

SUNSET Meighborhood PLAN





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THE PLANNING AREA: SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD

The Sunset Neighborhood – an area of just less than a square mile – is bounded by N 28th Street to the east, Hill Road to the north, 36th Street to the west, and State Street to the south. The neighborhood is nestled against the Boise Foothills along its northern boundary, providing access to the city's open space recreation areas. The neighborhood is also within easy access of Boise's downtown city center.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN BOUNDARIES

The City of Boise has 35 registered neighborhood associations which often serve as boundaries for planning areas and initiatives. Each geography is part of a larger city of neighbors, services, commercial and medical centers, employers, restaurants, Boise River, regional parks, and the Greenbelt. Each is also part of larger systems planned to deliver fire and police protection, education, storm drainage, streets and pathways, capital improvements, public health, libraries, and more.





INTRODUCTION

The development of Neighborhood Plans is one of the fundamental efforts of Boise's Energize Our Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Planning programs. A Neighborhood Plan is the result of the collaborative effort between the city Planning and Development Services Department, other city departments, outside agencies, and neighborhood stakeholders to document existing conditions and identify future needs of a neighborhood.

A Neighborhood Plan is a long-term vision document that is reviewed and adopted by City Council to supplement *Blueprint Boise*, the city's Comprehensive Plan. A neighborhood plan is intended to guide change for 10 to 15 years and includes a vision, a list of goals, and implementation strategies.

The neighborhood planning process engages the entire community, including residents, neighborhood association members and leadership, businesses, schools, nonprofits, and many others to develop a shared plan for the future of the neighborhood.

Through the year-long planning process, neighbors and the city were engaged in:

 IDENTIFYING A FUTURE VISION for the community and then developing strategies and tools for achieving that vision.

- MAKING DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS for land use changes and future neighborhood investment to help ensure neighborhoods grow as envisioned by the plan.
- PROVIDING A LEVEL OF ANALYSIS, DETAIL, AND GUIDANCE on issues affecting local areas that citywide plans cannot.

CHAPTER ONE provides data about the planning area, contrasting it with similar data for the city as a whole. It includes information on population, housing supply, the transportation network, crime, etc.

CHAPTER TWO details the policy and planning context in which the Sunset Neighborhood Plan was developed. This chapter summarizes relevant City of Boise and partner agency's plans and policies as they relate to the Sunset neighborhood.

CHAPTER THREE condenses the contributions of neighborhoods who attended workshops, contributed written comments, and responded to surveys between October 2020 and August 2021. This chapter identifies the themes, ideas, and visions that materialized during each phase of the planning process.

CHAPTER FOUR outlines the neighborhood plan framework, describing the neighborhood's vision for the future, its core values, goals, objectives, and priority projects and actions.

CHAPTER FIVE displays each of the plans' six goals and associated implementation schedule for each project and action.

The planning process was managed collaboratively by the City of Boise Comprehensive Planning Division in partnership with a Neighborhood Plan Committee (NPC) composed of representatives from the Sunset Neighborhood Association, Boise School District, and residents. City staff prepared a Request for Proposals and with guidance from the NPC, hired Agnew::Beck, a Boise-based consulting firm specializing in public participation.



CHAPTER 1 SUNSET TODAY



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Planning for a neighborhood's future requires a knowledge of its present. This chapter includes an overview of the existing conditions in the Sunset Neighborhood.

This information provides valuable insight into understanding the Sunset Neighborhood today and served as background information that supported the development of the vision and goals for the Sunset Neighborhood of tomorrow.



COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

The information presented in this section provides data to inform the identification of neighborhood strengths, opportunities, and potential threats.

The data in this section is gathered using the following sources: the 2010/2019 ESRI Demographics and Market Estimates, the U.S. Census Bureau 2009 and 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) (Five-Year Estimates), the Idaho Department of Labor, and the City of Boise. Additional sources utilized in this analysis are noted throughout the chapter.

POPULATION

The Sunset population has remained stable, with the population increasing 7 percent (equivalent to an average of 23 new individuals a year) from 2010 to 2019.

This population increase, though slight, may be associated with infill development or increasing family size since the boundaries of the neighborhood have not changed.

FIGURE 1: POPULATION

	SUNSET	CITY OF BOISE
POPULATION	3,017	1.3% of overall city population
2010 – 2019 POPULATION CHANGE	+7%	+13%

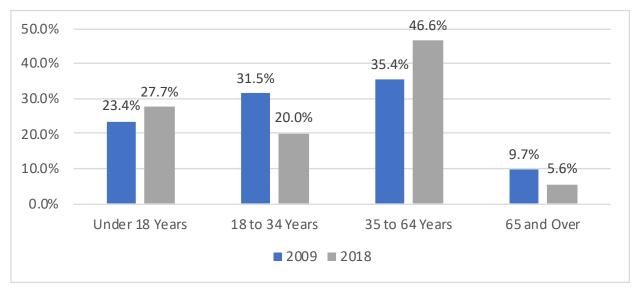
Source: Esri 2019 and 2010 population estimates

AGE

The neighborhood largely consists of middle-aged adults likely with young children. The increases in the number of children and middle-aged adults suggests that many new or young families are moving to the area.

The neighborhood is experiencing a decline in populations aged 18-34 and 65 and older. This trend could indicate that younger adults can no longer afford the neighborhood, and that older retirement age individuals are choosing to downsize or are facing challenges aging in place in the Sunset Neighborhood.

FIGURE 2: AGE



Source: 2009/2018 American Community Survey (5-year estimates)

RACE AND ETHNICITY

The Sunset Neighborhood reflects the diversity found within the city. Like citywide trends, Sunset is increasing its share of nonwhite residents. The minority population includes households of various cultural, racial, and ethnic backgrounds including those of African or Eastern European descent.

Additionally, about 6% of the population speaks some language other than English as their primary language in the home.

FIGURE 3: MINORITY POPULATION

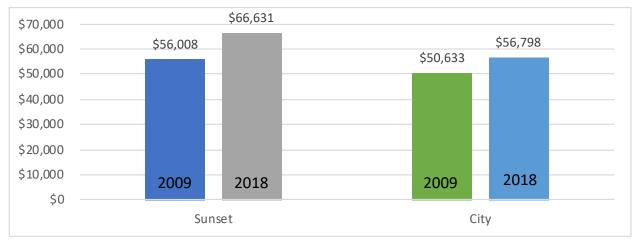
	SUN	ISET	CITY O	F BOISE
	2009	2019	2009	2019
MINORITY POPULATION	14%	17%	15%	18%

Source: *Esri 2019 and 2010 population estimates

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Household incomes in Sunset and the city have grown between 2009 and 2018. However, the Sunset's median income increased at a greater rate than the city (19 percent versus 12 percent) between 2009 and 2018.

