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OUR MISSION VISION VALUES
ARE THE BASIS OF OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

MISSION VISION & VALUES

A STRATEGIC PLAN
- Sets priorities aligned with organizational strategy
- Focuses energy and resources
- Strengthens operations
- Keeps the team working toward common goals
OUR MISSION
Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community

OUR VISION
Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government

OUR VALUES
INTEGRITY
RESPECT
EXCELLENCE
ACCOUNTABILITY
PEOPLE
The City of El Paso is a reflective and future-focused organization. The Strategic Plan sets the tone and direction of our service delivery by establishing goals, strategies and key strategic objectives while also aligning operations and resources to achieve them. Activating the power of the plan has shaped transformative, tangible results since its initial adoption in 2015.

We undertake a Strategic Planning Process to reflect on work accomplished, share progress being made across our eight goals to attain our four vision blocks, and to ensure we identify new or emerging areas of focus. This process is dynamic, intentional and demonstrates our leadership system in action anchored in Plan, People, Process and Performance.

City Leaders convened the most recent Strategic Planning Session in December 2021. This high-energy, community-focused event centered on reinforcing the collective big picture—driven by the data, dialogue, and key decisions shaping our future.

This document provides a visual mapping of the goals, strategies, and key strategic objectives defining the strategic work of our organization.
PLAN (OUR WAY)
SETS MVV - KEY
SHORT & LONG
TERM STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES

PEOPLE
(OUR WAY)
WORKFORCE -
CUSTOMERS

MISSION - VISION - VALUES

PERFORMANCE
FOCUS ON RESULTS

PROCESS
(OUR WAY)
STRATEGIC
PLANNING PROCESS
INTEGRATED
BUDGET PROCESS
PROCESS
IMPROVEMENT
Four Vision Blocks ensure goals, strategies and strategic objectives are aligned across all operations by the key areas ingrained in the vision statement:

- **GOALS 1-3** VIBRANT REGIONAL ECONOMY
- **GOALS 2-7-8** SAFE + BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOODS
- **GOALS 4** RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL + EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- **GOALS 5-6** HIGH PERFORMING GOVERNMENT
Eight Goals
are broad statements that provide direction on how progress will be measured toward the four established vision blocks.

Strategies
identify specific areas of interest and focus supporting traction on the eight established goals.

Strategic Objectives
reinforce established strategies and are considered the most critical strategic imperatives for the organization (i.e., 30 by 2030).

* 30 by 30 = 25 by 25 + 5 new strategic objectives adopted during December 2021 Strategic Planning Session.
During the December 2021 Strategic Planning Session, each Council Member demonstrated visionary leadership, reflected on key challenges and opportunities, and shared their strategic outlook. The illustrations provide a visual snapshot.
PETER SVARZBEIN
DISTRICT 1

"Being in the desert is hard—you have to be hard on the outside and sweet on the inside."

CELEBRATE OUR BILINGUAL CULTURAL HERITAGE WITH SISTER CITIES

LARGEST URBAN STATE PARK IN TEXAS

EL PASO
TRANSNATIONAL TROLLEY

SUN CITY = SOLAR CITY

ALEXSANDRA ANNELLO
DISTRICT 2

#HUGSNOTWALLS

HOW DO WE ATTRACTION PEOPLE HERE?

HOW DO WE TAKE CARE OF OUR WORKFORCE?

CASSANDRA HERNANDEZ
DISTRICT 3

THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY 'ONLY SERVE PEOPLE WITH PAPERS'

RECOVERING FROM THE AUG 3RD TRAGEDY

JOE MOLINAR
DISTRICT 4

WE LIVE EVERYDAY

QUITTERS NEVER WIN & WINNERS NEVER QUIT

MY VISION: A COMMUNITY WHERE FAMILIES & BUSINESSES THRIVE

I'D LIKE TO SEE A HOSPITAL IN NORTHEAST

DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY
ISABEL SALCIDO
DISTRICT 5

