



HILLSBORO 2020 VISION AND ACTION PLAN

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: 2001-2002

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Vision Implementation Committee

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Dear Mayor and Hillsboro City Council Members:

The Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee is pleased to present the 2001-2002 *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan Annual Progress Report*. The Vision and Action Plan requires the Committee to prepare and submit an annual status report, including any proposed Action Plan modifications, to City Council for consideration.

In addition to describing the Vision's progress, the Annual Report includes an overview of Vision Implementation Committee activities and accomplishments, a summary of this year's Town Hall meeting, and a brief list of proposed *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan* modifications.

The Hillsboro 2020 Vision's accomplishments during 2001-2002 continued the high level of progress seen last year. The statistics demonstrate this continued success with 73 of 114 proposed Vision Plan actions either completed or underway. This figure is impressive when you consider that only 52 actions were proposed to begin in the first two years of implementation. Such progress could not have been achieved without the continued commitment and support of our community partners. The Committee is grateful for their assistance, and for the investment they and hundreds of Hillsboro citizens have made to ensure Hillsboro 2020 becomes a reality.

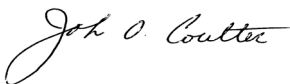
A few of the highlights from 2001-2002 include:

- This year's Vision Town Hall meeting, "*Hillsboro 2020: Our Hometown; Our Community; Our Future*," had an increase in attendance with 185 participants. The event was organized, in large part, by volunteers. These individuals assisted with program development, setting-up entertainment, advertising and promotions and all manner of logistical issues.
- The Committee developed a proposed process for reviewing new action and strategy ideas. The suggested process is designed to ensure Hillsboro 2020 remains open to new initiatives, while maintaining the Vision's commitment to community values and priorities.
- In May, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Project received the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Core Values Co-Project of the Year Award. Competing with projects from across the U.S. and in other countries, Hillsboro 2020's award was based on the project's extensive and innovative bilingual public involvement effort.

Even as the community enjoys the benefits of recent accomplishments, work is underway to implement more actions outlined in the plan. The Committee anticipates additional successes in 2002-2003. Upcoming highlights are described in the "Looking Forward" section of the report.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Committee, I want to thank the Mayor and City Council for its on-going support of this important community project. We look forward to working with you over the next year as the Vision continues to build the future designed by Hillsboro citizens.

Sincerely,



John Coulter
Chair, Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee

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I. Introduction

HILLSBORO 2020 OVERVIEW

During the past 20 years, Hillsboro has experienced significant residential and economic growth. The community has become economically self-sufficient with a strong and diverse industrial base, and vital retail areas. It has grown geographically to more than double its physical size and has started to take in unincorporated neighborhoods and commercial areas to the east. A consequence of this growth and change in community character has been an emerging need to redefine the City's identity and help set a course for the future which reflects the values of its citizens. Recognizing this challenge, the City of Hillsboro conducted an extensive public discussion to develop a vision and action plan for the next 20 years.

This community-wide effort, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Project, was conducted over three years (1997-2000) and involved hundreds of citizens representing dozens of community interests including business, environment, neighborhoods, social services, health care, education, government, and many others. The product of this endeavor was a Vision Statement, describing Hillsboro in 2020, and an Action Plan identifying the programs and projects necessary to achieve that vision.

The Project involved an extensive public participation program including a citizen task force that advised the City and developed the recommended Vision and Action Plan. In addition, the general public and various interest groups were engaged through a broad range of outreach activities such as public workshops and forums, newsletters, presentation to community groups, and focus groups. Over 1,500 citizens participated in the vision planning process.

The action plan lists 114 actions and 46 strategies to bring the Vision to life. The plan outlines opportunities to enhance community identity, connections, and livability – ranging from such projects as a historic downtown district with a public square to an expanded system of pedestrian and bike paths and many others. During the plan's development, 16 community partners agreed to take the lead on one or more of the actions. Many of these actions will require the formation of public-private partnerships. Implementation of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision will be a community-wide effort.

A citizen-led Vision Implementation Committee, appointed by the Hillsboro City Council, monitors and facilitates the Vision's implementation, assuring that the Vision will transition from plan to reality. As part of the charge described in the following section, the Vision Implementation Committee is responsible for developing and presenting an annual progress report to City Council.

The Hillsboro 2020 Vision Project has received state and international recognition. In 2000 the project received the Good Governance Award from the League of Oregon Cities. Subsequently, the project received the 2002 IAP2 Core Values Co-Project of the Year Award.

VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE CHARGE¹

As adopted by Hillsboro City Council in the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*, a Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) was established in September 2000 to fulfill the following charge:

To monitor the progress of the adopted Vision Action Plan, encourage implementation of actions, and recommend minor modifications to the plan as necessary. The committee's activities will include:

- *A minimum of two committee meetings per year.*
- *An annual progress report to the Hillsboro City Council.*
- *Host an annual "town hall" meeting for public discussion of the Vision Action Plan.*
- *Maintain two-way communication with lead partners to track and encourage action implementation.*
- *If necessary, recommend proposed changes to the Vision Action Plan for City Council consideration.*

¹ The VIC charge also included provisions specific to the first year, 2000-2001, including: Develop a clear understanding of lead partner roles; prepare an Action Plan evaluation process and criteria; develop a memorandum of understanding between lead partners stating their commitment to the Vision Action Plan and their respective roles. All of these tasks were accomplished last year, and are not repeated here.

II. Vision Implementation Committee Program: 2001-2002

CHARGE FULFILLMENT

The 2001-2002 Vision Implementation Committee fulfilled all elements of its charge. Information pertaining to each element and the means by which it was fulfilled is provided below.

Charge Element: Hold a minimum of two Committee meetings per year.

How Fulfilled: Three Vision Implementation Committee and four Steering Committee meetings were convened during 2001-2002.

Charge Element: Submit a progress report to City Council.

How Fulfilled: The 2001-2002 Annual Report was submitted to Hillsboro City Council in August 2002.

Charge Element: Host an annual Vision “Town Hall” meeting.

How Fulfilled: A Vision Town Hall meeting, “Hillsboro 2020: Our Hometown; Our Community; Our Future,” was held on Monday, April 29, 2002. Approximately 185 people participated.

Charge Element: Maintain two-way communication with lead partners.

How Fulfilled: The Vision Implementation Committee connected with lead partners through several venues during the year including: preparation and distribution of a letter and survey to all lead partners; recruitment of Town Hall presenters; lead partner presentations to the Vision Implementation Committee; lead partner display tables at the Town Hall meeting; and follow-up contact regarding partner requests for assistance.

Charge Element: If necessary, recommend proposed changes to Vision and Action Plan for Council review.