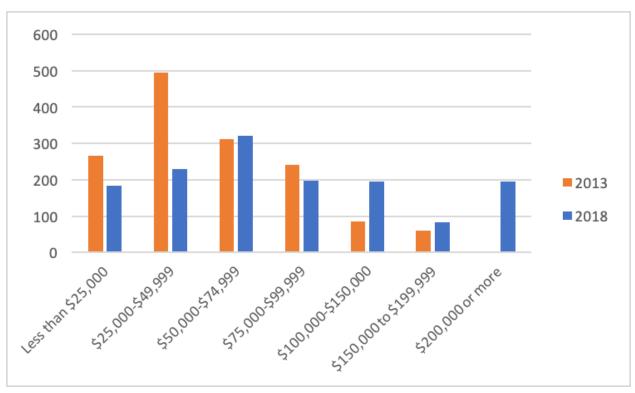
FIGURE 4: MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



Source: 2009/2018 American Community Survey (5-year estimates)

Income distribution data from 2013 to 2018 shows that households in the Sunset neighborhood have much higher incomes then they did in the past. With a large loss of households making less than \$50,000. This could be attributed to many different factors; in 2013 many households were still experiencing the effects of the recession with unemployment, underemployment or decreased wages. Alternatively, as Sunset has become a more desirable place to live, rents or housing costs may be becoming less affordable for lower income households. As older residents who were on a fixed income moved on, they could have been replaced with young families in their peak earning years. As such, income distribution has leveled out more recently indicating a more economically diverse neighborhood. Monitoring this trend will be important to ensure the neighborhood maintains this diversity.

FIGURE 5: INCOME DISTRIBUTION 2013-2018



Source: xxx

HOUSING

New housing continues to be developed in the Sunset Neighborhood leading to more units and a younger median housing age, though the median home in Sunset is still older than the city's. The number of rentals in the Sunset Neighborhood decreased between 2010 and 2019, which could account for a reduction in the number of younger individuals in the neighborhood who may not be financially able to purchase a home at this time.

Sunset's average household size increased and now mirrors the city's.

FIGURE 6: HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

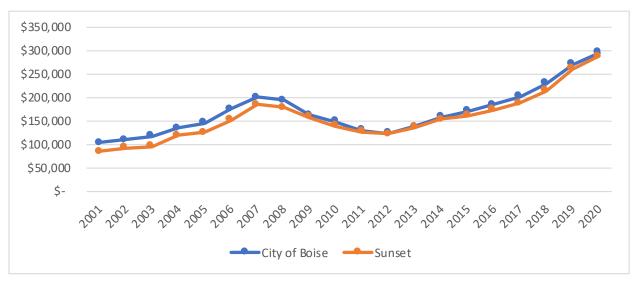
	SUNSET			Cl	TY OF BOIS	SE
	2010	2019	CHANGE	2010	2019	CHANGE
HOUSING UNITS	1,342	1,459	+117 (+9%)	103,973	121,391	+17,418 (14.3%)
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	2.3	2.5		2.4	2.5	
MEDIAN HOUSING AGE	1942	1958		1980	1984	
OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING	60%	67%		62%	50%	

Source: *Esri 2019 and 2010 population estimates

MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUES

Sunset and the city both experienced increases in assessed property between 2001 and 2007 (54 percent and 48 percent respectively). In 2008, the national financial crisis and subsequent recession brought about significant declines in property values. During that 2008-2012 period, Sunset property values dropped further than the city, bottoming out at \$122,700 versus \$124,100. Assessed values in both the city and Sunset have continued to rise since 2013, with the value of Sunset properties slightly trailing the city. Figure 7 shows that median property values are variable and are influenced by regional and national trends.

FIGURE 7: MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUES



Source: Ada County, 2020

FIGURE 8: MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUES

	SUNSET	CITY OF BOISE
2001	\$102,900	\$103,400
2019	\$260,200	\$270,700

Source: Ada County, 2020

REPORTED CRIME STATISTICS

Boise police categorize reported crimes into four groupings: property crimes such as burglary, vehicle theft, and vandalism; society crimes such as drug and weapon violations; violent crimes such as rape, arson, and assault; and other crimes including traffic-related incidents.

Crime in the Sunset neighborhood was up 4% from 2009 to 2019 compared to a 10% reduction of crime citywide. Sunset experienced a decline in violent and property crimes and an increase in society crimes and other crimes.

These numbers show only crimes reported to the Boise Police Department. Likely infractions occur beyond those reported to the police.

FIGURE 9: REPORTED CRIME STATISTICS

	SUNSET			Cl	TY OF BOIS	SE
	2009	2019	CHANGE	2009	2019	CHANGE
OTHER	173	199	+26	8,208	9,207	+999
PROPERTY	180	138	-42	9,753	7,160	-2,593
SOCIETY	157	210	+53	8,239	6,897	-1,342
VIOLENT	53	39	-14	2,627	2,450	-177
TOTAL	563	586	+23	28,827	25,714	-3,113

Source: City of Boise, 2020

TRAVEL TO WORK

Sunset commute trips were chiefly in single-occupied vehicles (SOV) at 80.6 percent in 2018 mirroring the city-wide average. In both the city and Sunset, the share of residents that commute to work using a SOV has increased. However, commute pattern changes are expected with the increased possibility of remote work due to the pandemic.

FIGURE 10: COMMUTE TRIPS TO WORK (WORKERS 16 AND OVER) - MODE SHARE

	SUNSET		CITY OF BOISE	
	2009	2018	2009	2018
WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER	1,847	2,153	105,248	115,783
DRIVE ALONE	76.9%	80.6%	78.7%	80.4%
TRANSIT	0%	0%	1.1%	0.8%
CARPOOL	6.3%	11.1%	9.0%	7.5%
BIKE	7.9%	3.4%	3.3%	2.8%
WALK	0.5%	1.3%	2.3%	2.0%
WORK FROM HOME	8.3%	3.6%	4.1%	5.7%
TAXI/OTHER	0%	0%	1.4%	0.9%

Source: City of Boise, 2020

NEIGHBORHOOD **ASSETS**



THE GREATER SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD

The Sunset neighborhood has many assets that contribute to the overall quality of life.

PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

The Sunset Neighborhood has numerous parks and public spaces within or nearby that serve neighborhood needs. Sunset has nearby access to the following community spaces:

- · Elm Grove Park
- Sunset Park
- Lowell Pool
- Ridge to Rivers (Foothills) Trail System
- · Idaho Power Substation
- Collister Library
- Schools
 - Lowell Elementary
 - Taft Elementary
 - Hillside Junior

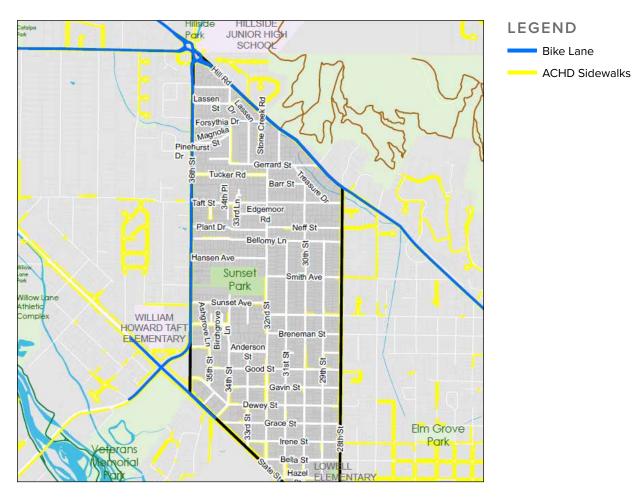
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Sunset is largely a gridded neighborhood. Major north/south connections include 36th, 32nd, and 28th Street. Major east/west connections include Sunset Avenue and Taft Street.