THE POWER OF WORDS

FAMILIES IN MY DISTRICT ARE HAPPY TO HAVE EXCELLENT NEW FACILITIES

VALUES: INTEGRITY, RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, PEOPLE

CHANGE YOUR WORDS
CHANGE YOUR WORLD

PRIORITY:

• JOBS IN THE DISTRICT
• LESS TRAFFIC CONGESTION
• SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

CLAUDIA LIZETTE RODRIGUEZ
DISTRICT 6

VIVIR MI VIDA
-MARC ANTHONY-

THE PEOPLE, THE CULTURE, THE ARCHITECTURE OF EL PASO INSPIRE ME

I WANT TO GIVE MY COMMUNITY PLACES TO PLAY, TO LIVE & BE INSPIRED

HENRY RIVERA
DISTRICT 7

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUST

• LEADING SELFLESSLY
• CLEAR MISSION & STATEMENT

GOAL ALIGNMENT

SUCCESSES

• EXPANDED PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS
• STREAMLINED VACCINE ADMIN
• COMPLETION OF WATERSPARKS & STREET PROJECTS

CHALLENGES:

• LACK OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY
• LOW UNIVERSITY GRADUATION RATES
• CONTINUOUS RISE IN OBESITY & DIABETES

CISSY LIZZARRAGA
DISTRICT 8

“BEING A TEACHER AT A PUBLIC HIGHSCHOOL REALLY OPENED MY EYES.”

FROM EDUCATOR TO ELECTED OFFICE

FOCUS ON:

• INFILL
• ACCESS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
• BETTER SHARING OF PUBLIC DATA

PREPARE FOR THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

ELECTRIC VEHICLES!
CULTIVATE AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO STRONG, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.1 Stabilize and expand El Paso’s tax base
- Activate targeted development/ redevelopment
- Investment in Downtown historic structures

- Establish a support mechanism for resilient development practices for private sector projects across El Paso

Activate targeted (re)development 2.0
- Medical Center of the Americas/Alameda
- Reimagine Cohen/Angora Loop/Northeast Parkway
- Five Points
- Airport Development
- High priority corridor development plans
- Infill growth strategies
- Parking strategies
- Disposition of City-owned properties

Expand Downtown revitalization/redevelopment to include
- Streetcar corridor vibrancy
- Convention Center renovation
- Parking management plans
- Uptown

- Grow existing and attract new target industries, including advanced manufacturing and international development; creating an innovation-driven culture of technology that fosters economic prosperity and creates high-paying career pathways
Enhance visitor revenue opportunities
- Attract two retail destination anchors
- Catalyze ecotourism as an economic development driver focused on El Paso’s unique and authentic urban desert identity
- Develop, implement and continue to build ecotourism and heritage tourism programming, improvements and infrastructure

Maximize venue efficiencies through revenue growth and control

Grow the core business of air transportation
- Expand Airport development

Stimulate economic growth through transit and bridges integration
- Enhance cross-border mobility experience for bridge users (2.0)
- Capital Improvement Plan implementation
- Revamp toll operations schedules and lane management

Provide business-friendly permitting and inspection processes
- Launch new business-friendly practices and services improving speed-to-market and supporting entrepreneurship/microenterprises
Identify and develop plans for areas of reinvestment and local partnership

- Continue the development of integrated planning efforts with Communities of Excellence (COE) partners

- Define workforce needs and activate key networks in support of the environmental/creative economy leveraging El Paso’s robust educational resources and local talent

- Connect people and initiatives across the region, activating the binational community
SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY

2.1 Maintain standing as one of the nation’s top safest cities

2.2 Strengthen community involvement in resident safety

2.3 Increase public safety operational efficiency

- Expand investment in public safety operations (2.0)
  - Staffing needs
  - Program annual Police and Fire vehicle replacement
  - Development and completion of new public safety facilities
  - Programs supporting safe and sustainable communities