How Fulfilled: Vision Implementation Committee reviewed and is recommending potential changes to Hillsboro City Council as part of this Annual Progress Report.

SUMMARY OF 2001-2002 VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

During 2001-2002, the Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) addressed, developed or proposed several key program components.

Process for Evaluating New Strategy and Action Proposals

The Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan contains strategies and actions to bring the Vision Statement to life. The strategies serve as the structural framework setting the direction for implementing the Hillsboro 2020 Vision. The actions are the specific programs and projects that translate the strategies into reality. All of the strategies and actions adopted in the original Plan received significant public review and comment.

Due to recent community interest in adding new ideas to the Vision Action Plan, the VIC has developed recommended processes and criteria for reviewing new strategies and actions for the Vision Action Plan.

The VIC recognizes the need to keep the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan* a living document while acknowledging the extensive community input on which it is based. The committee believes that substantive revisions, resulting in changes in strategic direction, should be subject to an appropriate level of public scrutiny, which ensures the Plan remains consistent with community values and priorities.

The recommended processes for reviewing and evaluating new strategy and action proposals are included in the appendix. Like all other modifications to the Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan, the Hillsboro City Council must approve the proposed criteria and review processes. Highlights of these new processes include:

Proposed Strategies:

- New strategy proposals may be accepted annually. However, they will only be reviewed and considered for incorporation into the Action Plan every five years.
- As the original Hillsboro 2020 Vision strategies were generated out of an extensive public involvement effort, any new strategies must undergo substantive public scrutiny as well. The Committee feels strategies are the foundation of the action plan, and therefore should be reviewed once every five years. Specific measures relating to public outreach will be developed at a later date, pending City Council approval of the review process and criteria. The VIC feels any public outreach effort associated with new strategies should be City-wide in nature and bilingual.
- Criteria for evaluating a proposed strategy would include:
 - A) Consistency with the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Statement
 - B) Appropriateness of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Action Plan as a venue
 - C) Supports a broad range of community interests
 - D) Desired outcome cannot be achieved through an action under an existing strategy
 - E) Includes one or more actions for implementation
 - F) Includes a proposed lead partner for each action
- After reviewing public feedback, the VIC will develop a formal recommendation and forward to the City Council for consideration as part of its Annual Progress Report.

Proposed Actions:

- New action proposals may be accepted and reviewed annually.
- Since actions support the strategies, which serve as the framework for implementing the Vision Statement, the level of public review does not have to be as extensive for new actions. The VIC suggests the annual Vision Town Hall serve as the primary forum for public review of proposed new actions.
- Criteria for evaluating a proposed new action would include:
 - A) Consistency with the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Statement
 - B) Helps to carry out an existing strategy
 - C) Appropriateness of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Action Plan as a venue
 - D) Supports a broad range of community interests
 - E) Includes key information – description, potential support partners, suggested financial resources and proposed timeline
 - F) Includes a proposed lead partner
- After reviewing public feedback, the VIC will develop a formal recommendation and forward to the City Council for consideration as part of its Annual Progress Report.

Lead Partner Survey

The VIC continued using a lead partner survey in 2002 as a primary mechanism to gather feedback on individual action development. For the second survey, the VIC instituted some modifications to the survey to make it more convenient for the responding organizations as well as generate more information. These changes included:

- Development of an electronic version of the survey. An “e-survey” was created in response to requests made by several partners last year.
- Insertion of a new question pertaining to action implementation. By asking partners to describe how they undertook implementing their actions, the Committee was able to generate more information than last year. This new information was particularly useful in understanding the depth of progress as well as selecting potential presenters for the Town Hall meeting.

Support Letter for Lead Partners

The VIC recognized some lead partners might ask for the committee’s support when seeking technical or financial assistance from other sources to help implement their action(s). To this end, the Committee decided letters of support may be appropriate when the proposed assistance directly relates to implementation of a Hillsboro 2020 action. Acknowledging the format of individual letters will vary, the Committee prepared a general framework for future letters of support. Guiding principles include:

- Requests for letters of support are directly linked to implementation of a Hillsboro 2020 action.
- Letters will not be used to support political candidates, measures or other public finance endorsements.
- As timing may preclude formal review by the VIC in some instances, the Committee has authorized the Planning Team (Project staff, VIC Chair and Consultant) to use its judgment in drafting and issuing letters of support when necessary.

III. Status of Vision Action Items: 2001-2002

OVERVIEW

In December 2001, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) distributed its annual survey to all lead partners to determine the implementation status of each of the 114 Hillsboro 2020 action items. The lead partner survey and letter, both updates of last year's versions, are included in the appendix. Survey questions were designed to generate the following information:

- How far along are lead partners in planning or implementing their action(s)?
- Are lead partners experiencing any significant implementation challenges?
- Do lead partners need support or assistance from the Vision Implementation Committee?
- How have lead partners gone about implementing their action(s)? What outcomes can be reported?
- Do partners want to present their projects during a VIC meeting, Council session or at the Town Hall?

FINDINGS

Based on the results of the surveys, 74 actions are either underway or complete, and 26 actions are being implemented ahead of schedule. A summary of action implementation progress, with a comparison of 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, is provided below.

STATUS	YEAR 1-2 ACTIONS		YEAR 3-5 ACTIONS		YEAR 6 + ACTIONS		TOTAL	
	'00-'01	'01-'02	'00-'01	'01-'02	'00-'01	'01-'02	'00-'01	'01-'02
Underway	28	<u>34</u>	13	<u>19</u>	1	<u>5</u>	42	<u>58</u>
Complete	5	<u>14</u>	3	<u>2</u>	0	<u>0</u>	8	<u>16</u>
SUBTOTAL	33	<u>48</u>	26	<u>21</u>	1	<u>5</u>	50	<u>74</u>
Not Started	19	<u>4</u>	23	<u>18</u>	22	<u>18</u>	64	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	52	<u>52</u>	39	<u>39</u>	23	<u>23</u>	114	<u>114</u>

* Note: Some partners have designated on-going actions as complete, while others have indicated underway. In some cases, an action was marked complete in 2000-2001, and then underway in 2001-2002. The VIC will work to clarify this issue prior to issuing the 2002-2003 Survey.

Total # of Lead Partners requesting general Committee support:

- This Year: 7
- Last Year: 9

Total # of actions where some form of Committee assistance is requested:

- This Year: 3
- Last Year: 13

Total # of actions which may require some change to Action Plan (excluding partner additions):

- This Year: 2
- Last Year: 8

Total # of Lead Partners working with support partners not listed for their action:

- This Year: 18
- Last Year: 18

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE VISION AND ACTION PLAN

The Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) is responsible for recommending any proposed Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan changes to the Hillsboro City Council annually. As described earlier, these potential changes fall into two categories:

- *Requests to include a new organization in an action's list of potential partners*
- *Requests to amend an action's wording, lead partner, or timeline*

Proposed changes and Committee recommendations are described in the following sections.