Sunset has bike lanes along Hill Road and 36th Street. Bike lanes on Whitewater Park Blvd and Veteran's Memorial Parkway provide connection to regional parks and the Greenbelt.

The neighborhood has limited sidewalk coverage, with only 29% of the neighborhood roads having sidewalk. This is about 17 miles of missing sidewalk.

MAP 1: TRANSPORTATION NETWORK





TRANSIT SERVICE

Sunset is served by two bus routes: Route 9: State Street and Route 10: Hill Road.

State Street is considered one of the city's best in class routes with service every 15 minutes Monday-Friday during the commute hours. Route 10 connects Sunset residents to several important destinations including Boise High School, downtown Boise, the Boise Co-op and West State Street businesses.

FIGURE 11: TRANSIT SERVICE

ROUTE	STOP	AVERAGE TOTAL RIDERSHIP
	State & 27th SEC	13
ROUTE 9 STATE STREET	State & 29th SWC	21
ROUTE 9 STATE STREET	State & 31st NEC	19
	State & 35th NWC	53
	36th & Magnolia SEC	23
	36th & Pinehurst NWC	23
	36th & Shasta NWC	3
ROUTE 10 HILL ROAD	36th & Shasta SEC	2
KOOTE IO HILL KOAD	Taft & 28th SWC	4
	Taft & 32nd NEC	9
	Taft & 32nd SWC	11
	Taft & 36th NEC	2

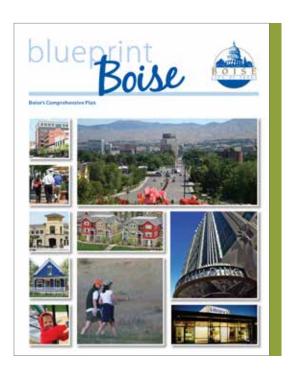
Source: Valley Regional Transit 2019



CHAPTER 2 PLANNING CONTEXT



The City of Boise and its departments rely on a series of plans to provide high-level policy direction and guide decision making. The Sunset Neighborhood Plan serves as a supplement to citywide plans and will provide context-sensitive strategies for the implementation of city and partner agency policies within the Sunset Neighborhood.



BLUEPRINT BOISE

Blueprint Boise, adopted in 2011, is City of Boise's comprehensive plan. Among many other things, Blueprint Boise calls for compact, balanced land uses that accommodate future growth while supporting multi-modal transportation and environmental sustainability. Blueprint Boise provides city-wide guidance for how the city is expected to grow over a twenty-year planning horizon. The goals and policies within all city neighborhood plans must be consistent with those found in Blueprint Boise. The Sunset neighborhood falls within the North/East End Planning Area.

FUTURE LAND USE

Blueprint Boise establishes a land use framework for future development in Boise's Area of City Impact. This framework includes the types of places the community would like to foster and the land use patterns that will be encouraged in each of those places.

Blueprint Boise's Future Land Use Map designates much of the Sunset neighborhood for "Compact" while the area along State Street is designated "Mixed Use."

COMPACT:

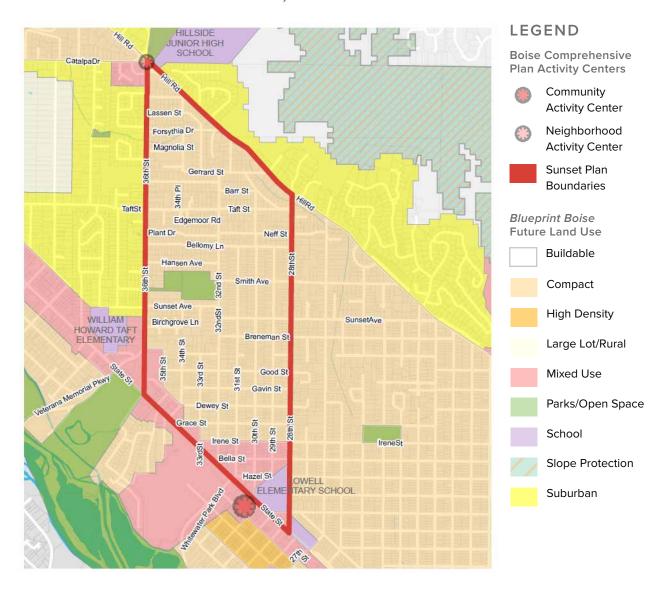
Detached single-family homes are predominant but a variety of housing types including duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, apartments and condominiums could be allowed. Rental and owner-occupied housing is expected.

MIXED USE:

Mixed-use land generally includes retail, commercial, office, restaurants, and high-density residential, and live-work units.

Blueprint Boise also identifies existing and potential "activity centers," areas that might attract people who wish to live, work, shop, recreate, socialize, and educate themselves in such centers. The two activity centers located in, and adjacent to, the Sunset Neighborhood are the 36th Street Garden Center and the ITD Campus.

MAP 2: BLUEPRINT BOISE, FUTURE LAND USE



ZONING

Boise's Zoning Ordinance is Title 11 of the city laws. It establishes allowed uses and specifies dimensional standards for every property in the city. The zoning ordinance places all property under the rules of a "zone." Each zone specifies what uses will be permitted, permitted on condition, or not allowed at all.

The current housing unit density in the Sunset Neighborhood is about 4 units per acre. Current zoning would support more dense development at an average of around 10 units per acre.

