



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

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**To: Flagstaff City Council, Coconino County Board of Supervisors,
Coconino County Planning and Zoning Commission, Flagstaff Planning
and Zoning Commission**

**From: Sara Dechter, Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning
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Subject: Regional Plan Priorities and Goals

The Flagstaff Regional Land Use Plan 2045 had been refining the community priorities and how they are described in the plan. The current plan does not have clearly identified priorities or give direction on how the policies should be weighed. One of the objectives for this update was to identify clear priorities that can be used to guide discussions about the Regional Plan.

Public participation, scenario planning and the recent community discussions guided the development of 6 priorities: Housing Attainability and Equity, Climate Action, A Walkable Mixed-Use Community, Natural and Cultural Resources, A Healthy Economy and Resilient Public Services and Facilities. Staff has provided additional information on how the public has weighed in on the priorities through the spring survey results in the packet.

Dividing the policies into the core and complementary categories would give more weight to Housing Attainability and Equity and Climate Action. The other priorities would still be important and would be more emphasized when they are carried out in support of the core priorities.

The goals and policies are proposed to be organized under the priorities. The draft goals and their potential organization are shown in the attachment "Excerpts related to Priorities and Goals." Staff is still working on implementation and legal review of policies.

In the current plan, goals and policies are analyzed as part of the finding of plan conformance for legislative decisions outlined in the Zoning Codes of the City and County. The procedures and practices used to make these findings can be left to each jurisdiction.

Staff is looking for feedback from the group gathered on the following:

- Is the structure of core v. complementary priorities helpful and informative?
- Are Housing Attainability and Equity and Climate Action the right core priorities?
- Should we be able to weigh complementary priorities more than core in certain cases? What should it depend on?
- Organizing the goals under priorities means that elements of the plan such as transportation and parks are spread across several priorities. Are there any concerns with this approach.