Requests to Add New Potential Partners

Much like last year, a significant number of Hillsboro 2020 lead partners indicated they are working with groups not originally identified in their action's "potential partner" column within the Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan. In each case, the lead partner asked to add one or more new entities to its list of potential partners. Additions are summarized in Table 1, on the next two pages.

Table 1: Recommended Potential Partner Additions

Action Number	Action Topic	Original Potential Partner List	Proposed Partner Addition(s)	Committee Recommendation
2.3	Public On-line Centers and Computer Systems	City of Hillsboro; Washington County; Hillsboro School District.	Veicon.	Approve.
7.2	Convention Center	Washington County Fair Board and private partner	Washington County Fair Boosters; Washington County Rodeo Committee; Tri-Met; Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.	Approve.
14.5	Downtown Mixed Use Housing	Downtown Business Association; City of Hillsboro; Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce	Oregon Downtown Development Association.	Approve.
22.2	Restoration Programs Coordination	Clean Water Services; City of Hillsboro; SOLV	Cascade Education Corps; Tualatin Watershed Council.	Approve.
23.1	Planting Native Species	Clean Water Services	Cascade Education Corps	Approve.
24.2	Pollution Hot-Lines	City of Hillsboro	Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve; SOLV; Riverkeepers; Clean Water Services; Greater Hillsboro Chamber.	Approve.
30.2	Water System Support	Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce	City of Hillsboro and Joint Water Commission.	Approve.
30.3	Water Conservation Program Development	City of Hillsboro	Other local water providers (Forest Grove, Tualatin Valley Water District, Tigard); Regional Water Providers Consortium.	Approve.
32.2	Enhance Business Internship Programs	Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce	School to Work Consortium; PCI's.	Approve.
34.2	Libraries as Resource Centers Promotion	City of Hillsboro	Hillsboro Rotary Club.	Approve.
35.1	After School Programs	Hillsboro School District	Hillsboro Parks & Recreation; Hillsboro Boys & Girls Club.	Approve.
37.3	Musical Performances Expansion	Hillsboro Community Arts	BJ's Coffee; NW Artist's Support Group; Main St. Art Society.	Approve.
38.4	Public Art Display	Hillsboro Community Arts	Tuesday Market Place.	Approve.

	Venues			
39.1	New ESL Cable Channel	Tualatin Valley Television (T VTV) ²	Westside Cultural Alliance.	Approve.
Table 1: Recommended Potential Partner Additions (continued)				
Action Number	Action Topic	Original Potential Partner List	Proposed Partner Addition(s)	Committee Recommendation
39.2	New Latino Arts and Cultural Center Study	Centro Cultural	Oregon Folk Life; Westside Economic Alliance; Oregon Historical Society; Cornelius Library.	Approve.
42.1	New Health Care Strategic Plan	Tuality Health; Washington County Department of Aging & Veteran Services	Tri-County Life Span Respite Group; Metro Caregiver Alliance.	Approve.
43.1	Public Safety Promotion	City of Hillsboro	SAFEKIDS; Tuality Health Education Center.	Approve.
44.1	Community Safety Training / Targeting	City of Hillsboro	Oregon State Family Services Division; Oregon Liquor Control Commission; Washington County Department of Aging and Veteran Services.	Approve.

² Tualatin Valley Community Access (TVCA) is now called T VTV, Tualatin Valley Television.

Requests to Modify Actions

To keep the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan* current, it will occasionally require fine-tuning to remain an effective guide for the future. During the course of implementing an action, lead partners may request the Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) consider certain modifications to their action's wording, timeline and, in some cases, proposed lead partner. In 2001-2002, the VIC received requests to modify two actions, both shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Proposed Action Modifications			
Action Number	Action Topic	Lead Partner Request	Committee Recommendation/Rationale
3.2	Community Events Calendar	The City of Hillsboro has requested this action be reassigned to the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has accepted.	Approve.
12.1	Transit System Expansion & Promotion	The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and the Westside Transportation Alliance have agreed the latter entity is a more appropriate Lead Partner for this action.	Approve.

REQUESTS FOR VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ASSISTANCE

In addition to considering proposed modifications to the Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan, the Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) reviewed lead partner requests for assistance. Requests were classified in one of two categories:

- *Requests for general assistance*
- *Requests for action-specific assistance*

Requests for General Assistance

Table 3 summarizes lead partner requests for general assistance, and the Committee's recommendation for follow-up.

Table 3: Requests for General Assistance		
Lead Partner(s)	Request	Committee Recommendation
Clean Water Services	Clean Water Services would like to meet with City staff to prioritize use of Storm Water Management funds to meet Vision goals.	City to follow-up with Clean Water Services.
Hillsboro Community Arts	Hillsboro Community Arts wants to link its web site to the City's to facilitate growth of Vision 2020-related programs.	City to follow-up with Hillsboro Community Arts.
Hillsboro Downtown Business Association	The Hillsboro Downtown Business Association would like a better understanding of current zoning ordinances and market needs.	City to follow-up with the Hillsboro Downtown Business Association.
SOLV	SOLV will soon need volunteers for 2020-related actions in the near future.	Planning Team to follow-up, coordinate volunteer opportunities.
Tualatin Valley Television ³	Tualatin Valley Television (T VTV) is seeking information about current and forecasted Latino and other ESL populations. T VTV hopes to develop strategies that are complementary and supportive of the City's efforts.	City to follow-up, provide information as available.

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Requests for Action-Specific Assistance

Table 4 summarizes lead partners requests for action-specific assistance, along with the Committee's recommendation for responding to each request.