MAP 3: ZONING

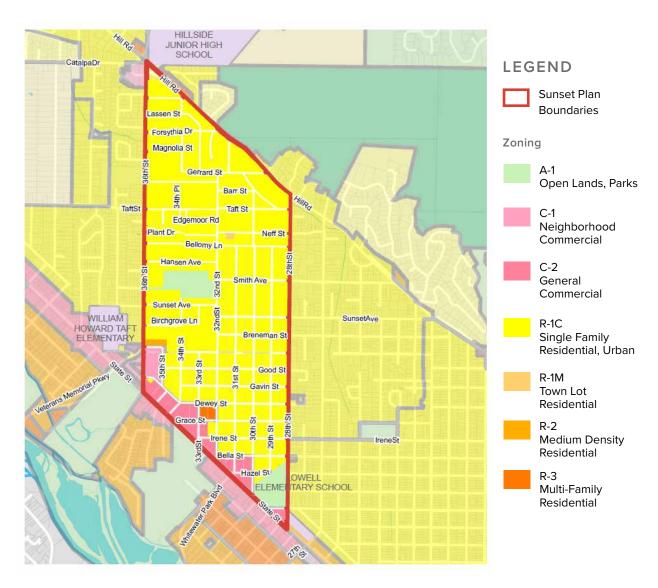




FIGURE 1: SUNSET ZONE TYPES

ZONE	TYPE	ACRES	DESCRIPTION
A -1	Open Lands, Park	20	Land area for the development such as parks, schools, and golf courses. Sunset Park is the only area in the neighborhood zoned A-1.
C-1	Neighborhood Commercial	5	Used for small scale commercial uses in or near residential districts. Allows residential development.
C-2	General Commercial	23	Serves community and regional commercial and retail uses. Conditionally allows residential development.
R-1C	Single Family Residential, Urban	325	Predominately single-family residential.
R-1M	Town Lot Residential	0.33	Narrow lots that can be developed in blocks for urban row houses or combined into wider lots for single family detached housing.
R-2	Medium Density Residential	1	Moderate densities integrated within neighborhoods.
R-3	Multi-Family Residential	2.5	Higher density residential development in close proximity to retail, employment, transit, and other concentrated uses.

FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING RELATIONSHIP

The Future Land Use Map found in Blueprint Boise informs what a property can potentially be zoned or rezoned as. The Zoning Map and associated zone district is the legally binding destination that determines what can and cannot be built or operated on a single site. The table below shows the relationship between the Future Land Use Map and potential zone districts permitted in the Sunset Neighborhood.

FIGURE 2: FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING RELATIONSHIP

FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION	POTENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS
Compact	R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, R-1M
Mixed Use	R-2, R-3, C-1, C-2
Parks/Open Space	A-1
School	A-1

OTHER APPLICABLE PLANS

Citywide and partner agency plans offer a high-level framework to guide and influence decisions that affect the future of the city. They are used as a foundation for the more specific vision, recommendations and strategies contained in the Sunset Neighborhood Plan.

- · North Boise Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, 2016
- The Boise Transportation Action Plan, 2016
- 30th Street Area Master Plan, 2012
- Boise City Cultural Master Plan, 2017
- · Boise City Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan
- State Street Plans
 - State Street Corridor Transportation Oriented Development Plan, 2019
 - State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan, 2011
 - State Street Corridor: Transit-Oriented Development Policy Guidelines, 2008
 - State Street Corridor Strategic Plan, 2004

STATE STREET URBAN RENEWAL

The Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC) was formed in 1965 by the Boise City Council in response to the federal urban renewal program, which offered funding to revitalize central cities across the nation. CCDC has evolved over the years into an agency with one goal in mind: strengthening and building vitality in Boise. CCDC is committed to building public infrastructure that supports development projects, serves as a catalyst for private development, and fosters economic growth.

CCDC is in the process of forming an urban renewal district (URD) along the State Street Corridor to assist with redevelopment of the corridor from an auto-dominated commercial corridor into a series of walkable, mixed-use activity centers supportive of high-quality transit service between Eagle and Downtown Boise. This assistance could include utility upgrades, construction of civic amenities—such as parks, pathways, and public art—and enhancing economic opportunities for businesses and residents along State Street.

The State Street URD will include portions of the Sunset Neighborhood including all of the neighborhood's frontage on State Street and some of the commercial areas adjacent to the street. The presence of an URD within the neighborhood serves as a economic development catalyst and could potentially support some of the goals outlined in this plan.



CHAPTER 3

BASIS FOR ACTION



INTRODUCTION

Neighborhood input shaped the development of the Sunset Neighborhood Plan. The results of this public engagement, coupled with the background information and data found in chapter 2, guided the project team as they developed and refined the Plan's vision, goals, and recommended projects.

The Neighborhood Planning Committee invited the neighborhood to attend workshops and provide comments during all the phases of the neighborhood plan process. The purpose of this chapter is to:

- 1. Summarize and map major themes and comments heard throughout the process:
- 2. Describe how the neighborhood was engaged during each phase of the planning process;
- 3. Show how the project team interpreted and used public input in development of the plan.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

The planning process for the Sunset Neighborhood began in September 2020 during the COVID-19 Pandemic. To ensure the safety of the public and city staff, a majority of public and stakeholder engagement was conducted either outside or online. The Sunset Neighborhood Planning Committee hosted a total of four workshops, three neighborhood surveys, and multiple targeted outreach events including informational tables at Sunset Park, Taft Elementary, and at the Magnolia Street Apartments. Advertising for these events included the delivery of direct-to-door mailers, social media, and outreach from the Sunset Neighborhood Association.

The City of Boise hosted a "Sunset Neighborhood Plan" website and posted materials, activities, and engagement opportunities. Individuals without reliable access to an internet connection were given the opportunity to request mail-in materials and/or provide feedback over the phone to city staff.



MAJOR THEMES FROM THE **ENGAGEMENT**

Several themes emerged throughout the public and stakeholder involvement process; each theme created the basis from which the plan's core values were developed. People were positive about the neighborhood, and many expressed a deep love and sincere appreciation for their neighborhood community, while still identifying hopes for continued improvement. Below is a high-level summary of the major themes from the engagement.

MOBILITY AND SAFETY

Sunset residents felt strongly that the quality of life in the neighborhood is driven by the ability to walk, bike and play safely in the neighborhood.

COHERENT AND SENSITIVE DESIGN

Sunset residents want to see their neighborhood develop in a way that is informed by the neighborhood's current design aesthetic, while still allowing for changes that improve the quality of life for all residents in Sunset. This includes residential developments that are affordable and unique (not cookie cutter plans) and commercial spaces that serve residents and visitors.

AN ACTIVE SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunset residents want to see their community thrive with a variety of events, activities and programming that brings neighbors together and helps foster relationships.

A NATURALLY RICH AND SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOOD

Residents want the neighborhood to feature a lush and healthy tree canopy, abundant green spaces, sustainable and "pollinatorfriendly" landscaping, and neighborhood development that is conscious of the natural environment.

ASSETS & OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the planning process, participants highlighted many location specific comments. The tables below showcase the major themes of these comments into broad recurring categories of places they like, places that represent opportunities for positive change, and places in need of improvement.







Area of opportunity



Area in need of improvement

ACTIVITY CENTERS

SUNSET PARK



- Beloved community gathering location that serves a wide variety of users.
- Desire to maintain and enhance tree canopy.

LOWELL ELEMENTARY/POOL



- Engaged school community.
- Serves as a community space.



 Lowell Pool serves as a potential community space but has many limitations. The area could be transitioned into an improved community gathering center. Ideas for this space include, pool renovations, a skatepark, a splash pad, sports courts, and potential park space.

RIDGE TO RIVERS TRAILS



- Neighborhood proximity to the Ridge to Rivers Trails system is a strong neighborhood asset.
- Neighbors want to see additional connections and easier access points to trailheads.

