



# LA PINE 2045 VISION

Joint City Council and  
Planning Commission  
Workshop #2.

November 29, 2023



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# AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Visioning Exercise
3. Identification of Action Items
4. Public Input Session
5. Next Steps and Timeline
6. Closing

# INTRODUCTIONS



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# TONIGHT'S GOAL & UPDATE

## Goals for tonight

- Harbor additional input.
- Finalize tentative goals for the Planning Commission's consideration.
- Provide the opportunity for public testimony.

## Update

- PSU population projection – La Pine is the second fastest growing city in the state from '22-'23.





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# EVENTS ATTENDED

As of today, we have received 458 responses to the survey.

Staff attended the following events:

- Music in the Pines
- Harvest Fair
- Trunk or Treat
- Chamber Breakfast

High School presentations and engagement on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Rotary Breakfast Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

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# PREVIOUS SURVEY RESULTS

## What do you value about La Pine?

- **Small Town Feel and Community**
- **Outdoor and Recreational Opportunities**
- **Growth and Development**

## What are La Pines disadvantages?

- **Infrastructure and Accessibility**
- **Economic Concerns**
- **Community Services and Quality of Life**

## What would improve La Pine?

- **Community Development and Infrastructure**
  - **Economic Growth and Job Opportunities**
  - **Quality of Life and Community Services**
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# RESULTS WITH NEW SURVEY SUBMITTALS

## **What do you value about La Pine?**

- **Small town feel and community**
- **Natural beauty and outdoor recreation**
- **Concerns about growth and development**

## **What are La Pines disadvantages?**

- **Infrastructure and growth**
- **Economy and services**
- **Community identity and lifestyle**

## **What would improve La Pine?**

- **Infrastructure and traffic management**
- **Community amenities and services**
- **Balanced growth and development**

# Themes and Trends

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## Consensus – What do you value about La Pine?

Consensus on the town's positive small-town community, emphasizing the close-knit feel, community support, and willingness to help one another. The natural beauty of the surroundings and access to outdoor activities are widely cherished. However, concerns about growth and change emerge, with residents expressing a desire to balance development with preserving the small-town atmosphere and supporting local businesses. Mixed feelings about the type of development indicate a nuanced perspective, highlighting the town's commitment to maintaining its unique character and values amidst potential changes.



# Themes and Trends

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## Contention – What do you value about La Pine?

A noticeable contention among residents. While a significant portion appreciates the small-town community, natural beauty, and outdoor lifestyle, there is an undercurrent of concern about the consequences of growth. Residents are apprehensive about the potential impact on traffic, the town's unique character, and the potential loss of local businesses. The survey reveals a tension between the desire for development and the need to preserve the intimate, close-knit atmosphere that residents value. This contention underscores the challenge of managing growth while maintaining the town's distinctive identity and sense of community.

# Themes and Trends

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## Consensus – What are La Pine's disadvantages?

A shared set of concerns and aspirations. Residents are notably apprehensive about the rapid growth of the town, expressing worries about the impact on infrastructure, small-town ambiance, and housing affordability. Economic challenges, including high living costs, expensive groceries, and limited job opportunities. Many residents express a desire for improved services, such as healthcare facilities and emergency care, as well as more diverse and affordable shopping options. Preserving the town's identity, with an emphasis on its small-town feel and historical elements, emerges as a unifying theme. There's a shared desire for enhanced community amenities, activities for all age groups, and a vibrant urban core. Overall, the community seeks balanced and well-managed growth that aligns with its unique identity and meets the evolving needs of its residents.

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# Themes and Trends

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## Contention – What are La Pine's disadvantages?

Prevailing contention centered on the challenges accompanying La Pine's growth. Residents express dissatisfaction with what they perceive as poorly managed expansion, citing issues such as increased traffic, inadequate infrastructure, and the rapid construction of housing developments. Concerns are voiced about the impact on the town's character, with a sense that the influx of new residents is altering the community's identity. Economic worries, including high living costs and limited employment opportunities, contribute to the discontent. There is a notable contention between those advocating for growth and those emphasizing the preservation of La Pine's small-town charm, creating a complex dialogue about the town's future trajectory.

# Themes and Trends

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## Consensus – What would improve La Pine?