Table 4: Requests for Action-Specific Assistance				
Actions Proposed To Begin Years 1-2				
#	Action Topic	Lead Partner(s)	Request	Committee Recommendation
41.1	Health Care Referral Service Expansion	Community Action Organization (CAO)	Funding assistance is requested to help pay for a half-time data entry clerk associated with Action 41.1 – Health Care Referral Service Expansion.	Planning Team to follow-up. Put CAO in touch with potential support partners.
Actions Proposed To Begin Years 3-5				
#	Action Topic	Lead Partner(s)	Request	Committee Recommendation
37.3	Musical Performances Expansion	Hillsboro Arts Commission (new)	Hillsboro Community Arts is interested in any assistance that might enable it to draw participants beyond the regular Tuesday Market Place attendees They are also seeking funding or in-kind assistance to help with publicity.	Planning Team to follow-up. Put HCA in touch with potential support partners.
39.1	New ESL Cable Channel Development	Tualatin Valley Television ⁴	TVTV is seeking funding to support a media education specialist with an understanding of the Latino culture. Specifically, they have requested a letter of endorsement for the initiative.	The VIC has prepared and recommends approval of a letter of support for TVTV and other Hillsboro 2020 Vision partners.
39.2	New Latino Arts Cultural Center Study	Centro Cultural	Centro Cultural is interested in sharing a progress report with the VIC, and discussing ideas for disseminating a survey related to implementation of this action.	Planning Team to facilitate a presentation by Centro Cultural during 2002-2003, and clarify what type of survey Centro Cultural would like to distribute.
Actions Proposed To Begin Years 6+				
#	Action Topic	Lead Partner(s)	Request	Committee Recommendation
14.5	Downtown Mixed Use Housing	Downtown Business Association; City of Hillsboro; Chamber	The Hillsboro Downtown Business Association is interested in leaning more about the housing market and what will attract people downtown.	City has agreed to follow-up. Will share downtown market and applicable zoning ordinance info as it becomes available.

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IV. Town Hall Meeting

As part of its charge, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) hosts “an annual Town Hall meeting for public discussion of the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*.” In preparing to undertake this charge, the VIC has six goals for this meeting:

- To publicize the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan* implementation progress
- To recognize vision implementation successes
- To promote on-going vision implementation
- To encourage citizen awareness & involvement
- To elicit community feedback
- To provide additional information and input for the Annual Progress Report

The 2002 Town Hall Planning Committee set a goal to exceed the attendance of the 2001 event. To this end, new marketing and community outreach activities were enhanced including a 26 foot long banner strung across a major thoroughfare, water bill inserts, flyer distribution to local apartment complexes, and announcements in several local newsletters. These activities supplemented the extensive promotional efforts used in 2001 including extensive flyer distribution, news releases, ads in local newspapers, website information, personal contacts, and other efforts. These efforts were rewarded with an 85% increase in total attendance. The Town Hall was covered by Tualatin Valley Television, making the event accessible to those citizens unable to attend, as well as those desiring to view it again.

The Town Hall was held on the evening of April 29, 2002, with doors opening at 5:30 P.M. and running until approximately 8:00 P.M. Childcare, Spanish translation services, and refreshments were provided at the event. It began with an informal open house with community partner displays, musical performances, and young visionaries art displays, followed by a special presentation beginning at 6:15 P.M. The presentation concluded at 7:30 P.M. with additional time for community members to visit the community partner displays.

The 2002 Town Hall meeting had a lively and engaging atmosphere, with a mix of activities. During the public discussion, numerous comments were received from members of the community. A sample of comments follows:

- “I’m proud to be a Hillsboroean! My husband I moved here from Rochester, N.Y., and we’re happy to have settled here – I’m one of those 80 year olds that have resisted computers – but tonight I’m inspired to take part in your Digital Bridge program.”
- “We’ve made good progress thanks to city staff and volunteers’ perseverance.”
- “It looks like there are more activities planned for kids. This will keep kids occupied and excited which means less crime in the future.”
- “I moved here from Ohio last summer, and didn’t know anything about this area – I had a choice between Beaverton and Hillsboro, and my instinct told me to live in Hillsboro. I’m very interested in the new library downtown.”

In addition, attendees spent extensive time touring the lead partner displays, asking detailed questions and signing up for information or volunteer activities. Many members of the public remained right up until closing time to walk the community partner displays. A summary of public feedback is provided in the appendices.

V. Looking Forward

The past year was extremely successful for Hillsboro 2020, and the Vision Implementation Committee expects progress on the Vision Action Plan to continue in 2002-2003. Anticipated Vision-related activities and accomplishments for 2002-2003 include:

- Initiation or completion of most, if not all, actions proposed to begin in the first two years (2000 through 2002)
- Continued progress on the Civic Center and other downtown-related projects
- Completion of the Parks Master Plan update
- Creation of the proposed Local Landmarks Commission
- Continued progress on a natural resources protection program
- Continued after school programs expansion
- New Spanish-speaking outreach ideas generated by the Chamber's Hispanic Outreach Committee
- Strengthened youth-senior partnership programs
- Further development of the Tualatin Valley Television⁵ ESL Cable Channel
- Additional planning and new ideas to help make next year's Town Hall meeting even better

These are just a few of the projects and ideas Hillsboro residents can expect to hear more about during 2002-2003. Of course, many more activities will get underway over the next year as well, and the Vision Implementation Committee will continue to acknowledge and celebrate them at the Annual Town Hall meeting.

⁵ Tualatin Valley Community Access (TVCA) is now called TTVV, Tualatin Valley Television.

VI. Acknowledgments

The continued success of Vision implementation in 2001-2002 is attributable to the dozens of community volunteers who have donated time, materials or financial resources to ensuring Hillsboro 2020 remains on-track. The Vision Implementation Committee is grateful for their assistance. The following individuals and organizations made 2001-2002 an especially successful year:

VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

John Coulter*	Chair, Public at Large
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Mary Brown	Tuality Healthcare
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Barbara Hanson	Hillsboro Community Arts
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Pastor Tim Huber	Faith
Chuck Loeffel*	Clean Water Services ⁶
Darell Lumaco	Bike/Pedestrian Task Force
Chrissie Manion	Hillsboro Historical Society
Councilor Karen McKinney	Hillsboro City Council
Pastor Ralph Medina	Public Safety
Jerralynn Ness	Social Services
Steve Callaway*	Hillsboro School District
Rick Van Beveren	Public at Large
Diane Walton	Worksystems, Inc.
Tom Wolf*	Environment

LEAD PARTNERS

Centro Cultural	Hillsboro School District
City of Hillsboro	Greater Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce
Clean Water Services	Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve Board
Community Action Organization	SOLV
Hillsboro Business Education Compact	Tuality Healthcare
Hillsboro Community Arts	Tualatin Valley Television ⁷
Hillsboro Downtown Business Association	Washington County
Hillsboro Economic Development Partnership	Westside Economic Alliance
Hillsboro Historical Society	Worksystems, Inc.

TOWN HALL SPONSOR

Tuality Healthcare

⁶ Unified Sewerage Agency (USA) changed its name to Clean Water Services in May 2001.