2.4 Improve motorist safety and traffic management solutions

2.5 Take proactive approaches to prevent fire/medical incidents and lower regional risk

2.6 Enforce Municipal Court orders

2.7 Maximize Municipal Court efficiency and enhance customer experience

2.8 Implement effective code enforcement strategies to reduce nuisances, enhance visual appearance and improve overall health and safety

2.9 Promote building safety
PROMOTE THE VISUAL IMAGE OF EL PASO

3.1 Improve the visual impression of the community (gateways, corridors, intersections and parklands)
   - Construct Sun City Lights entryways

3.2 Set one standard for infrastructure across the city

3.3 Establish a brand that celebrates and promotes El Paso’s unique identity and offerings
ENHANCE EL PASO’S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

4.1 Deliver bond projects impacting quality of life across the city in a timely, efficient manner

- Implement trailhead plan

Complete Quality of Life Bond Projects and develop signature programming
- Mexican American Cultural Center
- Children’s Museum
- Multipurpose Cultural and Performing Arts Center

4.2 Create innovative recreational, educational and cultural program

- Grow signature holiday attraction(s)

Align and implement key investment strategies (linked to 6.6) sustaining and enhancing park system operations and outdoor offerings

4.3 Establish technical criteria for improved quality of life facilities
PROMOTE TRANSPARENT AND CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION AMONGST ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

5.1 Set a climate of respect, collaboration and team spirit among Council, city staff and the community

- Activate non-traditional tools to build productive dialog among community groups and public agencies

5.2 Leverage and expand the use of current and new technology to reduce inefficiencies and improve communications

5.3 Promote a well-balanced customer service philosophy throughout the organization

5.4 Enhance internal communication and employee engagement

5.5 Advance two-way communication of key messages to external customers

5.6 Strengthen messaging opportunities through media outlets and proactive community outreach
SET THE STANDARD FOR SOUND GOVERNANCE AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

6.1 Recruit and retain a skilled and diverse workforce

   Plan and implement dynamic and broadly partnered talent management strategies

6.2 Implement employee benefits and services that promote financial security

6.3 Implement programs to reduce organizational risk

6.4 Implement leading-edge practices for achieving quality and performance excellence

   Expand workforce development and organizational focus on continuous improvement through targeted training, activating partnerships and growing best practices

   Become a model for activating interagency and multi-sector partnerships and demonstrate results under the Communities of Excellence framework

6.5 Deliver services timely and effectively with focus on continual improvement

   Optimize resources by evaluating and aligning service delivery mechanisms
   - Shared Services
   - Community Preparedness/Continuity of Operations
   - Volunteer Programs

6.6 Ensure continued financial stability and accountability through sound financial management, budgeting and reporting

   Create and implement a plan to address long-term liabilities and sustain the City's Bond Rating

   Identify potential new revenue streams

   Establish Bond Election
Deliver effective and efficient processes to maximize value in obtaining goods and services

Support transparent and inclusive government

Maximize Municipal Court efficiency and enhance customer service through technology

Enhance the quality of decision making with legal representation and support

Provide efficient and effective services to taxpayers

Maintain systems integrity, compliance and business continuity
  - Implement Cybersecurity Plan

Enhance the practice of resilience within the organization of the City of El Paso

Define and begin implementation of a Smart Community Roadmap through the strategic integration of technology and data-driven action into city operations
  - Document, publicize and maximize existing smart technology already deployed
  - Implement an open-data initiative
  - Expand Digital Inclusion efforts (linked with 4.2)
  - Create a real-world laboratory environment to explore scalable smart technology pilot applications
  - Establish partnerships to facilitate smart neighborhood development and deployment
ENHANCE AND SUSTAIN EL PASO’S INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

7.1

Provide reliable and sustainable water supply and distribution systems and stormwater management

- Develop support vehicles for innovative urban resource management systems and industry development, advancing the Paso Del Norte Region as a leader in advanced energy and water technology

7.2

Improve competitiveness through infrastructure improvements impacting the quality of life

- Deliver programmed Street Infrastructure projects, including
  - Implementation of Bike Plan
  - Street Reconstruction projects

