Comprehensive Planning

What is Comprehensive Planning?
Comprehensive Planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community
development. The outcome of comprehensive planning is the comprehensive plan which acts as a statement of
what a community wants to become and is a collection of principles based on community defined vision.

Typically, a comprehensive plan will provide general policy guidelines regarding transportation, utilities, land use,
recreation, economic development and housing priorities meant to be considered within a long term timeframe.
Therefore, comprehensive plans deal more with concepts patterns and visions than specific rules and ordinances.
Region Five Development Commission’s delivery of comprehensive planning is done with an intentional focus on
inclusion of residents that are not typically part of municipal planning processes. We incorporate a diverse and
well-rounded group of people to make up the planning team.

How does R5DC assist in Comprehensive Planning?
The Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) has successfully completed numerous comprehensive plans for
communities throughout the region.

R5DC assists local units of governments in all aspects of comprehensive planning by:
• Working with elected city officials, city staff and commissions to understand goals and outcomes
• Conducting public workshops and planning meetings
• Developing a local planning task force
• Facilitating the local planning task force meetings
• Compiling and updating most current demographic data
• Drafting comprehensive plan document
• Launching public input and informational meetings to ensure an equitable process
• Assisting elected officials and city staff regarding adoption and recording the final approved plan