

# Inventory of City Council Goals & Status Report 2015-2025

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City Council Meeting

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# Guiding Documents & Plans, 2015–2025

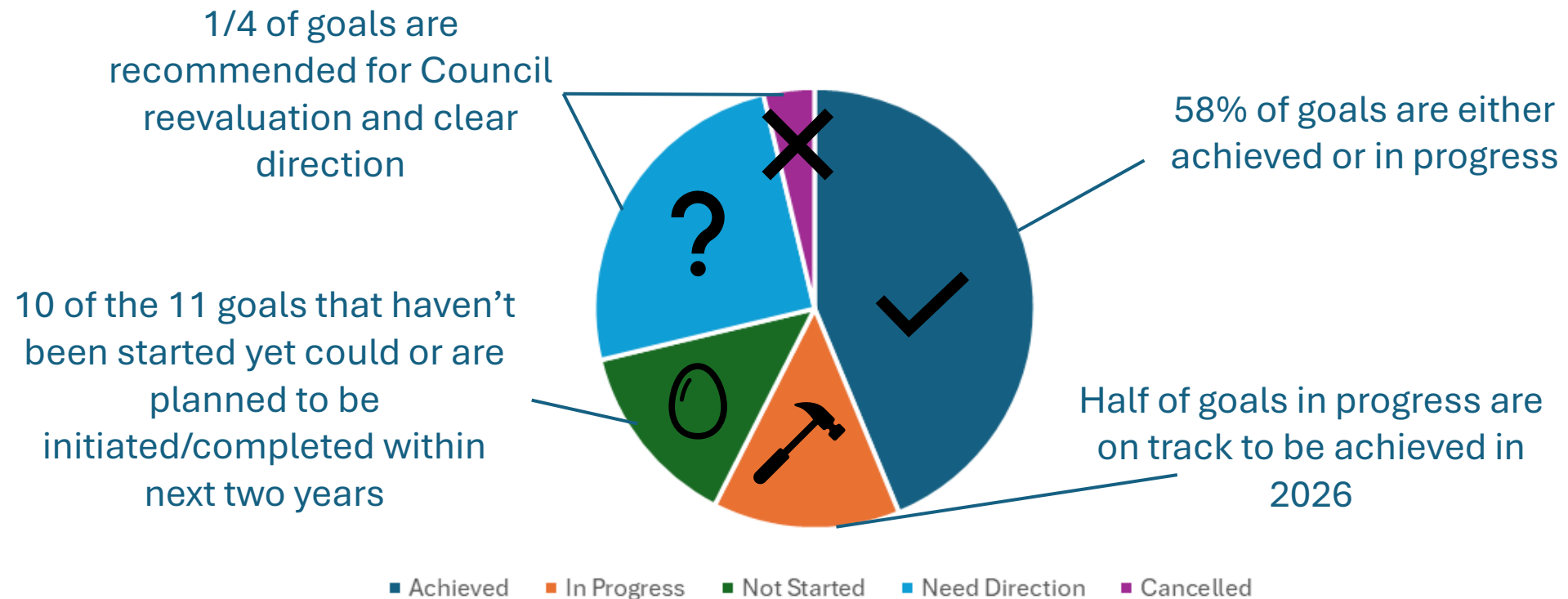
- [Urban Land Institute \(ULI-KC\) Technical Assistance Panel \(TAP\) \(2015\)](#)
- [Westwood Master Plan \(2017\)](#)
- [47<sup>th</sup> St. Complete Street Plan \(2017\)](#)
- Streetlight Master Plan (2018)
- Stormwater Condition Assessment (2019)
- Governing Body's initial work plan for newly-appointed Chief Administrative Officer/City Clerk (Herring) (2020)
- Complete Streets Plan (2021)
- [47<sup>th</sup> Pl. Complete Street Plan \(2021\)](#)
- [Urban Land Institute \(ULI-KC\) Technical Assistance Panel \(TAP\) \(2021\)](#)
- City Council Consensus on Purpose, Roles, & Goals (2021)
- Planning Commission Consensus on Purpose, Roles, & Goals (2021)
- Pavement Condition Inventory and Management Plan (2022)
- City Facilities Assessment & Feasibility Analysis (2022)
- [Communities for All Ages Assessment \(2023\)](#)
- [Reimagine Rainbow Complete Streets Plan \(2024\)](#)
- [Park Preferences Community Engagement Plan and Design Scenarios \(2024\)](#)
- [City Council Strategic Plan \(2024\)](#)
- [Strategic Communications Plan \(2024\)](#)
- Tree Canopy Inventory (2025)\*
- Practical Road Safety Assessment (2025)\*

\*Goals not yet established/integrated









# Summary: Progress on Actionable Goals

Inventory of Established, Actionable City Council Goals & Priorities:  
2015-2025



# Community Redevelopment

-  Keep Westwood View in Westwood
-  Redevelop SW corner of 47<sup>th</sup> & Rainbow Blvd. to mixed-use
-  Encourage/incentivize/promote redevelopment patterns on 47<sup>th</sup> St. that engage the street and create a welcoming and walkable environment
-  Extend 47<sup>th</sup> Pl. west into future mixed-use development on Rainbow Blvd. to encourage pedestrianization
-  Evaluate zoning and building codes to encourage plans & designs that support all ages
-  Acquire Westwood View property for public amenity