A collective desire for thoughtful and balanced development. Residents express concerns about the current state of infrastructure, emphasizing the need for improvements in traffic management, road conditions, and safety measures. There is a shared aspiration to enhance community amenities, with calls for the addition of a swimming pool, more parks, better grocery stores, and recreational opportunities. The community values its small-town charm and advocates for growth that aligns with the town's character, promoting local businesses over large chains. Overall, there is a strong sentiment for sustainable and purposeful development that preserves La Pine's unique identity while addressing the evolving needs of its residents.

# Themes and Trends

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## Contention – What would improve La Pine?

Challenges associated with rapid growth and development. Many residents expressed concerns about the pace of housing expansion, emphasizing issues such as overcrowding, strained infrastructure, and potential environmental impacts. There is contention over the types of businesses being attracted to the area, with divergent opinions on whether to welcome larger chains or prioritize local establishments. Additionally, the survey highlights varying perspectives on the balance between growth and preserving the town's small-town atmosphere. Striking this balance while addressing the practical needs of the community emerges as a central point of contention in the survey responses.

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# TENTATIVE GOALS

1. **Preservation of Small-Town Feel:** Balance growth with the preservation of La Pine's small-town charm, history, and natural beauty. Develop and implement strategies to preserve the small-town charm of La Pine while accommodating necessary growth. This may involve architectural guidelines, maintaining green spaces, and supporting local businesses that contribute to the town's unique character.
  2. **Community Engagement and Communication:** Establish transparent and regular communication channels to engage residents in decision-making processes, ensuring that their concerns and feedback are actively considered in town planning and development. Foster a sense of community by encouraging local events, activities, and amenities for residents of all ages.
  3. **Balanced Growth Strategies:** Develop and implement growth strategies that prioritize economic development while preserving La Pine's small-town feel and community values, striking a balance between progress and maintaining the unique character of the town. Strive for managed and balanced growth that considers the needs of the community, ensuring that new developments, both residential and commercial, enhance the town without overwhelming existing infrastructure.
  4. **Infrastructure and Traffic Management:** Invest in infrastructure improvements to address concerns about increased traffic, ensuring that the town's roads and services can accommodate growth without sacrificing the quality of life for residents. Focus on developing efficient transportation solutions, including potential road expansions, traffic controls, and pedestrian-friendly pathways.
  5. **Outdoor Recreation Enhancement:** Focus on enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities, leveraging the natural beauty of La Pine to attract residents and visitors alike while maintaining a commitment to sustainable and responsible development.
  6. **Economic Development:** Attract a diverse range of businesses, with a focus on affordable grocery stores and restaurants, both local enterprises, and larger chains, to meet the community's needs. Develop incentives to attract industrial and commercial uses.
  7. **Affordable Housing:** Address housing concerns by promoting affordable housing options and avoiding rapid, uncontrolled growth.
  8. **Community Services:** Enhance community services, including affordable childcare options, improved healthcare facilities, and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. Prioritize the development of communal spaces, parks, and facilities that foster a sense of community.
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# VISIONING EXERCISE



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# PUBLIC INPUT SESSION





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# NEXT STEPS

**The Planning Commission will be convening on December 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential goal recommendations to the City Council.**

**If goals are recommended by the Planning Commission, the City Council will discuss and potentially adopt the goals at their next scheduled hearing.**

**Once adopted, the goals will help to inform our comprehensive plan update '24-'25.**

# TENTATIVE COMP PLAN UPDATE TIMELINE

NO.	TASK	2023					2024						2025												
		AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
1	<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b>																								
1.a	Project Kickoff					●																			
1.b	Project Administration																								
2	<b>VISIONING AND GOAL SETTING</b>				★	★																			
3	<b>EXISTING CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT</b>																								
3.a	Data Collection and Analysis																								
3.b	SWOT Analysis																								
4	<b>PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY</b>																								
5	<b>COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</b>																								
5.a	Policy Formulation																								
5.b	Comprehensive Plan Development																								
6	<b>ADOPTION</b>																								
		●	CAC					✱	YAC					★	Open Houses/Stakeholder Workshops										

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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

## Analysis

- **Transportation System Plan**
- **Buildable Lands Inventory**
- **Economic Analysis**
- **Housing needs analysis**

## Goals and Policies

- **All 14 applicable statewide planning goals will be addressed**
- **Each goal will identify specific goals and policies to achieve the communities needs.**



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