



What is Santa Fe Forward?

Santa Fe Forward is the City of Santa Fe's effort to update its General Plan

The General Plan is the City's long-term policy framework that will guide decisions on land use, housing, transportation, public services, and more through 2050.

What is a General Plan — and Why Does it Matter?

A general plan is a roadmap for the future. It sets policies for how land is used, how we get around, where public investments are made, and how we care for our environment and neighborhoods.

- Affects daily life — traffic, housing, and access to parks and services
- Reflects community values and priorities
- Shapes future policy decisions and funding

Why Update Now?

The current plan was adopted in 1999. Santa Fe Forward is a chance to update the City's vision and align with today's goals for equity, sustainability, and resilience.

The Plan Will Include:



Community vision and guiding values



Land use and zoning direction



Topic strategies: housing, economy, transportation, services, climate, water, and more



Implementation steps and funding roadmap

Santa Fe Forward will be developed in six key phases, with public input at every step

1 **Project Launch and Community Awareness**
Kickoff events and outreach introduce the project. A Draft Assessment Report sets the foundation.

2 **Solidify Vision and Goals**
Community conversations and workshops help define shared values and priorities.

3 **Explore and Plan Future Scenarios**
We explore how Santa Fe may grow, identifying trade-offs, challenges, and opportunities.

4 **Develop the Preferred Plan**
A draft General Plan is created, including maps, goals, and policy recommendations.

5 **Identify Priorities and Funding Sources**
Work with the community to prioritize goals and explore funding and implementation strategies.

6 **Step Forward: Final Review and Adoption**
The plan is reviewed by the Planning Commission, advisory boards, and adopted by the Governing Body.

Land Development Code Update



What is the Land Development Code (LDC)?

The LDC is the rulebook that governs how land can be used, what can be built, and how neighborhoods look and function. It defines:

Land Use & Layout

Where homes, businesses, parks, and roads go

Building & Site Design

Standards for size, appearance, parking, and landscaping

Neighborhood Character

Consistent rules that reflect Santa Fe's unique identity

Why it Matters to You:



Influences where and how homes are built



Protects open space and historic identity



Supports walkable, livable neighborhoods



Ensures clear, fair, and consistent rules

How It Connects to Santa Fe Forward:

Santa Fe Forward sets the vision. The LDC turns that vision into action. Updating both together ensures:

- ✔ Policies and regulations are aligned
- ✔ Outcomes reflect community goals
- ✔ Timing supports coordinated implementation

Together, let's move Santa Fe Forward

Santa Fe Forward is a community effort built on broad, equitable, bilingual, and collaborative engagement. **Your voice, perspective, and ideas help us create a plan that reflects the aspirations and needs of everyone who calls Santa Fe home.**



Attend Events

Public Open Houses and Workshops

Share your feedback and learn more about key issues.

Community Conversations

Join informal gatherings hosted by local organizations.



Engage Online

Interactive Mapping Tool

Pin your ideas and concerns directly on the city map.

Surveys and Quick Polls

Make your voice heard on a range of planning topics



Stay Updated

Email List

Subscribe to receive updates on meetings, milestones, and ways to participate.

Social Media

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