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* Steering Committee Member

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TOWN HALL MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Gordon Faber
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TOWN HALL SPEAKERS

Mayor Tom Hughes	City of Hillsboro
John Coulter	Chair, Vision Implementation Committee
Mike Smith	Hillsboro Public Library
Linda Lybecker	Hillsboro Public Library
Steve Callaway	Hillsboro School District
Kyle Sahnou	Student, McKinney Elementary School

TOWN HALL VENDORS

Our House Design
Claeys Catering
The Sign Company
Tualatin Valley Television⁸
Pilar Juengst and Dori Schwartz, Spanish Translators
City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department, Childcare

TOWN HALL ENTERTAINMENT

Twilight with Moser & Tinling
Jessica James & Taud Coffman

TOWN HALL DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce
Portland Rose Festival Airshow
Hillsboro Community Arts
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⁸ Tualatin Valley Community Access (TVCA) is now called (TVTV), Tualatin Valley Television.

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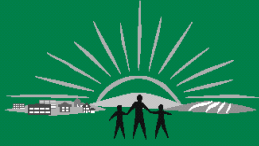
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APPENDICES



HILLSBORO 2020 VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

123 West Main Hillsboro, OR 97123 Phone: (503) 681-6219



December 12, 2001

(Community Partner – Hillsboro 2020 Vision)

Dear (Community Partner Name):

On behalf of the entire Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee (VIC), I would like to thank (Lead Partner Organization) for its continued commitment to fulfilling the Hillsboro 2020 Vision during the 2001-2002 implementation year. Your willingness to serve as a lead partner in this on-going effort gives me great confidence that Hillsboro will remain a wonderful place to live, work and play for years to come.

The Hillsboro City Council-appointed VIC is responsible for tracking and evaluating the status of the Vision Action Plan. At the end of each year, the VIC presents the results of its evaluation in the form of an Annual Progress Report to the Hillsboro City Council, and to the public during a Town Hall meeting. The enclosed *Partner Survey* is the single most important means for us to accurately identify “where things are.” As the lead partner for one or more actions, the (Lead Partner Organization) is in the best position to provide information pertaining to:

- The implementation status for the action(s) where your organization is the lead partner
- Any highlights your organization would like to share regarding implementation of a specific action
- What challenges your organization has encountered or expects to encounter
- How the Committee might be able to assist your organization should challenges arise

In reviewing last year’s survey results, the VIC was able to determine that 50 of 114 proposed actions were already underway or complete, and identify several “success stories” that were subsequently presented at our Town Hall meeting. We are hopeful that your responses to this year’s survey provide even more highlights to share with community.

Background Information: For your convenience, a list of all Hillsboro 2020 Vision actions – broken down by the timeframe each was proposed for implementation – has been enclosed. Actions are listed by the topic and number assigned to them in the Implementation Matrix provided in the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*. A description of lead partner responsibilities is also enclosed, as is a copy of the *2000-2001 Annual Progress Report*, including City Council-approved plan modifications which may affect one or more of your organization’s actions. If you do not have a copy of the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*, you may request one by calling the City of Hillsboro at the phone number provided below.

Support Partners: If you have not already done so, the VIC would like to encourage your organization to contact the potential support partners listed in the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan. In many cases, these support partners may be able to assist with implementation of a particular action, and thereby reduce impact on lead partners. In some cases, lead partners may be able to employ the assistance of support partners beyond those already listed in the plan. We look to you to determine which support partners would be best to involve in your action(s).

Volunteers: For organizations whose actions are scheduled for implementation during years 2003-2006, it is not too early to begin planning and coordinating with your partners. Should you need assistance contacting

any of these entities, the Implementation Committee would be more than happy to help. Also, please be aware that the City of Hillsboro maintains an ever-growing list of community volunteers who have expressed interest in assisting with implementation. In some cases, individuals have identified specific actions in which they have a particular interest. You may request a copy of this list by calling Rene Heade at the City of Hillsboro at (503) 681-6468.

We are also encouraging lead partners to document, or chronicle, the activities and outcomes associated with each action they are implementing. One of the most important roles of the annual Town Hall meeting is to celebrate your achievements and successes with the greater community.

Beyond monitoring and reporting progress, the Implementation Committee hopes to serve as facilitator and resource to lead partners. To that end, **please feel free to contact me at (503) 292-9181, ext. 107, if your organization has questions concerning one of its actions, needs help documenting implementation milestones or would simply like to discuss the implementation process in general.** If I am unable to help you myself, I will refer you to someone who can.

Please **complete and return the enclosed survey by January 18, 2002.** In response to several requests made by lead partners last year, we have also prepared an electronic version of this survey. If you would prefer to complete the survey electronically, you may request an e-mail version from Rene Heade, City of Hillsboro, at the phone number listed above. Also, please feel free to contact me if you have any additional comments or suggestions.

Thank you for your help in this important community project. We wish you well.

Sincerely,

John Coulter, Chair
Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee

Enclosures

P.S. Please mark your calendars for the next Hillsboro 2020 Vision Town Hall meeting on the evening of April 29th, 2002. We will mail details to you closer to the event.

Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation
Lead Partner Survey: 2001-2002

Please help the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee in its effort to assess Vision 2020 progress by responding to the following questions. Questions in the General Information section need be answered only once. The Action Item Questionnaire should be filled-out for **each separate action** for which your organization has agreed to serve as lead partner. If you have questions, please contact Erik Jensen, Project Manager, Hillsboro 2020 Vision, at (503) 681-6418.

Completed surveys should be mailed or faxed no later than January 18, 2002 to:

Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee
C/o City of Hillsboro
123 W. Main Street
Hillsboro, OR 97123
Fax: 503.681.6232

General Information

Name of Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

I. Can the Implementation Committee provide any general support or assistance to help your organization with implementation of its actions? If yes, what type of support or assistance is needed?

II. Would you like to make a presentation about one of your actions during any of the forums listed below?

Implementation Committee Meeting Hillsboro City Council Session Town Hall Workshop

III. After completing the Action Item Questionnaire(s) for each of your lead partner actions, please feel free to share *additional* information or comments you may have in the space provided below.

Action Item Questionnaire

Action #: _____ **Action Topic** (See Topic Key): _____

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person (if different than primary): _____

Address (if different than primary): _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

1. How far along is your organization in implementing this action?

- Not Started (Anticipated start date): _____
Month / Year
- Underway (Anticipated date of completion): _____
Month / Year
- Fully Implemented (Approximate date of completion): _____
Month / Year

2. How have you gone about implementing this action, and what specific outcomes have occurred as a result?

3. Are you experiencing or anticipating any challenges that may hinder implementation of your action? If so, please describe below.

