

April 16, 2024

Case: Douglas General Plan Update 2024

Summary Notes to Changes Made from 60-Day Comment Period

Thank you for the review comments we received between February 9, 2024 and April 9, 2024. The City received a total of 4 formal comments ranging from minor edits, compliments on the plan to a full document with redlines and comments from the public. Below is an abbreviated summary of the highlights of the changes made from those comments. A full redline of the track changes is available for review with this summary as well.

General Edit Changes

Comment	Update
Minor updates throughout text and capitalization or typos	<i>Fixed throughout typos and missing areas</i>

Chapter 1 Introduction & Implementation Changes

Comment	Update
Typos and minor edits	<i>Minor updates to text: typos, clarification on meaning</i>
Unclear on purpose of items in Implementation Program Section	<i>Revised GP Implementation Program details of what each goal, strategy, and policy is for.</i>

Chapter 2 Land Use Element Changes

Comment	Update
Add places for solar and renewable energy	<i>Added to Rancho Agricultural, Industrial/ Employment and Mixed-use Airport</i>
Clarify Medium-High Density	<i>Revised to just High-Density to match map</i>
New Innovative Zoning Category	<i>Added to table</i>
Objectives and policies needed more detail	<i>Added more detail as to how items would be done</i>
Duplicate similar policy	<i>Deleted duplicate</i>
Need Responsible Department added	<i>Added responsible parties</i>

Chapter 3 Growth Area Element Changes

Comment	Update
Question about why a regional approach	<i>Added detail on commercial trade</i>
Clarify number of growth areas	<i>Clarified the 7 areas</i>
Central Core Area needs more clarification	<i>Corrected street names and investment in restoration of buildings</i>
Clarify adding more to policies	<i>Added more for infrastructure and adaptive reuse</i>
Need Responsible Department added	<i>Added responsible parties</i>

Chapter 4 Public Facilities & Services Element Changes

Comment	Update
Update with staff comments on divisions	<i>Revised and updated</i>
Streets section is lacking detail	<i>Added clarification that further detail is in the street standards manual through public works for expansion and cross sections</i>
Prefer more impact to push towards xeriscape and not shallow rooted plants and turf	<i>Added policy to remove turf and shallow rooted plants where not function or needed.</i>
Repetitive policy	<i>Removed</i>
Wanted more recycling push for City	<i>Added a policy for recycling in city facilities</i>
Request to address the littering and illegal dumping by pushing for a “Brush and Bulk” pick up opportunity twice a year.	<i>Added as a policy</i>

Chapter 5 Transportation & Circulation Element Changes

Comment	Update
Clarify direction of nearby cities and use of port	<i>Added more clarification</i>
Lacking detail on airport	<i>Added more detail on opportunities for the Douglas Muni Airport and clarified Cochise County Airport Authority</i>
Repetitive similar policies	<i>removed</i>
Typos	<i>Addressed and fixed</i>

Chapter 6 Recreation & Open Space Element Changes

Comment	Update
Where re the LOS tables	<i>Revised text to be clear. Level of Service tables and standards are in Parks and Recreation Master Plan being worked on by the department which will provide more details and analysis by the City and the consultant on park standards and requirements.</i>
Missing details in existing parks table	<i>Updated</i>
Repetitive similar policies	<i>removed</i>
Need more solar collocations with parks	<i>Added a policy for colocation of park shade structures and in public facilities</i>
Encourage less water intense uses	<i>Added details to function vegetation with native species and when creating shade canopies.</i>

Chapter 7 Cost of Development Element Changes

Comment	Update
Typos and add details to include for infrastructure improvements	<i>Fixed and revised</i>

Chapter 8 Environmental & Historical Resources Element Changes

Comment	Update
Need more detail on air quality	<i>Updated section on air quality with more detail and some comments provided on monitoring and cause for air quality.</i>
Update Water quality section as a bit confusing	<i>Revised to shorten up and make user friendly.</i>
Add more details on the natural resources and environment	<i>Added a paragraph suggested in portion from a public comment and provided more details on the terrain of the sky islands, Chiricahua mountains and mule mountains.</i>
Clarify intent of historical resources	<i>Clarified historical resources section about what has and needs to be rehabilitated and being invested in if possible.</i>
Request to add solar into shade structures	<i>Added detail to policy encouraging double use of shade structures with solar.</i>
Clarify historical resources policy and code	<i>Clarified policy to encourage redevelopment to maintain character without forcing full code updates.</i>
Duplicate policies	<i>Removed duplicates</i>
What does environmentally sensitive lands entail?	<i>Further defined environmentally sensitive lands in policy</i>
Barking dogs are offensive in noise ordinance	<i>Added offensive noises to policy</i>

Chapter 9 Water Resources Element Changes

Comment	Update
Update details on Watershed	<i>Added details to intro</i>
Update Douglas Basin with recent extension	<i>Revised per Governor's update</i>

Chapter 10 Economic Development Element Changes

Comment	Update
Clarify positions of workforce	<i>Revised for government positions in downtown area</i>
Clarify nearby jurisdictions and commercial and trade types for LPOE	<i>Added more designations and specified for commercial and trade</i>
How enact Goal 2 to diversity	<i>Added "with incentives"</i>
Need Responsible Department added	<i>Added responsible parties</i>

Chapter 11 Housing Element Changes

Comment	Update
none	<i>none</i>