TAFT ELEMENTARY



- Engaged school community.
- safe mobility for students walking or biking to school.
 - · Parking at Taft could be re-imagined for easier use and potentially additional public space.

Interest in improving street crossings and sidewalk infrastructure to increase

STREETS AND ROADWAYS

SUNSET AVENUE



- Desire for additional traffic calming along the roadway including line of site improvements and the completion of the sidewalk network.
- Heavily utilized roadway that brings people to Sunset Park.

28TH STREET, 32ND STREET AND 36TH STREET



Opportunity for additional neighborhood serving commercial or retail.

HILL ROAD

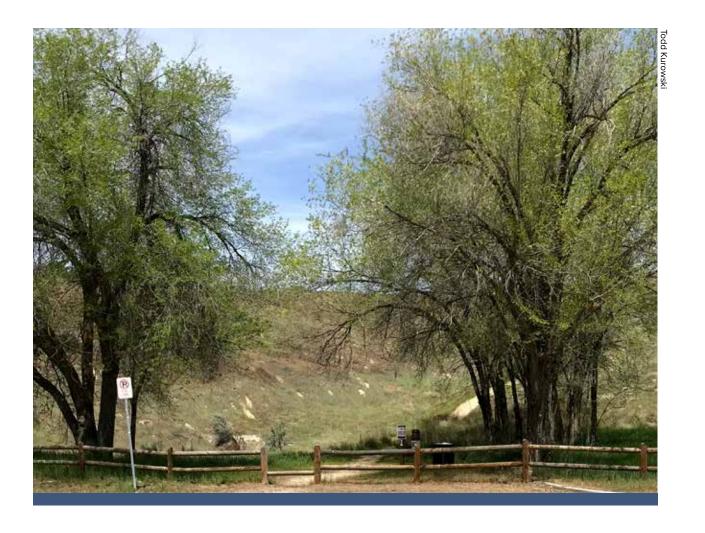


- Neighborhood proximity to the Ridge to Rivers Trails system is a strong neighborhood asset.
- Neighbors want to see easier and safer access across Hill Road to trailheads.

STATE STREET TRANSIT CORRIDOR



- State Street is planned to become a transit corridor which will include transit service improvements and a path for biking and walking.
- Transit Oriented Development at the corner of Whitewater Park and State Street could become new spaces for neighborhood serving commercial and restaurants.



PHASE 1: LEARN

This first phase of plan outreach was designed to collect baseline information and to identify the neighborhoods strengths.

Outreach during this phase included an online survey that was launched on October 19, 2020 and remained open through November 17, 2021 and two interactive neighborhood engagement tables where neighbors could come talk to members of the planning team about the process and what they loved most about Sunset Neighborhood. The phase 1 survey received a total of 106 responses.

The following emerged as neighborhood strengths, opportunities, and threats during Phase 1 outreach efforts:

STRENGTHS

- GREAT PLACE FOR NEW FAMILIES
- DISTINCT CHARACTER AND DIVERSE RESIDENTS
- FRIENDLY AND NEIGHBORLY
- IDEAL LOCATION TO LIVE AND PLAY

OPPORTUNITIES

- INCREASE WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOOD DESTINATIONS
- MAINTAIN SUNSET AS A NEIGHBORHOOD FOR PEOPLE AND FAMILIES OF ALL LIFE STAGES

THREATS

- DECREASING NEIGHBORHOOD AFFORDABILITY
- CHANGING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TYPES
- LIMITED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE (SIDEWALKS, CROSSWALKS) AND INCREASING TRANSPORTATION USAGE

PHASE 2: VISION

During the Visioning phase, the project team used community input to develop the plan's draft vision, values, and goals.

Phase two engagement featured an online survey that launched on April 12, 2021 and remained open through May 6, 2021, which received a total of 178 responses. In addition to the survey, the neighborhood planning team held two identical workshops, one online and one in-person at the end of April 2021. These workshops directed participants to provide feedback on the draft vision and values statements along with four goal areas, which included:

- · Connectivity and Safety
- Design and Development
- Neighborhood Cohesion
- Neighborhood Climate Action

Feedback from the phase 2 survey and workshops was used to revise the plan framework and begin creating a list of supported projects and actions. The following table summarizes participant viewpoints when prompted with the potential goals, objectives, and projects.

CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY

- A strong interest in completing the sidewalk network.
- Desire to implement traffic calming and safety improvements to create a more userfriendly transportation experience.
- Improve crosswalks at key locations throughout the neighborhood.
- Create additional roadway signage (safety signs and wayfinding signs).
- Reduce the user conflicts between bicyclists/pedestrians and cars through bicycle infrastructure improvements (bike lanes, sidewalks) and education initiatives (bike safety lessons).
- Improve access to Ridge to Rivers trails.
- Improve public transportation infrastructure including bus stop shelter improvements.

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

- Preserve affordable housing.
- Allow new development without erasing existing neighborhood housing characteristics.
- Create spaces that can be used for mixed-use development near the edges of the neighborhood.
- Support community amenities including walkable destinations (coffee shops, restaurants, bars, community gardens, retail locations).
- Improve the functionality of the community space at Lowell Pool.

NEIGHBORHOOD COHESION

- Host and emphasize community events.
- Improve neighborhood communications.
- Explore opportunities to generate event and program funding.
- Create a neighborhood ambassador program with volunteers who help connect neighbors to events, activities, and most importantly each other.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE ACTION

- Protect and expand the neighborhood tree canopy.
- · Encourage personal and community gardens as part of a broader sustainability and community engagement strategy.
- Encourage the use of environmentally friendly landscaping.
- · Improve stormwater capture rates with pervious paving and directed runoff channels to water wildlife habitats and bioswales.
- Support new development that includes greenspaces, trees, sustainable energy sources, and low-water landscaping.
- Add electric vehicle chargers in prominent spaces including Sunset Park.

PHASE 3: CREATE

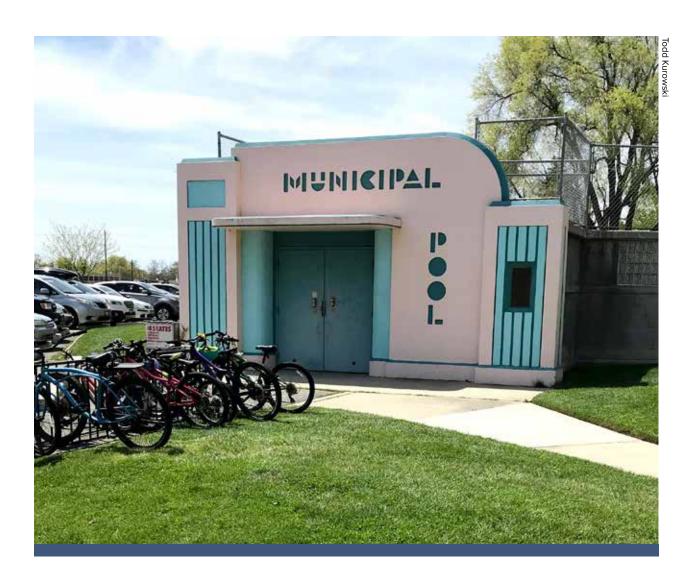
In this third phase, participants gave feedback on drafts of the plan's policies and projects. Phase 3 public engagement featured a neighborhood survey which was open from July 14 to August 6, 2021 and received a total of 140 responses. Additionally, the Neighborhood Planning team held an open house at the Collister Library on July 21, 2021 to collect in-person feedback on the draft priority projects and actions.