4. Is there anything else you would like to share pertaining to implementation of this action?

5. Are you working with organizations not currently listed as a potential support partner for your action in the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan? If so, please list the organization(s):

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E-Mail: ReneH@ci.hillsboro.or.us

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- Check-box fields can be selected with the **space bar** or with a **single mouse click**.
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Proposed Process for Reviewing New Actions

BACKGROUND

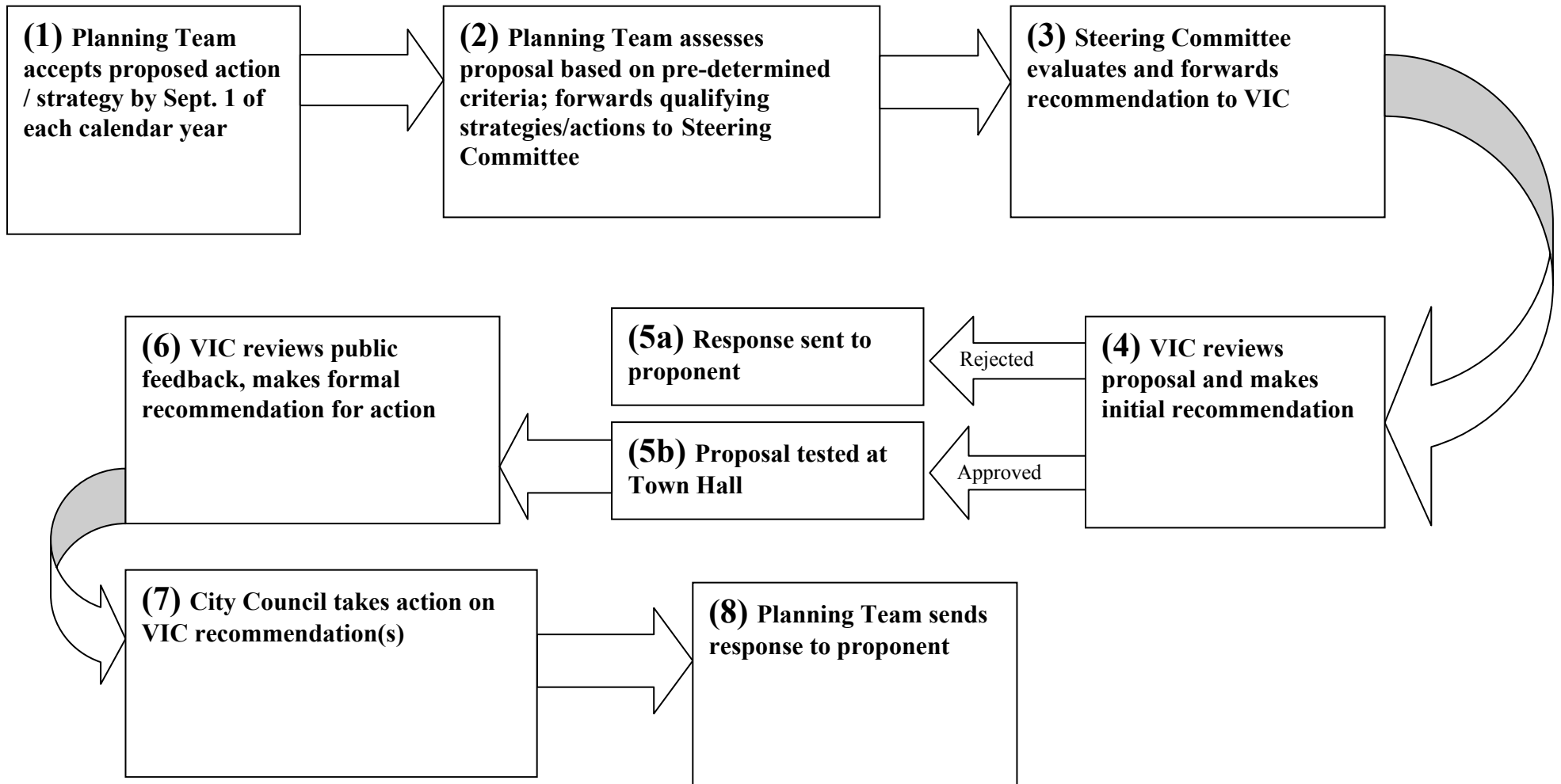
New action proposals may be accepted and reviewed annually. Since actions support the strategies, which serve as the framework for implementing the Vision Statement, the level of public review does not have to be as extensive for new actions. The VIC suggests the annual Vision Town Hall serve as the primary forum for public review of proposed new actions. A graphic depiction of the review process has been provided on the reverse side of this page.

PROPOSED REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA

1. Proposed action is forwarded to the Planning Team (Consultant, City staff and VIC Chair) for review by September 1 of each calendar year.
2. Planning Team assesses proposed idea, and prepares recommendation for review by Steering Committee. Criteria for evaluating a proposed new action include:
 - a. Consistency with the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Statement
 - b. Helps to carry out an existing strategy
 - c. Appropriateness of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Action Plan as a venue
 - d. Supports a broad range of community interests
 - e. Includes key information – description, potential support partners, suggested financial resources and proposed timeline
 - f. Includes a proposed lead partner
3. Steering Committee evaluates proposal, and recommends action to VIC.
4. The VIC recommends a new action be approved, approved with modifications or rejected.
5. If approved by the VIC, the action is presented to public during annual Town Hall meeting.
6. After reviewing public input, the VIC develops a final recommendation for action and forwards to City Council as part of the VIC's Annual Progress Report. (As is the case with existing actions, newly proposed actions include information pertaining to lead role, potential partners, cost range and potential sources, and implementation timeline.
7. City Council takes action on the VIC recommendation.
8. The Planning Team drafts a response to all proponents, informing them of the VIC's recommendation and providing a rationale for the decision.

Hillsboro 2020 Vision Review of New Actions

Process Flow Chart



Proposed Process for Reviewing New Strategies

BACKGROUND

New strategy proposals may be accepted on an annual basis. However, they will only be reviewed and considered for incorporation into the Vision Action Plan every 5 years, as part of a broader public review process. As the original list of Hillsboro 2020 Vision strategies were generated out of an extensive public involvement effort, any new strategies must undergo substantive public scrutiny as well. Specific measures relating to public outreach will be developed by the Vision Implementation Committee at a later date.

