

Comp Plan Implementation Initiatives

Comp Plan Implementation Committee

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Comp Plan

- Approved 2019
- [Link to Comp Plan](#)

Strategy Matrix

STREETS FOR PEOPLE				
STRATEGY	ORDINANCE RELATED	TIMEFRAME	LEAD	SUPPORT
Adopt a resolution that reduces the default speed within Topsham’s more densely populated neighborhoods.	No	Short	TM	P
Advocate at the State level for greater town control over posted speed limits and changes to the way speed limits are set, so limits can be based on safety goals.	No	Mid	TM	P
Be the first town in Maine to adopt Vision Zero, an international initiative to eliminate roadway fatalities.	No	Mid	TM	P
Adopt a complete street policy that assures the safety and accessibility of all roads for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, commercial vehicles, emergency vehicles, and for people of all ages and abilities.	No	Short	TM/P	P
Prioritize pedestrian-first approach for all transportation projects and programs, from scoping to maintenance.	No	Short	P	DPW
Develop a Streets Master Plan that identifies priorities, funding sources, and funding amounts, and that includes street design standards which support the community’s goals for safe, multimodal, slow flow streets.	No	Mid	P	DPW
As part of the annual budgeting process, identify priority road resurfacing projects two years in advance in order to provide time for development and vetting of restriping plans, as appropriate.	No	Short	DPW	P/TM
Develop a five-year infrastructure maintenance and capital improvement plan that details the design metrics that must be accommodated to incorporate the new design standards. Balance emphasis on vehicular Level of Service and mobility	No	Mid	DPW	P/TM

Initiatives

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Type
STS	Streets for People (BI)	Initiative (BI)
MOB	Local & Regional Mobility (BI)	Initiative (BI)
NAT	Access to Nature & Open Space (BI)	Initiative (BI)
SOC	Foster Social Connections (BI)	Initiative (BI)
KNO	Support Knowledge Economy (BI)	Initiative (BI)
GRO	Be Deliberate About Growth (BI)	Initiative (BI)
HOU	Housing Diversity (BI)	Initiative (BI)
GOV	Open Governance (BI)	Initiative (BI)
SUS	A More Sustainable Future (BI)	Initiative (BI)

Time Frame

T	Timeframe	Timeframe
1	Short	Timeframe
2	Short/Medium	Timeframe
3	Short/Ongoing	Timeframe
4	Medium	Timeframe
5	Long	Timeframe

Lead / Support Departments and Committees

CEO	Code Enforcement Officer	Department/Org
DPW	Department of Public Works	Department/Org
ECD	Economic & Community Development	Department/Org
PLN /PD	Planning Department	Department/Org
PB	Planning Board	Department/Org
REC	Parks & Recreation	Department/Org
TCC	Topsham Conservation Commission	Department/Org
TCF	Topsham Community Fund	Department/Org
TDI	Topsham Development, Inc.	Department/Org
TM	Town Manager	Department/Org
TPL	Topsham Public Library	Department/Org
EMS	Emergency Services	Department/Org
TA	Tax Assessor / Town Assessor	Department/Org
SB	Select Board	Department/Org
SD	School Department	Department/Org
HDC	Historic Distric Commission	Department/Org
SW	Solid Waste	Department/Org

Initiatives - Lead and Support Tasks

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TDI - Topsham Development Incorporated						
BI	STRATEGY	L 1	L 2	L 3	L 4	T
SOC	As part of new development, explore opportunities to partner with private developers to create new recreational facilities which the Town could benefit from through lease agreements	TDI	PLN	ECD	REC	1
KNO	Encourage private sector partnership with the library to host professional enrichment and skills building workshops	TDI	TPL	ECD		1
SOC	Support the work of TDI to financially support regional and national caliber events at the Topsham Fairgrounds	TDI	ECD	TPL		1
KNO	Support the organization of professionals' groups to hold networking and community building events	TDI	ECD			1
KNO	Work with Topsham Development Inc. (TDI) to create a local business association.	TDI	PLN			1
GRO	Consider applicability of keying TIF policy to goals of job creation, creation of community access or public benefit (rail, recreation, bus transit, water access, workforce housing, job training).	ECD	TDI		TM	3
GRO	Evaluate, measure and if necessary, adjust the Town's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policy	ECD	TDI		TM	3
GRO	Key TIF policy to value-per-acre to prioritize development	ECD	TDI			3

- Also introduce zoning changes (form-based) and complete streets work