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<u>DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT</u>

Growth:

1. Ensure local access to a variety of services (daycare, medical, etc.) and buildings other than residential/office (e.g. retail, groceries, schools, recreation, cultural facilities, etc.)

2. Create diversity in housing stock that appeals to all ages, incomes and stages of life

3. Preserve historic architecture and scale whenever possible

4. Allow for large-scale growth

5. Make downtown more attractive for families to want to live there

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Mobility:

1. Prioritize pedestrians within the downtown area

2. Provide high quality, high-frequency transit (better than every 15 minutes)

3. Prioritize bikes and transit when considering travel in/out of downtown

4. Develop a smaller-scale circulator transit system to serve local needs

5. Innovate parking management efforts (e.g. create a structured parking district served by transit, private-sector partnerships, developer incentives, etc.)

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GENERAL URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

Growth:

1. Create pedestrian-friendly main streets

2. Be more efficient with existing space

3. Encourage diversity in building types/density (e.g. from single family to duplex and multi-family)

4. Increase availability of open space

5. Maintain parking requirements for all new developments

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GENERAL URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

Mobility:

1. Increase transit accessibility, frequency, reliability and connectivity to downtown and other centers (e.g. quality access within ¼ to ½ mile of everyone)

2. Improve accessibility/quality of pedestrian/walking facilities

3. Create non-fixed transit options (e.g. dedicated bus lanes) within our existing infrastructure that are just as fast, if not faster, than fixed transit

4. Improve accessibility/quality of bike facilities

5. Create fixed transit options (e.g. trains/trolleys vs. buses)

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SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

Growth:

1. Encourage revitalization of strip-mall shopping centers (e.g. Belmar-type main-streets in large commercial settings)

2. Ensure there are a mix of housing options for all phases of life and income levels (e.g. townhouses, condos, row-houses)

3. Focus growth on edges of neighborhoods, large corridors, commercial areas and transit hubs

4. Encourage more accessory dwelling units in the main home or as a tandem home

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<u>SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT</u>

Mobility:

1. Improve connections with adjacent municipalities*

2. Improve transit hubs (e.g. pedestrian infrastructure, bike racks, commercial activity)*

3. Introduce transit options beyond RTD (e.g. local circulators, vanpools)*

4. Slow traffic so it's safer to bike/walk

5. Make it possible to live in a suburban neighborhood without a car

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<u>URBAN CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT</u>

Growth:

1. Maintain neighborhood identity and eclecticism while integrating growth and development

2. Make more daily services accessible by foot (e.g. schools, groceries, parks, etc.)

3. Plan outward from transit-oriented developments

4. Encourage active street-level retail

5. Focus growth around employment centers so people can live-work-play in the same neighborhood

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<u>URBAN CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT</u>

Mobility:

1. Increase transit and mobility options, access and frequency (e.g. at least every 15 minutes) to keep pace with increased density*

2. Improve accessibility/quality of pedestrian/walking facilities (e.g. fill missing gaps, more pedestrian crossings, new pedestrian bridges)*

3. Improve wayfinding and connectivity to make it easier for bikes and pedestrians**

4. Allow for transit-prioritized lanes in some areas**

5. Improve accessibility/quality of bike facilities, particularly the on-street bike lane network

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URBAN EDGE NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

Growth:

1. Make new development walkable and accessible

2. Provide more walkable, quality options for grocery stores and restaurants

3. Repurpose underutilized space and outdated shopping centers

4. Take steps to make arterial roads centers of community commerce, not just places for cars

5. Create main street areas throughout neighborhoods vs. growing large-scale commercial on arterial roads*

6. Utilize abandoned and/or city owned lots as opportunity/innovation growth zones and commercial/redevelopment areas*

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<u>URBAN EDGE NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT</u>

Mobility:

1. Improve accessibility/quality of pedestrian/walking facilities (e.g. wider, complete networks)

2. Increase transit accessibility, frequency and reliability

3. Provide sheltered, well-marked and protected bus stops

4. Improve connectivity to and across major arteries

5. Improve accessibility/quality of bike facilities, particularly dedicated bike facilities on arterial roads

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URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

Growth:

1. Keep environmental issues at the forefront of all growth decisions (e.g. water use, air quality, water quality, etc.)

2. Make local services more accessible (e.g. schools, retail, etc.)

3. Focus growth on transit-oriented development areas

4. Maintain and increase growth of mixed-use development options

5. Increase the amount and accessibility of green space*

6. Encourage first floor retail*

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<u>URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT</u>

Mobility:

1. Improve accessibility/quality of pedestrian/walking facilities

2. Increase transit accessibility, frequency and reliability

3. Disperse modes of travel among the roadways

4. Improve accessibility/quality of bike facilities

5. Evaluate operations and maintenance policies to help maintain pedestrian mobility during severe events (e.g. snow, melting, etc.)

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