Feedback from Phase 3 of the plan provided an understanding of what was most important to the Sunset Neighborhood. The following list of top neighborhood priorities was generated from survey and workshop responses.

TOP NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

(1 being the most desired, followed by 2, etc.)

- 1. Improve crosswalks at key locations.
- 2. Complete the sidewalk network on busy streets.
- 3. Collaborate with nonprofits/programs to expand tree canopy.
- 4. Coordinate with Idaho Power to preserve the open spaces at 33rd & Dewey.
- 5. Provide education to neighbors about tree canopy maintenance and replanting.
- 6. Create a neighbor-led volunteer group to maintain natural spaces in the neighborhood.
- 7. Adopt and implement a Vision Zero Strategy.
- 8. Host neighborhood garden swaps, annual clean up days, and other sustainability focused events.
- 9. Host neighborhood sustainability workshops.



PHASE 4: FINALIZE

In Phase 4 of the planning process, the project team revised and finalized the first draft of this plan. Public engagement efforts included hosting the plan presentation at Taft Elementary and accepting open comment for over 30 days. Neighbors were encouraged to provide specific feedback or ideas to improve the draft plan before the adoption process begins.



CHAPTER 4 PLAN FRAMEWORK



The plan framework chapter summarizes the vision, values, goals, and objectives that were crafted during the planning process.

NEIGHBORHOOD VISION AND VALUES

The Sunset Neighborhood established the following vision for this plan:

Sunset has the friendly charm of a small neighborhood and embraces its diverse population. Our neighborhood is not just a place where neighbors live, it is a place where neighbors belong.



To help achieve their vision, residents identified these three value statements.

1. ENSURING OUR NEIGHBORS, HOMES, AND STREETS FEEL SAFE AND CONNECTED

We value the feeling of connectedness and safety that comes with neighbors caring for each other. As the neighborhood evolves, preserving and improving this feeling of connection and safety should be prioritized.

2. VALUING INCLUSIVITY AND HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL OUR NEIGHBORS

We value that the neighborhood is a place where all residents and visitors will feel welcome. We recognize that efforts to be inclusive create a great neighborhood.

3. BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF OUR UNITED COMMUNITY, GREENSPACES, AND OLD GROWTH TREE CANOPY

We value preserving and enhancing the neighborhood's tree canopy, open spaces, and the natural environment. We recognize that individual and collective stewardship will maintain the Sunset Neighborhood for future generations.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND TOP PRIORITY ACTIONS

Plan participants identified the following list of policy areas and priority actions. The list provides guidance to the City of Boise, the Sunset Neighborhood Association, and other partners to ensure that projects, policies, and programs reflect the neighborhood's needs and desires.

The Sunset Neighborhood Plan presents the following four goal areas.



CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY

A neighborhood with an increasingly safe and effective transportation network for all users that connects seamlessly to important destinations. A community that is safe from crime and hazardous conditions.



DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Residential and commercial spaces are designed to be sensitive to the surrounding land use contexts and to meet the needs of individuals at all stages of life.



NEIGHBORHOOD COHESION

A welcoming neighborhood with the ability to celebrate community and implement improvements.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE ACTION

A neighborhood where residents prepare, respond, recover, and adapt to climate change impacts and natural hazards.

GOAL #1 CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY

A neighborhood with an increasingly safe and effective transportation network for all users that connects seamlessly to important destinations. A community that is safe from crime and hazardous conditions.

WHAT IS VISION ZERO?







Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Learn more at www.visionzeronetwork.org

VISION ZERO STRATEGIES

- 1. ENGINEERING redesign and retrofit roads to calm traffic and improve mobility for everyone
- 2. ENFORCEMENT lower speed limits and equitably implement automated enforcement
- 3. EDUCATION educate and motivate drivers to travel responsibly

VS

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Traffic deaths are INEVITABLE

Prevent COLLISIONS

INDIVIDUAL responsibility
Saving lives is EXPENSIVE

VISION ZERO

Traffic deaths are PREVENTABLE

Integrate HUMAN FAILING in approach

Prevent FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES

SYSTEMS approach

Saving lives is not EXPENSIVE

OBJECTIVES:

- Improve bike, pedestrian, and transit circulation throughout the neighborhood and to nearby destinations.
- Reduce the number of serious and lifethreatening vehicle/ pedestrian and bicyclist crashes to zero.
- Mitigate the unintended effects of commuter traffic
- Report and track all instances of personal and property crimes within the neighborhood.



GOAL #2 DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Residential and commercial spaces are context sensitive, authentic, and designed to meet the needs of individuals at all stages of life.

OBJECTIVES:

- · Utilize "missing middle" housing principles to allow for increases in housing that fit the scale of each area of the neighborhood.
- Incentivize the adaptive reuse of existing buildings as needs of the neighborhood change over time.
- Invest in community spaces (Sunset Park, neighborhood retail, Lowell Pool etc.).
- Create new neighborhood-serving spaces including activity centers and commercial uses.
- Support the vision of transit-oriented development as outlined in the 2015 Transit Oriented Development Guide.

WHAT IS ADAPTIVE REUSE?

Adaptive reuse is the process of taking an existing building and updating it to serve a different purpose than was originally intended. Adaptive reuse in neighborhoods often helps preserve important places or buildings while providing additional services and functional uses that better serve the existing needs of the neighborhood.

CASE STUDY TREASURE VALLEY INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S ARTS (TRICA)



TRICA was able to implement adaptive reuse to the Immanuel Methodist Church in Boise's North End Neighborhood, preserving the historic building while creating a new and active space for children and families. TRICA completely remodeled the interior of the building, while preserving much of the original façade. What was once a site in disrepair with reports of illegal activity has been transformed into an educational space for Treasure Valley youth.

WHAT DOES HOUSING CHOICE LOOK LIKE?

RENTALS

"MISSING **MIDDLE**" **ENTRY LEVEL**

HIGH END



MID-RISE APARTMENTS



SMALL COURTYARD APARTMENTS



LIVE WORK COMPLEXES



MULTIPLEX



DUPLEX



COTTAGES



TOWNHOUSES



ASSESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)



SMALL-SCALE SINGLE FAMILY HOME



LARGE SINGLE FAMILY HOME



HISTORIC HOME



HIGH END HOME WITH GARAGE ADU

The Missing Middle

"Missing Middle" housing options include duplexes, fourplexes, and bungalow courts that fit seamlessly into a low-rise, walkable neighborhood. Such options support walkability, locally-serving retail, and public transportation. These housing options also provide solutions along a spectrum of affordability to address the mismatch between the available U.S. housing stock and shifting demographics combined with the growing demand for walkability.





