



# 8. PLAN MAINTENANCE

The Bellevue Community Plan (BCP) includes a Plan Maintenance Program to insure that it remains an active and relevant document, assuring an ongoing effort to implement, monitor and assess the utility of Plan. It's the follow-through component of the planning process, and involves five key characteristics (Figure 50):

**Figure 50. Plan Maintenance Key Characteristics**



## PLAN DISTRIBUTION AND OVERSIGHT

After adoption of the BCP, the City Planning Division assumes two key roles: (1) to distribute the plan to City Departments, partner agencies involved in Plan Maintenance activities; and to the general public; and (2) to provide Plan Maintenance oversight. This later step includes keeping the BCP at the forefront of community decision making by prioritizing and tracking plan recommendations and ensuring that other City plans and programs reflect the vision and goals of the BCP (see also Plan Integration below).

Continued involvement by affected individuals and groups is imperative for the success of the BCP. Copies of the Plan will be provided to Merced County, the University of California at Merced, and other local jurisdictions. A public review copy of the BCP will be available at the City Planning Division and local libraries. The BCP will also be posted on the City's Planning Division website. The availability of the BCP will be publicized in the City newsletter which reaches every utility customer in the City, and will be made known to the City's development community by the City Planning Department.

**The Bellevue Corridor  
Community Plan integrates  
existing planning-related  
documents and processes  
including, but not limited to the  
following:**

- **Merced Vision 2030 General Plan**
- **City of Merced 2013 Bicycle Transportation Plan**
- **2003 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**
- **Capital Improvement Plans**
- **Public Utility Master Plan**
- **Transit Plans**

## **INTEGRATION**

Upon adoption of the BCP by the Merced City Council, the Planning Division will begin the process to integrate it with existing planning-related documents and processes, including but not limited to the following:

- *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan*
- City of Merced 2013 Bicycle Transportation Plan
- 2003 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Capital Improvement Planning
- Public Utility Master Plans
- Transit Planning Documents

## **PLAN ASSESSMENT**

Planning is an ongoing process and as such, the Bellevue Community Plan should be treated as a living document that will grow and adapt to keep pace with changes. Some changes that could affect the BCP include:

- New *General Plan* policies, or interpretations of existing ones
- Changes to nearby area plans, for example the University Community Plan or the UCM Long Range Development Plan;
- Influences of various State of California and/or Federal actions;
- Changes in foundational BCP assumptions and/or findings of the BCP Background Report.

The Planning Department will monitor and assess how changes may affect the BCP. When a corresponding change to the BCP is warranted, the City will follow *General Plan* Amendment process.

Plan assessment also includes continued public and stakeholder involvement and input through public meetings, web postings, and press releases to local media.

## **MEASURING PROGRESS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE PLAN**

As a guiding document, the BCP will be used by the community as a tool to attain long-range urban growth-related goals. Whether or not the community actually attains these goals, however, won't be revealed for several decades. Near-term development of the plan area presents opportunities to measure the direction and pace the community is making toward its stated goals, and with this knowledge, adjustments may be made so that long-term goals are more likely to be reached. This process generally includes the identification of a starting point (baseline), an end-point (goals and objectives), and measurable aspects of development (indicators) that reflect attainment of goals and objectives. Technical Memorandum M (Appendix M) assembles these components into a tool that the City will use to assess the progress to implement the BCP.

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