



**2013 COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN REVIEW**

CHARLESTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

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**TODAY'S AGENDA:
REVIEW OF GOALS, NEEDS, AND STRATEGIES**

- Economic Development Element
- Transportation Element
- Community Facilities Element
- Priority Investment Element

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ELEMENT**

REVIEW OF GOAL, NEEDS, AND STRATEGIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Charleston County will be an integral part of a strong, diverse and growing regional economy, providing economic opportunities for its citizens and fostering fiscal health for County government services and facilities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

- A unified economic development vision for the Charleston Region;
- Fostering a stable and competitive business climate; and
- Supporting existing industries, encouraging new business start-ups, including small business enterprises and minority-owned businesses, and attracting new targeted sectors to Charleston County

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

ED 3. ~~Provide~~ **Consider use of** incentives for underutilized commercial centers for redevelopment and re-use that allow for mixtures of residential and non-residential uses.

ED 5. Support economic development objectives ~~within~~ **of** the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments Region.

ED 6. ~~Focus~~ **Encourage** Rural Area economic development efforts on agri-tourism and other employment opportunities that provide jobs for the local population and promote community sustainability.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

ED 14. Support new business and industry initiatives in partnership with state and local governments and private entities. *Support further diversification of the Charleston economy through the continued business, recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts of the Charleston County Economic Development Department and its allies.*

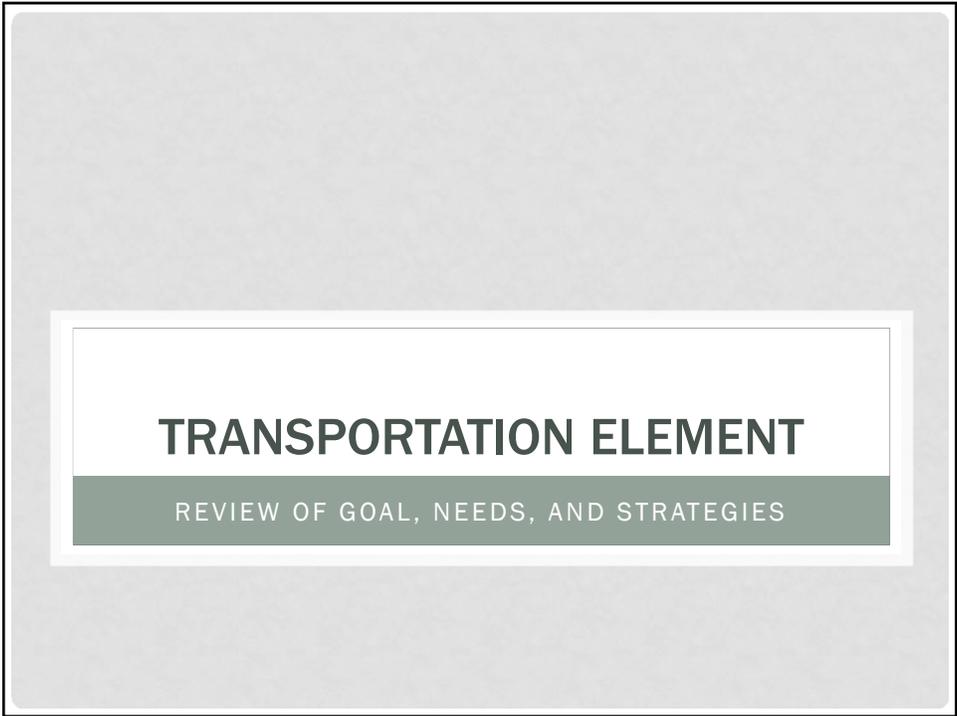
ED 16. Support the implementation of the business development goals of Opportunity Next.

ED 17. Support the implementation of Accelerate Charleston talent development, business climate, and job creation initiatives.

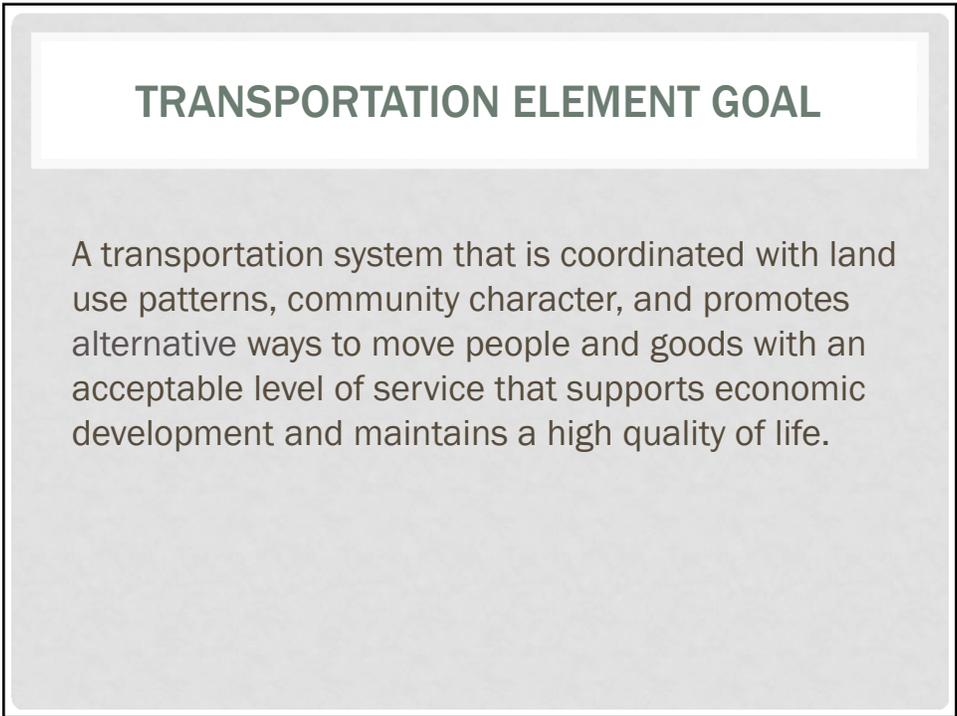
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

ED 18. Support the education initiatives included in Our Region, Our Plan.

