be recognized for their creativity. All projects will be compiled into a report that will be shared with the LPlan2040 Advisory Committee for consideration during the development of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan.



To learn more and participate in Bright Ideas please visit lplan2040.org.

Soliciting Comprehensive Plan Proposals

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department is inviting members of the public to submit general proposals to be given consideration for inclusion in the updated Comprehensive Plan. Ideas could include significant changes in land use, revisions to the Future Service Limit, or changes to policies embodied by the 2030 Plan. This outreach supplements the Bright Ideas effort mentioned above.

You can find the submittal form and questionnaire on the LPlan 2040 website or get a copy at the Planning Department at 555 South 10th Street. Proposals should be submitted to the Planning Department by 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 1, 2010**. The merits and applicability of all submittals will be reviewed by the Planning Department and the LPlan Advisory Committee. All submitted proposals will also be available for public review.



What's Coming Up?

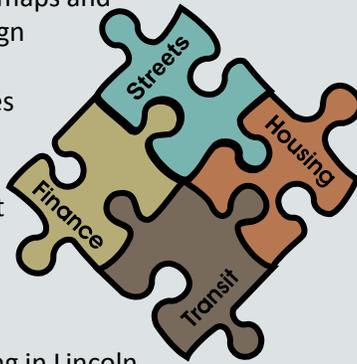
Plan-it-Yourself Workshop

Saturday, August 14th

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Cornhusker Hotel Lancaster Room

The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County invite you to join us for an interactive planning activity that explores the connections between land use, transportation, and finance. Participants will use maps and magnetic game pieces to design future residential growth and “build” streets and transit lines to serve the 2040 population. Work with other interested people and learn a little about what it takes to build a city on a budget.



Participants will :

- Learn about land use planning in Lincoln.
- Work in small groups with other interested people.
- Identify possible locations of future housing.
- Build roads and transit services on a budget.
- Consider preservation of open space.

To reserve a seat for the workshop, go to lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov and click on the Plan-it-Yourself reservation button on the home page. Reservations are encouraged but not required and the public is welcome to register at the door on the day of the event.

For more information about the Plan-it-Yourself workshop, check the website or contact Sara Hartzell at 441-7491.

Sustainability Workshop

Wednesday, September 29th

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers, County/City Bldg

The City-County Planning Department invites you to attend a Sustainability Workshop. The purpose of the discussion is to engage the public on local sustainability issues and how those issues relate to the Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan.



Gayle Prest, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Minneapolis, will be the keynote speaker. Gayle will be joined by a panel of local experts to respond to questions following her presentation. Gayle reports to the Minneapolis City Coordinator and oversees the City's Sustainability Initiative, including development of environmental policies, regulations, and performance measures with special emphasis on leading efforts related to climate change and renewable energy.

For more information about the Sustainability Workshop, check the website or contact Christy Eichorn at 441-7491.

How can you get involved?

The public has many options to get involved in the preparation of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the LRTP. The process is for the benefit of the community, so your participation is greatly valued. To get involved in the process you have the following options:

- Visit our website : lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov
- Find us on Facebook: [LPlan2040](https://www.facebook.com/LPlan2040)
- Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/LPlan2040>
- Give us your ideas through the 'Virtual Town Hall' at our website or LPlan2040.org
- Sign up on our website for email notifications and newsletters
- Invite us to discuss LPlan 2040 with your organization
- Join us for public meetings and workshops throughout the process
- Email the Planning Department at plan@lincoln.ne.gov.
- Submit written comments to the Planning Department or call us at 441-7491.

For More Information, Contact



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