- Expand the investment and beautification of street infrastructure (2.0)
  - Streets Resurfacing
  - Streets Reconstruction Plan
  - Most-Traveled Streets program
  - Citywide aesthetics program (trees, medians, etc.)
  - Comprehensive Green Infrastructure Plan
  - Entryway and wayfinding

- Develop a bond package focused on addressing identified community priorities and needs aligned with targeted areas of investment
Enhance a regional comprehensive transportation system
- Develop plan for next phase(s) of streetcar system
- Completion of Brio system

Implement improvements and activate programming that supports and promotes multimodal transportation (2.0)

Continue the strategic investment in city facilities and technology
- Program facility rehabilitation and equipment replacement plan
- Create and implement a comprehensive facility and fleet investment plan (2.0)

Set one standard for infrastructure across the city
- Institutionalize sustainable building design and development practices for all city-owned and operated property
- Design and implement infrastructure projects that maximize co-benefits, simultaneously addressing climatic and social stressors such as flooding, heat, and energy and citizen mobility

Establish Upper Eastside Growth Plan and begin implementation and complete Comprehensive Master Plan update
NURTURE AND PROMOTE A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

8.1

Deliver prevention, intervention and mobilization services to promote a healthy, productive and safe community

- Evaluate and integrate key policies, practices and space planning improving community health outcomes and risk reduction

8.2

Stabilize neighborhoods through community, housing and ADA improvements

- Create healthy, affordable, high quality housing options especially for vulnerable populations
- Support affordable, high quality housing options especially for vulnerable populations (2.0)
- Develop solutions to increase access and services for El Pasoans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness

8.3

Stabilize neighborhoods through community, housing and ADA improvements

- Sustain the Live Release Rate (2.0)
8.4  Develop and implement a comprehensive climate action plan aligned with identified community priorities and established strategic objectives focused on transportation, infrastructure, economy and equity

- Create and implement the Urban Energy Plan and identify state and federal legislative and funding opportunities

8.5  Improve air quality throughout El Paso

8.6  Provide long-term, cost effective, sustainable regional solid waste solutions

8.7  Ensure community compliance with environmental regulatory requirement

8.8  Improve community resilience through education, outreach, and develop the resilience strategy

- Cultivate local, regional and global relationships supportive of cooperative resilience building efforts
- Connect people to community assets and programs that support health, safety and quality of life

8.9  Enhance vector control and environmental education to provide a safe and healthy environment
Establish a brand that celebrates and promotes El Paso’s unique identity and offerings (Goal 3)

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Enhance cross-border mobility experience for bridge users (Goal 1)
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- Revamp toll operations schedules and lane management

Launch new business-friendly practices and services improving speed-to-market and supporting entrepreneurship/microenterprises (Goal 1)

Identify and develop plans for areas of reinvestment and local partnership (Goal 1)

Expand investment in public safety operations (Goal 2)
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- Programs supporting safe and sustainable communities

Complete Quality of Life Bond Projects and develop signature programming (2.0) (Goal 4)
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- Children’s Museum
- Multipurpose Cultural and Performing Arts Center

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26. Seek out and activate interregional and binational partnership opportunities that support trade, technology, and tourism (linked with 1.5) (Goal 8)

27. Develop a bond package focused on addressing identified community priorities and needs aligned with targeted areas of investment (Goal 7)

28. Plan and implement dynamic and broadly partnered talent management strategies (Goal 6)

29. Develop solutions to increase access and services for El Pasoans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness (Goal 8)

30. Create and implement the Urban Energy Plan and identify state and federal legislative and funding opportunities (Goal 8)
Additional Blueprints

As key inputs and documents supporting the creation of the citywide Strategic Plan, several of the City’s Boards, Committees and Commissions have developed strategic plans providing guidance on key focus areas and alignment opportunities. These include:

- Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
- Regional Renewable Energy Advisory Council
- Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Board

These planning documents can be viewed online at [www.elpasotexas.gov](http://www.elpasotexas.gov)