

2008 General Plan Progress Report 2003-2013 City of Goodyear General Plan

Executive Summary

Introduction

The intent of the 2008 General Plan Progress Report is to provide a status of the 2003-2013 City of Goodyear General Plan (General Plan) and progress of its application to the City Council and citizens of Goodyear. This progress report documents the progress on the implementation of the goals and objectives of the General Plan for the City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and public.

Demographics and Growth

The official MAG population estimate for July 1, 2008 was 59,526 – an increase of 28,166 persons, or 89.8%, from 31,360 in November 2003 and an increase of 3,572 from July 1, 2007 or 6.4%. The City estimates the population of Goodyear as of December 1, 2008 to be 61,114. The City limits were expanded by 46,802 acres since November 2003 increasing the area within the city from 116.87 to 190 square miles.

Implementation Activities

Of the 42 Implementation Activities from the 2003-2008 Near-Term Implementation Program, 28 are complete and an additional six activities are underway. The 2003-2008 Near-Term Implementation Program expired at the end of 2008. A new Near-Term Implementation Program covering years 2009-2013 has been created. The 2009-2013 Near-Term Implementation Program includes 31 implementation activities.

General Plan Amendments

The Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council reviewed and approved three major amendments to the general plan land use map and one major amendment to the general plan text in 2008. Two major amendments to the land use map have been continued in to 2009. Since the adoption of the General Plan there have been 22 approved amendments. These amendments have added 77,116 acres of land and a projected 113,000 dwelling units to the City of Goodyear Municipal Planning Area (MPA). The Goodyear MPA now encompasses 246.6 square miles. The current build-out projection is 258,939 dwelling units and a population of 638,439.

Land Use Designation Analysis

As a result of the 22 amendments to the land use map, and 2 amendments that will be reconsidered in 2009, the land use on over 93,000 acres of land in the Goodyear MPA will have been redesignated. Rural Residential land uses saw the largest drop. It made up 23% of total land use in 2003 but only 15% of total land use in 2008. Open Space saw the largest increase making up 10% of total land use in 2003 but currently accounts for 25% of total land use in 2008. Chapter 4 provides a detailed land use analysis chart.

2009 Goals

2009 represents the sixth year of implementation. A new near-term implementation program has been proposed for the 2009-2013 time period and includes items that are already underway.