

Frequently Asked Questions

CONNECT Clark County Comprehensive Plan

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1. *What is a Comprehensive Plan?*

A comprehensive plan is a strategic guide that expresses the values and aspirations of a community. It is the broadest public policy document our community can create and will set forth the long-range vision for development, transportation, economic development and other topics. It will also include updates to the previous Comprehensive Plan's transportation section and the County's Thoroughfare Plan. The comprehensive plan document gives a universal view of the whole county, is a tool to prepare for change and acts as both a business plan and guidebook for decision-makers. The Plan is not a legally binding document, but it can serve as a foundation for budgeting decisions, zoning ordinances, land development regulations and more.

2. *Why does Clark County need to update its Comprehensive Plan?*

The existing (1999) Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated to reflect current trends and priorities. Regular comprehensive planning represents good stewardship and establishes a foundation for well-supported policies to create the best possible future.

3. *Who will lead the planning process?*

A citizen steering committee has been established to help guide the public process and the plan's recommendations. Members were selected to reflect the county's diverse backgrounds and interests. Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) staff is working closely with a planning consulting team to facilitate the steering committee's work, convene public workshops, conduct technical work and draft the plan.

4. *Is there a role for residents to get involved?*

YES! County leaders are committed to an open and inclusive process. Anybody that cares about the future of Clark County will be able to participate and contribute their ideas and insight. There will be three rounds of engagement opportunities for face-to-face participation. The first round, the Idea Gathering Meetings, will be held on February 21, 22 and 23 2017. For details about the process and to learn about opportunities to participate, a portion of the Clark County-Springfield TCC website (www.clarktcc.com) will be dedicated to the planning process.

5. *Do I have to be an expert to contribute ideas?*

You are an expert if you live or work in Clark County. Who knows the community better than someone who lives or works here?

6. *What is the timeline for completing the plan?*

The plan and associated implementation strategies will be completed by the end of 2017.

7. *Where can I learn more?*

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