GOAL #3 **NEIGHBORHOOD COHESION**

A welcoming neighborhood with the ability to celebrate community and implement improvements.

OBJECTIVES:

- Support opportunities for neighbor-to-neighbor interaction, especially for populations that don't traditionally participate and connect with the neighborhood.
- Expand and develop spaces in the Sunset neighborhood where residents can gather, play, and build meaningful relationships.
- Utilize the Sunset Neighborhood Association as a vehicle to improve the neighborhood based on the desires and interests of residents.



GOAL #4 NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE ACTION

A neighborhood where residents prepare, respond, recover, and adapt to climate change impacts and natural hazards.

OBJECTIVES:

- Manage and expand neighborhood-based programs that address impacts associated with climate change.
- Encourage the use of environmentally-friendly construction, site improvements, and energy usage.
- · Educate neighborhood residents on ways to reduce personal environmental impact.



CHAPTER 5

PROJECTS AND ACTIONS



The projects and actions in this document were shaped by an extensive public outreach process, an in-depth review of existing planning documents, and input by City of Boise staff.

These actions and projects, when implemented will help the Sunset Neighborhood achieve its vision, goals, and objectives. The lists below designate actions the neighborhood or city can take to ensure progress is made towards the plan goals. However, most of these projects will require genuine partnership between the City of Boise, the Neighborhood, and affected stakeholders.

The project tables are laid out by goal areas with subdivisions for primary/lead actor, timeframe to begin implementation, and are not currently ordered in terms of relative priority.

PRIMARY ACTORS

Projects and actions in this chapter have been assigned one of three primary actor designations, indicating that the designated actor should under normal circumstances serve the lead role in initiating and developing the project action.



SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD

Refers to both the Sunset Neighborhood Association and any individual residing in the neighborhood. Projects that are primarily led by the neighborhood can be initiated and developed without significant collaboration from any agency and have the potential to be quick and easy to implement actions for the neighborhood.



CITY OF BOISE

Since the neighborhood is encompassed and served by the City of Boise, the city is responsible for leading many of the initiatives and policies that will shape the future of the Sunset Neighborhood including code and regulatory functions. The City of Boise will strive to involve and partner with Sunset residents throughout project implementation.



COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

While all projects at some level are collaborative, these projects refer to larger scale implementation efforts that necessitate a wide range of involvement from stakeholders and agencies. These projects can include roadway designs, private property acquisition and redevelopment, and projects that directly impact schools.

IMPACT

HIGH IMPACT

Projects that have potential impact on specific elements of the Plan goal and vision.

MEDIUM IMPACT

Projects that have potential for impact for specific elements of the Plan goal and vision.

FEASIBILITY

HIGH FEASIBILITY

Projects that are accessible and require minimal effort to implement.

MEDIUM FEASIBILITY

Projects that are large in scale and that may require significant additional planning and/or public engagement. These projects are typically large, and their impacts need to be carefully thought out. These projects may also require external events or initiatives for them to become relevant or possible.

Orange highlighted rows indicate that it is a **NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITY ACTION**

Sunset Neighbors identified priority actions during Phase Three of the planning process. Highlighted actions are those that received the most support from community members.

CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY

NEIGHBORHOOD LED			
	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
CS1	Continue to advocate for a network of neighborhood- wide traffic calming and safety measures as outlined in Boise's Transportation Action Plan.	HIGH	HIGH
CS2	Expand bicycle and pedestrian education and encouragement efforts (culture/advertising campaign, street safety education, neighborhood group rides, etc.).	HIGH	HIGH
CS3	Continue to advocate for the implementation of ACHD's Roadways to Bikeways Plan which includes the ACHD Low Stress Bikeway Network routes on 28th, 31st, Breneman, Good, and Irene Street.	HIGH	HIGH
CS4	Conduct an annual survey of Sunset residents to understand commute and travel behavior and transportation needs (bike racks, bike repair stations, bus stops, etc.).	MEDIUM	ONGOING
CS5	Work with City of Boise Police to increase their neighborhood presence and build ongoing relationships with enforcement officers.	HIGH	HIGH
CS6	Develop and expand the neighborhood watch program and create easy-to-use reporting tools.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
CS7	Report street, sidewalk, and intersection deficiencies to the city and ACHD.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
CS8	Report Neighborhood hazards and dangerous situations to Code Compliance, City of Boise Police and Parks and Recreation.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
CS9	Conduct an annual neighborhood prioritization of transportation projects and submit recommendations to the city and ACHD.	MEDIUM	ONGOING

CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY

	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
CS10	Add wayfinding signage throughout the neighborhood showing popular routes to key neighborhood destinations.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
CS11	Support bicycle and pedestrian education and encouragement efforts (culture/advertising campaign, street safety education, neighborhood group rides, etc.).	MEDIUM	HIGH
CS12	Create a walking path around the perimeter of Sunset Park.	HIGH	MEDIUM
CS13	Support the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the 2016 ACHD North Boise Neighborhood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.	MEDIUM	HIGH
CS14	Further invest in public transportation along State Street as outlined in the State Street Plans.	MEDIUM	HIGH
CS15	Solicit neighborhood priority transportation projects to incorporate into city's Integrated Five-Year Work Program (IFYWP) request to ACHD.	MEDIUM	HIGH
CS16	Encourage the reporting of neighborhood hazards through publicly accessible and streamlined reporting tools.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM

CONNECTIVITY AND SAFETY

COLLABORATIVELY LED IMPACT **FEASIBILITY** PROJECT/ACTION Work to prioritize and complete the sidewalk network throughout the Sunset Neighborhood through CS17 HIGH MEDIUM partnership with private development and Ada County Highway District. Prioritize the improvement of crosswalks and pedestrian crossings at key locations throughout **CS18 MEDIUM** HIGH Sunset, particularly for crossings on 28th, 32nd, 36th, Hill Road, State Street, and Sunset Ave. CS19 Adopt and implement a Vision Zero Strategy. HIGH HIGH Assess traffic volumes and speeds throughout the neighborhood and implement traffic calming measures. CS20 **MEDIUM** Specific streets for assessment and potential traffic MEDIUM calming improvements include 28th, 30th, 32nd, 36th, Hill Rd, Smith Rd, and Sunset Ave. Create an intentional bike and pedestrian route CS21 connecting the Sunset Neighborhood to the Boise **MEDIUM MEDIUM** Greenbelt. Include signage and prominent wayfinding. Upgrade traffic lights to better recognize cyclists who **CS22** have stopped at intersections to improve flow and ease **MEDIUM** MEDIUM of bicycle traffic. Convert private drives to public streets and upgrade to **CS23** current street design standards (sidewalks stormwater, **MEDIUM** MEDIUM

curbs, etc.).



DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD LED			
	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
DD1	Support nonprofits that provide emergency housing assistance to individuals living in the Sunset Neighborhood.	HIGH	MEDIUM
DD2	Organize neighbors to provide public testimony at Planning & Zoning Commission, Design Review Committee, and City Council meetings in support of projects that align with neighborhood values and goals.	MEDIUM	HIGH
	CITY LED		
DD3	Reimagine the Lowell Pool to create a functional and enjoyable neighborhood space that is family friendly and highly used.	HIGH	MEDIUM
DD4	Rezone property in the Sunset Neighborhood to allow more housing choice.	HIGH	MEDIUM
DD5	Rezone property in the Sunset Neighborhood to allow neighborhood serving commercial, restaurant/coffee shop spaces.	HIGH	MEDIUM
DD6	Create a housing strategy for the Sunset Neighborhood that allows for more households to call Sunset home, while not deteriorating the feel and function of the neighborhood (maintain private yards and lawns, privacy, and thoughtful traffic patterns).	HIGH	MEDIUM
DD7	Encourage unique housing styles and architecture by requiring diversity in architectural design and residential unit size when approving new housing units.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
DD8	Continue to offer and promote the city's existing income qualified low-interest loans for home improvement.	HIGH	HIGH
DD8	Encourage development that uses alleyway access instead personal driveways.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
DD9	Identify and purchase property within the neighborhood to support city housing goals and efforts.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM



DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

COLLABORATIVELY LED

	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
DD10	Identify or incorporate into new development a space that can serve as a community center or neighborhood space.	HIGH	MEDIUM
DD11	Create neighborhood-serving commercial spaces within walking distance from the Sunset Neighborhood.	HIGH	HIGH
DD12	Integrate neighborhood serving housing and commercial opportunities into the designs for Transit Oriented Development along State Street.	HIGH	HIGH

NEIGHBORHOOD COHESION

NEIGHBORHOOD LED			
	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
NC1	Organize neighborhood-serving social events such as block parties, movie nights, swap meets, and neighborhood clean-up days.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NC2	Create an active communication plan for the Sunset Neighborhood to inform and engage neighbors as events, projects, and neighborhood issues arise.	HIGH	ONGOING
NC3	Support neighbors expanding art installations throughout the neighborhood.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
NC4	Host an information neighborhood speaker series around creating special places including topics of housing, activity centers, and neighborhood-serving commercial developments.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NC5	Create instructions and best practices for hosting neighborhood-level events.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NC6	Create and maintain a neighborhood calendar of events.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NC7	Review and update the Sunset Neighborhood Plan, if necessary, every five years.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NC8	Maintain a list of residents who are involved with other local agencies and organizations and utilize them to promote the interests of the Sunset Neighborhood.	MEDIUM	ONGOING

NEIGHBORHOOD COHESION

CITY LED			
	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY	
NC9	Work with the Department of Arts and History to highlight the history of the Sunset Neighborhood through installations of signs, plaques, and artist interpretations.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
NC10	Assess and improve public park facilities at Sunset Park.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
NC11	Develop a Sunset Neighborhood Cultural Plan to help direct resources aimed at enhancing neighborhood spaces, cultural assets, and partnerships.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
NC12	Provide funding for neighborhood-led activities including neighborhood administration expenses, capital improvements, and projects. Funding could come through Energize Our Neighborhoods ACT Mini-Grants and the city's Neighborhood Investment Program.	MEDIUM	HIGH
	COLLABORATIVELY LED		
	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
NC13	Work with the school district, neighborhood schools, and PTOs to develop collaborative projects and promote school events, as appropriate.	HIGH	ONGOING
NC14	Work with partners to reimagine the 36th Street Garden Center to create a neighborhood activity center with commercial, retail, and restaurant space.	HIGH	MEDIUM
NC15	Identify opportunities to support programming for older adults in the neighborhood.	HIGH	HIGH



NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE ACTION

NEIGHBORHOOD LED			
	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
NCA1	Create a neighbor-led volunteer group to maintain small-scale natural spaces, pollinator gardens, and community garden spaces in conjunction with the City of Boise Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinators.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NCA2	Continue to promote tree canopy preservation and health through neighborhood-level education efforts in conjunction with city initiatives.	HIGH	ONGOING
NCA3	Host neighborhood garden swaps/events.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NCA4	Host annual neighborhood clean-up days.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NCA5	Host neighborhood sustainability workshops focused around reducing waste, improving energy use, and creating environmentally friendly landscaping.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NCA6	Advertise and contribute to the city's 100,000 Trees Challenge, a campaign to expand the tree canopy over the next decade.	HIGH	ONGOING
NCA7	Continue to work with the Treasure Valley Tree Canopy Network and the Citizens Tree Stewards Program to monitor the health of the Sunset Neighborhood Tree Canopy.	HIGH	ONGOING
NCA8	Support a neighborhood education campaign to encourage the use of native and drought resistant landscaping, pollinator gardens, and local food production.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NCA9	Encourage and advertise neighborhood-led glass recycling program.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NCA10	Start a neighbor-led compost sharing program.	MEDIUM	ONGOING
NCA11	Create a community tool shed/library where residents can check out tools and landscaping equipment as needed.	MEDIUM	ONGOING



NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE ACTION

CITY LED

	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
NCA12	Whenever possible, replace landscaping around parks and public spaces with native and drought resistant landscaping.	MEDIUM	HIGH
NCA13	Designate land in the public right of way for native plantings, pollinator garden,s and community food growing opportunities.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
NCA14	Promote opportunities for Sunset residents to volunteer with Boise Parks and Recreation/Ridge to Rivers programs to improve and maintain the natural spaces and land around the neighborhood.	MEDIUM	HIGH
NCA15	Incentivize new development to include xeriscape design, water wise plantings, and healthy soil management techniques.	MEDIUM	HIGH
NCA16	Whenever possible use semi-permeable surface treatments to assist with stormwater management.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
NCA17	Use solar lighting at the Sunset Park structures.	MEDIUM	HIGH
NCA18	Install and advertise the use of additional pet waste bag stations at parks and public spaces.	MEDIUM	HIGH
NCA19	Install wayfinding signage that directs residents and visitors to parks, trails, and natural spaces.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM



NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE ACTION

COLLABORATIVELY LED

	PROJECT/ACTION	IMPACT	FEASIBILITY
NCA20	Create a neighborhood forestry plan to expand the urban tree canopy.	HIGH	MEDIUM
NCA21	Coordinate with Idaho Power to preserve open space and improve stormwater capture with green infrastructure at the property located at 33rd and Dewey.	HIGH	MEDIUM
NCA22	Create a neighborhood-level data dashboard that tracks neighborhood resource use (energy, water, natural gas, etc.) and publish the results to educate residents about their impact and consumption.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
NCA23	Add electric vehicle charging stations at key neighborhood activity centers including Sunset Park and Lowell Elementary.	MEDIUM	HIGH
NCA24	Incentivize the adoption of residential solar panel systems.	MEDIUM	MEDIUM





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