PROPOSED REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA

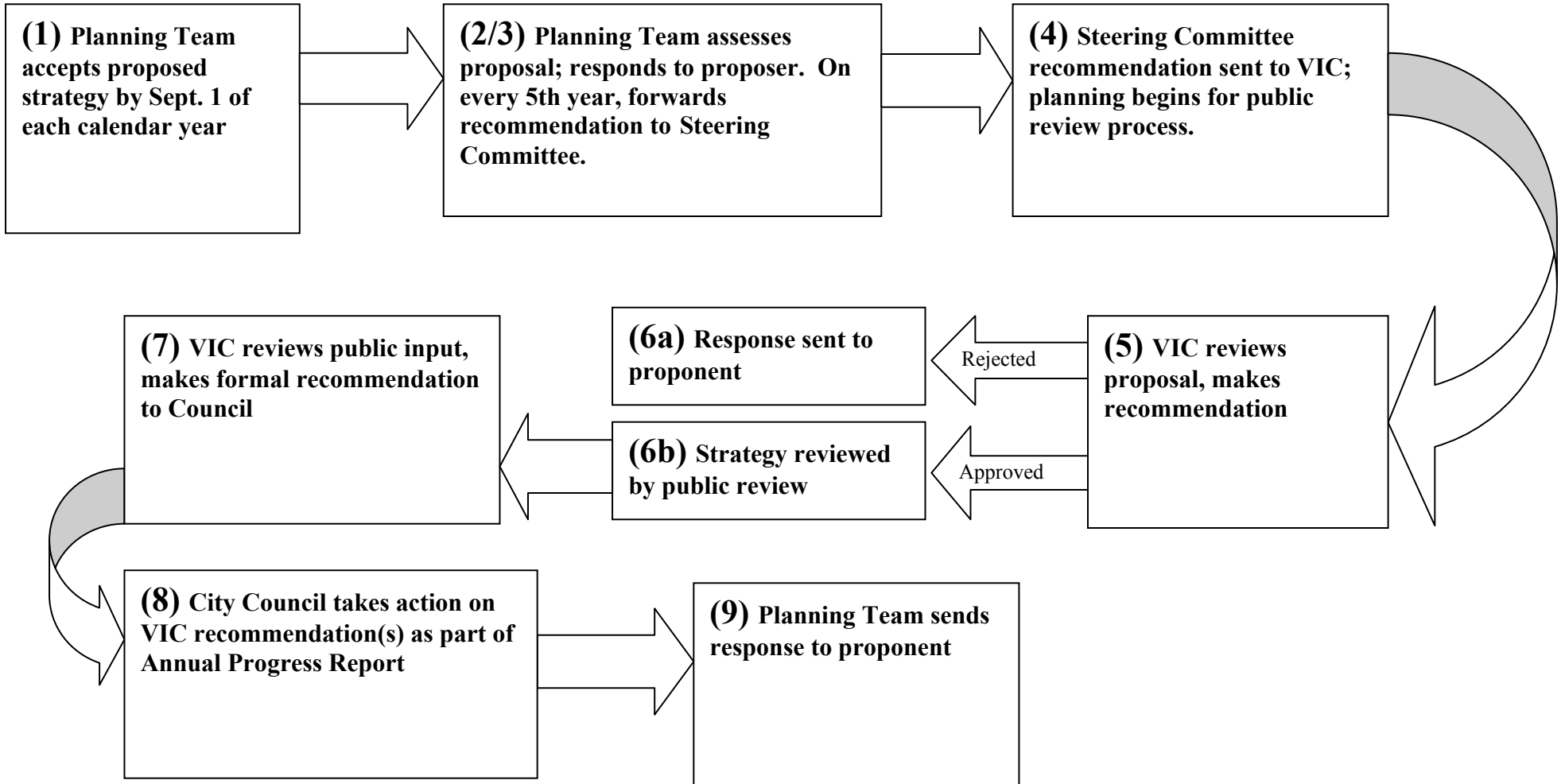
^ *ANNUALLY*

1. Request to add a strategy is forwarded to the Planning Team (Consultant, Staff and Committee Chair) for review by September 1 of each calendar year.
2. Planning Team assesses proposed strategy, and informs proposer of review procedure (the Planning Team will also let the proposer know if their idea is more appropriately addressed as an action).

^ *EVERY 5 YEARS (2005, 2010, 2015)*

3. Planning Team prepares and forwards recommendations for each proposed strategy to the Steering Committee. Criteria for evaluating a strategy include:
 - a. Consistency with the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Statement
 - b. Appropriateness of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Action Plan as a venue
 - c. Supports a broad range of community interests
 - d. Desired outcome cannot be achieved through an action under an existing strategy
 - e. Includes one or more actions for implementation
 - f. Includes a proposed lead partner for each action
4. Steering Committee evaluates proposal, and recommends action at the subsequent Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) meeting.
5. The VIC recommends a new strategy be rejected, approved or approved with modifications.
6. Upon initial approval by the VIC, the proposed strategy will undergo broad public review (public process to be determined at a later date).
7. After reviewing public feedback, the VIC develops a formal recommendation at its next meeting and forwards to City Council as part of the Annual Progress Report.
8. City Council takes action on VIC recommendation.
9. The Planning Team drafts a response to all proponents, informing them of the VIC's recommendation and providing a rationale for the decision.

Review of New Strategies Process Flow Chart



2002 Hillsboro 2020 Vision

Summary of Town Hall Feedback Forms

Total feedback forms collected at Town Hall:

15 (English – 13) (Spanish – 2)

1. How did you find out about the Hillsboro 2020 Town Hall?

Friend, Neighbor, Co-worker	3	<u>Submitted at sign-in desk for extra ticket</u>	
Organization Meeting	1		
Newspaper Advertisement	2	Advertisements (Eng)	1
Water Bill Insert	1	Water Bill Inserts	8
Hillsboro 2020 Mailing	3	Flyers	6
Flyer	4		
Other			
Teacher	2		
Police Car Sign	1		
Carta de Escuela (Letter from school)	1		

Numbers include forms marked with more than one method.

2. Did you find the Town Hall format and presentations interesting and informative?

All 15 marked YES

Comments:

- ◆ I am happy that there are opportunities for people to get involved.
- ◆ Nice update.
- ◆ The presentations on the Digital Bridge and after-school activities are relevant to citizen's needs.
- ◆ Well organized and the master of ceremonies were entertaining.
- ◆ A very nice surprise – covering so much. Thanks for the refreshments.
- ◆ Location was great!
- ◆ They told us things about the future.
- ◆ It was very fun to look at all of the exquisitely set up areas. They are very pleasing to the eye.
- ◆ They were short and to the point. No snooze factor, thankfully.
- ◆ Great job from after school program.

