



2030 OSAGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



CHAPTER 6: MAINTAINING THE 2030 PLAN

The 2030 Plan is the product of a process that continues long after the adoption of the 2030 Plan and throughout the Planning Period. Planning is a process and the 2030 Plan, to be effective, must become a tool in the everyday business of the current planning activities as well as be evaluated and updated on a regular basis. Continuing citizen participation is an important element of the maintenance of the 2030 Plan. Effective citizen participation can only be accomplished by an open and broadly-based decision-making process pertaining to all related physical development activities and the implementation of the public plans and programs of the County. The official policy of the County and Planning Commission for maintenance of the 2030 Plan is as follows:

It is the official policy of the County and Planning Commission that land use decisions will not be made which are contrary to the adopted 2030 Plan. If or when applications are submitted that are not in accordance with the intent of the 2030 Plan, the Planning Commission will hold public hearings and consider amending the 2030 Plan. However, the 2030 Plan is a guide for public policy and is not considered to be written in stone. It is recognized that it will likely be necessary to make changes and adjustments to the 2030 Plan throughout the Planning Period to assure its continued integrity and viability.

The INCOG Regional Transportation Plan Update: 2032 (INCOG 2032 Update) will be revised within each of the next three (3) to five (5) years and throughout the Planning Period. The INCOG 2032 Update provided valuable information for the County's 2030 Plan. The INCOG Regional Mobility planning process is a comprehensive combination of updates of the base data and public participation on a local and regional basis. The INCOG 2032 Update process and the INCOG Regional Mobility planning processes should be incorporated into the County's planning process and future updates of the 2030 Plan. The plans and projects of other local governments will also impact the County and must be considered as they are implemented and changed, in particular the updates to the plans for Special Districts 1–5 as defined and described in Chapter IV. A key to the success of this part of the Planning Process will be implementation of the Referral Process by the Planning Commission with area cities and towns.

The basis for the land use and transportation elements of the 2030 Plan is the demographic and economic data now available in total from the 2000 US Decennial Census. The data gathering and publication of the results of the 2010 US Decennial Census has begun and future annual estimates and projections will to be available from ODOC and the US Department of Commerce until the 2020 US Decennial Census. The data from the 2010 US Decennial Census should be incorporated into the County's base-planning data as it becomes available. An excellent first step in keeping the 2030 Plan current will be to update the demographic and population data included in Chapter III and Appendix B upon the release of the detailed 2010 US Decennial Census.

In summary and in accordance with the official goals, policies and objectives of the 2030 Plan, it is recommended that the Planning Commission put in place the following key measures to keep the 2030 Plan current and viable:

- Prepare a report and recommendation on each zoning amendment, subdivision plat, or similar land use and planning-related matter to the County, which includes a determination of how the proposal conforms to the 2030 Plan.
- The current Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and development regulations should be reviewed by the middle of the short-term of the Planning Period and a comprehensive listing made of any recommended changes, including preparing a plan of action to consider and make any necessary changes.
- Subsequent to the initial review, all development regulations should be reviewed on a regular basis and recommendations made by the Planning Commission to the County Commission for any necessary changes.
- On an annual basis, the Planning Commission should prepare an Annual Report summarizing public planning actions and development activity taking place in the previous year.
- Based on the Annual Report, recommendations for update of the 2030 Plan should be prepared and submitted to the County Commission.
- The Planning Commission, in support of the County Commission, should consider the future comprehensive Capital Improvement Program as a tool with which to implement policies and plans included within the 2030 Plan. The CIP should receive a major update every three (3) years and be kept current on an annual basis as projects are added and completed.
- The expanded Capital Improvement Program, recognizing the CED and Osage County Five Year [Transportation] Program as a template for other areas, should be incorporated into and made a part of the annual budget preparation for the County and its authorities.

- Citizen involvement and transparency of all planning processes should be encouraged throughout the Planning Period and be included as an important element of the maintenance and implementation of the 2030 Plan.
- The 2030 Plan should be reviewed every two (2) to three (3) years in light of rezoning, platting and development activity. Growth and development trends, particularly those not anticipated, and progress on the CIP process should also be noted to determine if updates are needed prior to the two (2) to five (5) year timeframe. Major updates to the 2030 Plan are only anticipated to be necessary every five (5) years.