

Apache Junction 2030-2050 General Plan – Legendary Landscapes and Lifestyles

City of Apache Junction Vision Statement:

Apache Junction is a diverse community of natural beauty and heritage that offers prosperity, compassion, and forward thinking to its residents, businesses and visitors.

City of Apache Junction Mission Statement:

We will focus on and invest in quality of life and planned improvements for serving residents, businesses and visitors.

Project Scope:

- 1) Why are we doing the project?
- 2) What are the project objectives?
- 3) What does the final product look like?

Project Scope Statement: The city of Apache Junction is required by state statute to prepare and adopt a General Plan for the growth and development of the city every 10 years. The plan is approved by the voters at a city election. The election is the first Tuesday in August, 2020. While the city could “re-adopt” the plan with updates and meet the requirements of the state planning laws, the city has an opportunity to develop a plan that tells the story of where the city wants to be future. The plan should provide a clear picture of what the city is all about today but just as important where the citizens expect their community to be 10 years from now. The plan should really look beyond 10 years and guide the future of the city at least 20 or 30 years in the future. The plan should provide a clear vision, goals, objectives, policies and strategies that when implemented place the city on the path it intended during the plan preparation process.

Stakeholders: Citizens of Apache Junction; Mayor and City Council; Planning and Zoning Commission; City commissions and committees; neighborhood groups; business community; conservation community; regional and state agencies, federal agencies; city managers and staff.

Resource required: With the realization that a consultant engaged in the preparation of a General Plan would cost the city approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000, city management has expressed that they would like the existing city staff to prepare the next version of the city’s General Plan. In order to complete a complex project of this magnitude, it takes a fully committed Project Team including allocating staff time (personnel) and resources (meeting space, equipment) from all city departments.

Required Elements: Land Use Element and a Circulation Element

- 10,000 Population Required Elements: Open Space Element, Growth Area Element, Environmental Planning Element, Cost of Development Element, Water Resources Element

May include for municipalities < 50,000 population: Eleven additional elements, conservation; recreation; circulation; public services and facilities; public buildings; housing; conservation, rehabilitation and redevelopment; safety; bicycling; energy, and neighborhood preservation and revitalization. (A.R.S. §9-461.05 (E))

Project Team Responsibilities/Schedule:

- Project Team Scoping Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018 7:30 a.m.
- Project Team Kick-off Meeting: Thursday, September 6, 2018 – 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- Monthly Project Team Meetings: 8:00 a.m. First Thursday of the month

Plan Element	Dept. Lead	Resources GIS	Task /Meeting	Date
<u>Chap 1</u> , Executive Summary, Vision, Mission, Plan Pillars, Existing Conditions, Community Profile, Community Participation	DSD		Provide Template - Data, Inventory, Analysis - Element	September 20th
<u>Chap 2</u> Environmental Planning Element – Conservation, Natural Resources, and Energy	DSD	P&R	Monthly Project Team Meeting	October 4, 2018
<u>Chap 3</u> Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element	P&R	DSD	Monthly Project Team Meeting	November 1, 2018
<u>Chap 4</u> Neighborhood Preservation, Revitalization and Housing Element	DSD	AJCDC	Community Meeting #1 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	November 28, 2018
<u>Chap 5</u> Economic Development Element	ED	DSD	Monthly Project Team Meeting	December 6, 2018
<u>Chap 6</u> Public Safety, Services and Facilities Element	DSD	PD, Library, DPW, Mgt.	Monthly Project Team Meeting	January 3, 2019
<u>Chap 7</u> Intergovernmental Coordination Element	DSD	Mgt.	Monthly Project Team Meeting	February 7, 2019
<u>Chap 8</u> Circulation Element	DPW	DSD	Monthly Project Team Meeting	March 7, 2019
<u>Chap 9</u> Water Resources Element	AJWCFD SMCFD	DSD	Monthly Project Team Meeting	April 4, 2019
<u>Chap 10</u> Growth Area Element	DSD		Provide Template for Goals, Objective, Policies	April 4
<u>Chap 11</u> <u>Conservation, Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Element</u>	DSD/ED		Monthly Project Team Meeting	May 2, 2019
<u>Chap 12</u> Land Use Element	DSD	All	Monthly Project Team Meeting	June 6, 2019
<u>Chap 13</u> Cost of Development/Capital Improvements	DSD	Pub Works, Police, Library, P&R	Complete Phase 1 DIA – 10 Months	June 6, 2019
<u>Chap 14</u> Implementation and Monitoring	DSD		Community Meeting #2 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	June 19, 2019
			P&Z Work Session	July 9, 2019

Resources:			Monthly Project Team Meeting	July 11, 2019
JC Kliner – GIS Mapping			Monthly Project Team Meeting	August 1, 2019
US Bureau of the Census – American Community Survey, American Fact Finder, Economic Census			Monthly Project Team Meeting	September 5, 2019
MAG Data and Mapping			Monthly Project Team Meeting	October 3, 2019
Council Town Hall Meeting Summaries			Complete Phase II GOPS - 4 months	October 3, 2019
Council Retreat Summaries			P&Z Work Session	October 8, 2019
EPA Infill Strategies Report			Draft Plan 60 Day Review Starts	October 10, 2019
National Citizens Survey Data			Community Meeting #3 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m	October 16, 2019
ASU Project Cities Reports, Planning Capstone Project			P&Z Public Hearing	October 22, 2019
AJ Current General Plan			P&Z Public Hearing	November 12, 2019
2012 Transportation Plan, ITS Strategic Plan, Draft Active Transportation Plan			CC Work Session	December 16, 2019
Other General Plans – Adjacent County/Community Plans			P&Z Public Hearing/Adoption	December 10, 2019
			CC Work Session	January 6, 2020
			CC New Business Item	January 21, 2020
			CC Regular Meeting - Adoption	February 4, 2020
			Prepare publicity pamphlet	Feb-July
			Election - Tuesday	August 25