

PlanCC2035 Comments
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Vision is a critical part of the Plan. A Vision in the plan can be looked at in a similar way that Legislative Intent is used for law. If in doubt about a later goal or policy, the Vision can assist.

Definitions of verbs need to be clearly stated in the beginning of the document. Definitions of terms such as Promote, Support, Coordinate, Encourage etc... need to specify whether the City is committing financial and human resources, ordinances & laws, or resolutions of support of the efforts of the private and/or nonprofit sector. After defining these terms, they need to be carefully selected for use throughout the plan.

Early in the plan, there should be a link to other planning/operation documents, ie. an org chart of plans so that readers can see where other elements can be found.

General comment: On many comments mentioning EPA and TCEQ standards, rather than saying "meet or exceed standards," we could state that we will "actively pursue grant funding from EPA and TCEQ." This statement has the effect of recognizing the need for meeting standards while balancing the fiscal responsibility.

General comment: within all elements, those committing financial and human resources should have a phrase "within financial constraints"

Element 2: Goal 1, policy 1: Support initiatives to ensure that water quality at public beaches on the bay and on Padre and Mustang Islands is safe for swimming.

Element 2: Goal 1, policy 3: "continue to support....."

Element 2: Goal 6, policy 4: Support an urban forestry program within facility and parks planning.

Element 2: Goal 9, policy 1: "Continue" plan for facilities and programs so that "residents have" the opportunity to learn how to swim.

Element 2: Goal 9, policy 2: delete - (fishing, surfing, sailboarding, and boating are all water sports better dealt with in private sector. The marina already works with entities that use their facilities to moor their boats.)

Element 3: the vision does not have anything to do with resource efficiency. One reason for resource efficiency is to stay within attainment. Vision should be modified to acknowledge this portion of the element.

Element 3: Goal 3, policies....add "if lifecycle cost is cost effective and financially sound"

Element 4: Vision...include "workforce housing" in list of needs. Economic development requires available affordable housing for employees.

Element 4: Goal 5, policy 1 - add "as cost effective"

Element 4, goal 8, policy 2 - add "as appropriate"

Element 5, goal 6, "....whether high school, technical school, or college...."

Element 6, goal 3, policy 2: "create and implement a reconstruction"

Element 6, goal 7 Move existing statement to policy. Goal: "Access to, from and around Padre Island is safe and accommodates growth both in residential and tourist populations."

Element 7, goal 1, policy 1 "develop and maintain integrated water management strategies considering surface, ground, reuse, conservation...."

Element 7, goal 4, policy 3....this statement could also fit on air quality policies...

Element 7, goal 4, policy 4 - remove

Element 7, goal 8.....delete

Element 8, Flour Bluff development plan - support Council suggestions on Turtle Cove and Laguna Shores

Element 9, goal 2, “The Comprehensive Plan, and associated area development plans and utility and transportation master plans are subject.....”

Element 9, goal 6, policy 3 “actively pursue grants to assist in implementation of comprehensive plan”