ED 19. Support the ongoing initiatives of key allies in the areas of tourism promotion, entrepreneurship, small business, manufacturing, technology, education, workforce development, and business climate improvement.



TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT
REVIEW OF GOAL, NEEDS, AND STRATEGIES



TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT GOAL

A transportation system that is coordinated with land use patterns, community character, and promotes alternative ways to move people and goods with an acceptable level of service that supports economic development and maintains a high quality of life.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT NEEDS

- Tying transportation with the strategies of *housing*, economic development, and land use;
- Encouraging transportation options such as public transit and pedestrian and bicycle systems;
- Improving the efficiency of the existing and planned transportation system, with particular attention to evacuation planning; and
- Ensuring that transportation planning is a coordinated effort of all jurisdictions.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT

REVIEW OF GOAL, NEEDS, AND STRATEGIES

COMMUNITY FACILITIES GOAL

Community facilities and services will be provided in a fiscally responsible manner with adequate levels of service and will be coordinated with surrounding jurisdictions and will be linked to land use planning and development decisions so that community facilities and services have capacity for expected growth and are in place when needed.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES NEEDS

- Continuing to evaluate and plan for additional community facilities and services;
- Coordinating with the various service providers in the County;
- Creating a stronger link between capital improvements programming and land use planning;
- ***Maintaining existing community facilities to ensure long-lasting, efficient use;*** and
- Encouraging the cost-effective provision of public facilities and services by promoting compact and mixed-use development

COMMUNITY FACILITIES STRATEGIES

CF 8. Support coordination efforts to provide adequate fire protection to all residents and visitors of Charleston County through efforts of the Charleston County Fire Chiefs Association, ~~and shared service agreements and~~ ***the Consolidated Dispatch Center.*** ~~consolidated dispatch and call centers.~~

CF 9. Plan for and provide adequate emergency medical care to all residents and visitors of Charleston County as provided by Charleston County Emergency Medical Services ***and the Consolidated Dispatch Center.***

CF 16. Continue efforts to provide parks and recreational facilities and services in coordination with the Charleston County Greenbelt Plan ***Program*** and the Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission.

PRIORITY INVESTMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND COORDINATION ELEMENT

REVIEW OF GOAL, NEEDS, AND STRATEGIES

PRIORITY INVESTMENT GOAL

Public infrastructure projects will be prioritized through coordination with adjacent and relevant jurisdictions and agencies.

PRIORITY INVESTMENT NEEDS

- Inter-jurisdictional coordination;
- Annual planning work program for implementation of this Plan;
- Capital Improvements Programming, Fiscal Impact Assessment, and funding options;
- Maintaining rural character; and
- Responding to changes by authorizing alternatives to conventional land use and development patterns.

PRIORITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

PI 4. Organize and carry out specific area plans in a coordinated effort to address specific planning issues involving Charleston County including:

- ~~Developments of County Significance;~~
- Consistent land use plans and architectural standards among adjacent jurisdictions;
- Consistent commercial corridor overlay districts among adjacent jurisdictions; and
- Provision of transportation alternatives among jurisdictions.

PRIORITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

PI 5. Seek agreements with water providers, Designated Wastewater Management Agencies, and agencies providing wastewater treatment that will:

- Establish service area limits in support of the regional land use pattern adopted in the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan;
- Establish designated wastewater management agencies for unincorporated areas of Charleston County; and
- Require that any wastewater treatment systems other than individual on-site systems in the Rural Area be approved by County Council as a Comprehensive Plan amendment and be approved by the BCDCOG as an amendment to the Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan. Wastewater treatment systems that are approved as part of Planned Developments *or Form-Based Zoning Districts* do not require amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; however, they may require amendments to the 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

PRIORITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

PI 6. Work with municipalities to develop agreement on *Reinforce the location of* the Urban Growth Boundary *and the criteria to change its location through inter-jurisdictional coordination with the Cities of Charleston and North Charleston, the Town of Mount Pleasant, and service providers* in support of the regional land use pattern adopted in the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan.

PI 7. Develop a Council directed prioritized annual work program for all County operations and agencies that includes allocation of appropriate resources. This annual work program should be completed as part of the budget process. *Continue the implementation initiatives (also known as the annual work plan) adopted by County Council in the Comprehensive Plan.*

PRIORITY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

PI 10. Advocate *for* coordinated public facilities and services necessary to support the regional land use pattern adopted in Charleston County.

PI 12. Continue Emergency Planning coordination with Berkeley County, Dorchester County, and the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division to adequately plan for hurricanes and other possible *natural and man-made* disasters.