3. Do you think the Hillsboro 2020 Vision is headed in the right direction?

All 15 marked YES

Comments:

- ◆ I think that they are doing a great job.
- ◆ We've made good progress thanks to city staff and volunteers' perseverance.
- ◆ I am interested in learning more.
- ◆ Covers all age and ethnic groups
- ◆ If you want a place kids can call home, build a place in Hillsboro for kids of Hillsboro, like a "Child Play" building with a play structure with over lookers, so parents will know we're safe.
- ◆ It looks like there are more activities planned for kids. This will keep kids occupied and excited which means less crime in the future.
- ◆ Absolutely.

4. Have you participated in any Hillsboro 2020 Vision implementation activities?

Yes – 4 No – 11

Comments:

- ◆ I would be interested in being part of the implementation and planning process.
- ◆ I would like to, if possible.
- ◆ I wish to in the future.
- ◆ I'm here to get started.
- ◆ After School program.

Additional Comments:

- ◆ A good way for close by "Doctors" is to hold FREE classes in schools, and other buildings across town, then certify them, so things won't get so hectic.
- ◆ After school program is great! I hope my school will have the program, too.

2002 HILLSBORO 2020 VISION TOWN HALL

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

April 29, 2002

1) Do you have any questions about anything presented tonight?

- Why do we have to plan now for what's going to happen in 18 years? (Response: Excellent question – we found the answer by going out into the community – not everyone has the same ideas. You have to have a direction, a map to get where you are going. The reason we picked 20 years instead of 5 is that it takes time to get things done.)
- How does the Civic Center fit in with the 2020 Vision? (Response: The Visioning process was very important in helping to guide the facility planning and development. One of the visioning goals was to develop a significant gathering place in the downtown area. The vision called for a design task force made up of citizens. We have 14 reps from a broad cross-section of interests – they worked hard with development teams to come up with a design. The plaza is a gathering place, a destination ... a reason to come downtown. Provided that citizens agree and pass the ballot measure in May, the library will be located there as well – a significant third place. We heard about the digital bridge – and that will move to that area, enhancing the access to telecommunication and computers. We'll have housing associated with this project, which will bring more vitality and good, quality places to live, to the area. It's combined a number of opportunities – which is why it's an essential part of the Vision.
- What exactly does “visioning” mean? (Response: Looking out into the future – you can pick any time – and picturing, in this case, what Hillsboro is going to look and feel like. Hillsboro went through a visioning exercise in order to shape its own future, rather than leave it up to someone else.)
- I'm proud to be a Hillsboroean! My husband and I moved here from Rochester, N.Y., and we're happy to have settled here – I'm one of those 80 year olds that have resisted computers – but tonight I'm inspired to take part in your Digital Bridge.

2) Do you think Hillsboro 2020 is having a positive impact in the community? Does it continue to reflect community values and priorities?

- I moved here from Ohio last summer, and didn't know anything about this area – I had a choice between Beaverton and Hillsboro, and my instinct told me to live in Hillsboro. I'm very interested in the new library downtown – looks like a 3-story building. Could anyone explain? (Response: A picture is worth a 1,000 words – we have a model of the proposed City Hall and library at the back of the room. In this particular design, the library is contained on a single floor, 20,000 square feet. It will be located over a commercial area, which will have a restaurant and coffee shop adjacent to the plaza. That area is the somewhat triangular portion of the building that you see on the model. In this particular model, the City Hall is 5 stories high, with adjacent parking. There could be up to 120 units of housing on the other side. We are hoping that the bond measure is successful so we can build the library that you see there.)
- What are they going to do with the old library? (Response: Included in the bond measure is a certain amount of money to remodel the library to reuse as a community center as an adjunct to the senior center – so it would continue to have a function in the community and relate to the parks department.)
- There is a sign on Cornell indicating a new Tanasbourne Library – what's going on there? (Response: The City of Hillsboro purchased that property in anticipation of building a new library to replace the rented space we occupy at Tanasbourne shopping center. That, too, is part of the bond measure which will be voted on in the May ballot. Those ballots will be mailed next Friday.)

- Are the fairgrounds included in the 2020 vision? (Response: The fair is included in an action, which is slated to begin 6 years out. You can learn more by referring to the matrix in the Vision and Action Plan – we have extra copies available for those who do not already have one.)
- On Mentor Bridge Road by the landfill, they have mowed that out for a proposed housing residential subdivision? Has all that been worked out as far as traffic issues? (Response: That answer would need to come from the planning department – can discuss the question after the Q&A.)
- What is the current population of Hillsboro? (Response: 72,650)
- There has been a lot of recent construction activity, especially associated with the new Albertson's development. As a pedestrian, I'm curious as to how you will incorporate walkways into your construction plans? (Response: The Vision doesn't dictate specific land use issues, but it does try to connect neighborhoods, create pedestrian and bike routes. Again, I encourage you to contact someone from the Planning Department for specific information.)

3) Are there particular actions that, in your opinion, should take higher priority?

- I would add another fire station. As growth occurs, we may need to expand beyond the existing stations.
- There was a lot of comment earlier about the new library. I would like to remind everyone that Hillsboro will get a new library, as long as the bond measure on the spring ballot is passed. It requires a 50% turnout of the voters, and a vote in its favor. Otherwise, I don't know when we'll get a new library. Vote yes for the library – thank you.
- What about the roads here in the city? A lot of them are dangerous. (Response: Public works or planning can help answer those questions. The Vision doesn't specifically deal with that issue.)
- I think that one big problem right now is school funding – we've just been cut back a lot, and we are already in tough shape. A lot of the teachers and the really important subjects in schools have been cut – it's really not fair to us.
- I think that we need some more safe things for kids to do after school. (Response: Talk with Steve Callaway, Hillsboro Schools, about the new programs underway. They're always developing new ideas for after school programs.)
- Facilitator: What about the Tuality Health Care Childcare Center? Does the community need additional childcare capacity? (Audience response: Yes)
- Are we going to have an inter-city transportation system for seniors when we get too old to drive? (Response: That has come up in previous discussions. We do have an action for regional transportation coordination, it's something that is underway and ongoing.)
- Facilitator: Who is hearing about the visioning process for the first time? (Audience: New to the area, very interested.)
- I was wondering about apartment housing – what is your vision in regards to price stability, apartment housing – my 2 bedroom apartment has gone from \$600/month to \$900/month. (Response: There is a component in the vision for affordable downtown housing, which is part of the proposal on the table for the City to look at now.)
- Do you anticipate widening the tax base in terms of industry? When we focus on one economic sector, and it fades, suddenly you lose a significant part of the tax base. Does Hillsboro anticipate a diversified economic base in 2020? (Response: One of our focus areas covers “creating economic opportunity,” the need to diversify the economy, define family-wage jobs, and there are committees working on that – the Westside Economic Alliance, Chamber and Economic partnership are just a few of the groups working on that issue.)