



**Summary: Vision 2050 Workgroup Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Aspen Police Department Community Room

**Meeting Purpose:**

- The focus of this meeting will be for the Workgroup to review the first phase of the Comprehensive Plan, the Existing Conditions report, and provide feedback to staff and the team ahead of outreach to the broader community.
- Provide an update on additional subject-specific items moving forward as part of the effort to move the CGAC recommendations from concept to code and opportunities for Workgroup members to get involved.
- Overview of the planning process, implementation “scorecard” and timeline

To view the [meeting presentation click here >>](#)

Topic
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Meeting Purpose and Agenda Review</li><li>● Attendees:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Kara Silbernagel</i></li><li>○ <i>Suzanne Wolff</i></li><li>○ <i>Nicole Rebeck-Stout</i></li><li>○ <i>Hannah-Hunt Wander</i></li><li>○ <i>Miles Graham</i></li><li>○ <i>Mavis Fitzgerald</i></li><li>○ <i>Jessica Garrow</i></li><li>○ <i>Reilly Thimons</i></li><li>○ <i>Brenda Rodriguez</i></li><li>○ Barb Pitchford</li><li>○ Max Filiss</li><li>○ Tim Estin</li><li>○ Christi Blish</li><li>○ Chris Menges</li><li>○ Adam Roy</li><li>○ Rick Stevens</li></ul></li></ul>



- Bill Sterling
- Bryan Hannegan
- Sierra Flanigan
- Nick Chan
- Randy Gold
- Joe Wells
- Cliff Weiss
- Morgan Boyles
- Debbie Kelly
- Jennifer Olson
- Suxanne Caskey
- Marcella Larsen
- Donna Ward
- Barb Sullan
- Melanie Buckholz

**WORKGROUP DISCUSSION ITEMS:** The project team requested the Vision 2050 Workgroup preview the following questions in advance of the discussion at the September 4 meeting:

- What aspects of our current/existing conditions are most important to communicate to the broader community?
  - What stands out or surprises you?
  - And why?
- What tensions do you identify in the Comprehensive Plan's five plan elements?
  - What big ideas are at play in these tensions?
  - How do we balance these tensions and inherent tradeoffs?
  - How can the comprehensive plan process best address those tension areas?
  - What does success look like?

**Summary Key Takeaways: Existing Conditions**

The Workgroup reflected on the information shared related to existing conditions on economics, housing, transportation, and more. The key areas that stood out most to the group were:

- Tourism Economy: Perception exists that 41% of the local economy being driven by tourism feels low.
- Workforce Inflow: The data related to 62% of workforce originating outside of the County validates feelings of a more migratory down valley economy, particularly related to businesses located in adjacent counties.
- Commuting Distance: The percentage of workers driving into the County - they thought that it would be more than 25% driving more than 50 miles.
- Transportation Data: Questions remain about commuting patterns (origin/destination), ratios of single occupancy vehicles, etc.



- Public Lands: Interest exists in comparing how the large amount of State and Federal public lands in Pitkin County (85%) compare to other peer counties (e.g., Gunnison - 80%, Routt - 48%, San Miguel - 64%).

**Summary of Key Takeaways: Plan Elements, Policy Areas, Tension Points, and Tradeoffs**

The group reviewed the five plan elements, their respective policy areas, and discussed the inherent tradeoffs and areas of tension that coexist, as summarized below. An overarching theme is the tension between a "public-facing economy" (jobs that provide direct community benefits) and a "privatized economy" (jobs that exclusively support the luxury residential sector). The decision-making for public investments must negotiate this tension in an effort to support broad community benefits.

- Tradeoffs are Everywhere: As we implement the CGAC recommendations and complementary actions, we must stay focused on the outcomes we are trying to achieve and be vigilant for unintended consequences (both negative and positive).
- Population Growth and the Lived Experience: The relatively small, 6.9% increase, in the County's population isn't reflective of the intensity of the lived experience, which feels much larger.
- Perceived Growth and Affordable Housing: Meeting the demand for affordable housing in close proximity to employment centers will require a strategic approach to new development and density.
- Affordable Housing and Micro-Economies: Balancing the need for affordable workforce housing with the needs of the community facing/serving economy versus the needs of the privatized "residential economy" sector.
- Infrastructure, Climate Action and Quality of Life: Investments in transportation, clean energy, water and wastewater infrastructure will need to be planned and balanced with climate goals and quality of life values.