# Housing

- ✓ Build [encourage] new, diverse housing stock
- ✓ Allow for and encourage accessory and shared dwellings
- ✓ Adopt 2024 ICC building codes
- ✓ Provide resources to residents with recurring property maintenance violations
- 🔨 Encourage new houses to be consistent with existing community character
- 🔨 Audit zoning development codes to ensure range of housing options are allowed
- 🔨 Streamline building permit review process
- 🔨 Explore programs to assist residents with housing costs
- ? Sponsor a Universal Design fair or workshop for residents
- ? Adopt ordinance to encourage Universal Design features in structures
- ? Develop Councilmember-led volunteer program to assist residents with yard maintenance



# Transportation & Infrastructure

- ✓ Increase amount of financial investment in infrastructure and public facilities
- ✓ Adopt a Complete Streets Policy and Plan
- ✓ Convert 47<sup>th</sup> St. to a Complete Street
- ✓ Promote resources and best practices to reduce flooding and improve water quality
- 🔨 Fund & install modern streetlights on all streets
- 🔨 Convert 47<sup>th</sup> Pl. to a Complete Street
- 🔨 Convert Rainbow Blvd. to a Complete Street
- 🔨 Address deferred maintenance and modernization needs at Public Works facility
- 🕒 Plan safe routes to schools and park
- 🕒 Encourage construction of shared-use path behind Woodside South Club facilities
- ? Explore future opportunities for bike + turn lane option at 47<sup>th</sup> & Mission Rd.
- ? Add signage/pavement markings to identify Belinder Ave. as a cyclist-friendly neighborhood greenway
- ? Assess public transit stops to ensure they serve all ages and abilities
- ✗ Modify east side of Belinder Ave. to narrow travel lanes, add sidewalk, and add trees and landscaping
- ✗ Bury overhead utility lines



# Safety & Law Enforcement

- ✓ Regulate on-street parking in way that accommodates emergency service vehicles, and supports safe vehicular and pedestrian travel
- ✓ Provide training for residents on hands-only CPR and use of portable defibrillators
- ✓ City Council to regularly review data and crime activity, and advise on methods to transparently communicate enforcement actions taken
- ✓ Regularly advise residents and businesses of crime prevention best practices relevant to local trends
- ✓ Inform residents about the adopted county-wide Emergency Management Plan
- ✓ Host regular opportunities for the community to engage directly with Police Department staff
- Host a fall prevention class at City Hall
- ? Create a block captain program



# City Communication & Engagement

- ✓ Update procedures for managing resident concerns/complaints about transportation network
- ✓ Create and implement comprehensive City Communications Plan reflecting diversity of ages, cultures, and abilities
- ✓ Create content calendar to guide topics for The Buzz, newsletter, and other channels
- ✓ Provide meeting summaries via e-blast to help residents identify items of importance to them
- ✓ Regularly inform/remind residents of their responsibility to keep sidewalks cleared
- ✓ Inform residents about sidewalk plans and mobility improvements
- ✓ Host regular opportunities for the community to engage directly with the City Council
- 🔧 Participate in the Notify JoCo program to communicate City messages
- 🕒 (Re)convene Complete Streets Task Force to review progress on goals, projects, and performance measures
- 🕒 Post or share to social media 2–3 times per week
- 🕒 Provide training to City staff to recognize specialized needs of different ages and abilities, incl. identifying abuse and neglect
- 🕒 Report on Strategic Communications Plan key performance indicators quarterly and annually
- ? Partner with relevant agencies to host a health and wellness fair at City Hall
- ? Develop additional community events and activities
- ? Provide workshops and trainings to familiarize residents with the City's Complete Streets Plan and implementation progress



# Community Amenities

- ✓ Accommodate transit service and transit amenities
- ⓪ Explore establishing small business grant program
- ⓪ Establish tree canopy goals to preserve and enhance the city's tree canopy
- ? Councilmember(s) work with Westwood Women's Club to explore establishing a community garden at Westwood View
- ? Create attractive corridors at 47<sup>th</sup> St., Belinder Ave., 47<sup>th</sup> Pl., Rainbow Blvd., and Shawnee Mission Pkwy.
- ? Coordinate with partners to host bike share stations or other cyclist & pedestrian amenities
- ? (Re)formalize Councilmember responsibility for local business relationship management
- ? Consider providing amenities for dogs & their owners, specifically along 47<sup>th</sup> Pl. (other locations?)
- ? Consider applying for Walk Friendly [City] designation from the Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center
- ? Consider applying for Bicycle Friendly [City] designation from Bicycle League of America
- ? Support the development of a visionary park that provides amenities to best meet community needs



# Operational Efficiency/Administrative

- ✓ Conduct citywide technology assessment
- ✓ Evaluate financial processes and identify areas for improvement, including City Treasurer services, financial management software, and A/P process
- ✓ Create strategic plan for redevelopment or future use of public properties
- ✓ Develop Planning Commission to increase their involvement in policy and visioning work
- ✓ Aid the newly-elected Governing Body in discussing and determining their purpose, roles, and goals, and relationship with staff and the community
- ✓ Professionalize City operations
- ✓ Assess and improve how City Council does business, including Council committees, agenda format, & use of work sessions
- ✓ Formally review with Council the existing 2018 draft City Council Strategic Plan; determine whether it should be adopted or whether to start fresh
- ✓ Review and update City policy documents following Council decision to establish City Administrator role
- ✓ Provide annual training to Planning Commission on their role(s) and legalities
- ✓ Hold an annual joint City Council – Planning Commission work session
- ✓ Provide/support Planning Commission-led independent study and presentations on topics of interest to them; host guest presenters
- ? Planning Commission-led development of Board norms
- ? Planning Commissioner-led new member orientation process creation

