



Thank you for participating in the Buckeye General Plan 2030 Public Workshop #2 on November 15, 16, and 17!

The following is a brief summary of the actions taken and the preliminary trends from the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of public workshops for the City of Buckeye General Plan Update. The 2<sup>nd</sup> set of workshops identified Buckeye landmarks and significant areas, as well as, alternative development for commercial and employment nodes, community facilities, and transportation improvements.

Public Workshop dates and locations were as follows:

**Tuesday, November 15th**

Downtown Buckeye  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Buckeye City Hall, Executive  
Conference Room  
530 E. Monroe Ave.

**Wednesday, November 16th**

Central Buckeye  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
The Odyssey Institute for  
Advanced and International  
Studies, Gymnasium  
1495 S. Verrado Way

**Thursday, November 17th**

North Buckeye  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Festival Foothills Elementary  
School, Gymnasium  
26252 W. Desert Vista Blvd.

**What Happened at Public Workshop #2?**

Fifty citizens came out to participate in the second series of workshops for the Buckeye General Plan Update. During these workshops, participants reviewed the results from Workshop #1 and shared ideas about future development in Buckeye through 5 different exercises. Each public workshop followed the format listed below:

**Sign-In and Where Do You Live**

Participants signed in and were asked to place a colored dot on a map of where they live or



work in Buckeye.

[Click here](#) to view the Where do You Live maps.

### **Comment Cards**

Comment cards were placed at each table. Participants were encouraged to fill out comment cards throughout the meeting for any questions, issues or opportunities they wanted to bring to the consultants attention.

[Click here](#) to view the comment cards that were collected throughout the series of workshops.

### **Welcome and Presentation**

A presentation was provided to review the results of the Workshop #1 and to review background information on the City of Buckeye through the completed Map Atlas.

[Click here](#) to view the General Plan Update & Transportation Master Plan Presentation

The exercises were also described during this presentation.

[Click here](#) to view the Exercise Handout.

### **Exercise 1 – Neighborhood Survey**

Participants were asked to complete a survey giving their opinion of the most important neighborhood features. The survey categorized responses into the following topics: housing choices, aesthetics and personality, neighborhood gathering places, neighborhood service and facilities, mobility and accessibility, environmental quality, safety, economic strengths, neighborliness and sociability, health, and transportation.

Below are some trends that were found in the survey responses:

- Safety issues were seen as one of the most important features in a neighborhood, with 88% of the participants stating that Low Crime Rate was Very Important. Additionally, 85% of the participants stated that Sense of Personal Safety was Very Important.
- Another important feature identified was economic stability. A total of 64% of the participants felt that ‘Stable, Steadily Increasing Property Values’ was a very important neighborhood feature.
- Responses regarding Mobility and Accessibility were mixed. When asked if a ‘Complete Network of Bicycle Lanes and Bikeways or Accessible and Frequent Public Transit Service’ responses ranged from Not Important to Very Important.
- Over half (53%) of the participants stated that the biggest transportation need in Buckeye is better connectivity.

- A third (33%) of the participants stated that Watson Road should be improved to enhance connectivity.
- Finally, 71% of the participants stated that bicycles should not be allowed and accommodated on arterial streets

[Click here](#) to view the tabulation of the surveys.



### **Exercise 2 – Character Areas**

Participants were asked, as a table, to identify unique or special characteristics in Buckeye to be preserved or enhanced by marking a map of Buckeye with a green marker. The frequently identified landmarks, places and areas of significance were:

- White Tank Mountain Regional Park
- Skyline Regional Park
- Viewsheds of the White Tank Mountains and Skyline Regional Park
- Gila River
- Buckeye Hills Regional Park
- Buckeye Lakes
- Downtown

### **Exercise 3 – Commercial / Employment Nodes**

In the year 2040, Buckeye is projected to have a population of 313,500 people with 18,950 total housing units and a labor force of 19,443. Exercises 3, 4 and 5 were conducted as table group exercises where participants were asked to imagine the year 2040 and identify key employment and commercial corridors, locations for community facilities and roadways that we need improvement.

In Exercise 3, each table was asked to develop a consensus in outlining potential employment and / or commercial core areas in Buckeye. The following areas were the most frequently identified potential future employment / commercial nodes:

- Along I-10
- Along Sun Valley Parkway
- Along Watson Road, south of Lower Buckeye Road
- Within communities, such as Festival Ranch and Douglas Ranch

#### **Exercise 4 – Community Facilities**

For Exercise 4, the tables were asked to identify where community facilities will be needed in the future with the growing population. The table was given 3 green dots representing community centers and 4 blue dots for libraries.

The majority of the tables (all but one) distributed their blue and dots throughout the whole city by placing a blue and green dot north of Northern Avenue, another blue and green dot between I-10 and Northern Avenue, and a third set of dots south of I-10.

The locations suggested for the community centers (green dots) were generally placed in the following locations:

- Douglas Ranch
- Festival Ranch
- Tartesso West
- Surrounding downtown

There are currently 2 existing libraries in Buckeye to accommodate the existing population. These are located on Yuma Road and Dean Road in the Sundance Community and 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Edison Avenue in downtown. The top five locations suggested for future libraries (blue dots) are:

- Douglas Ranch
- Festival Ranch
- Tartesso West
- Verrado
- Trillium West

#### **Exercise 5 – Transportation Priorities**

The final exercise for the evening had the purpose of identifying transportation priorities for Buckeye. Again, participants worked in small table groups. Each table was given a red marker to draw where intersection, interchange, and overpass improvements are needed.

The intersections suggested as most in need of improvement were:

- Miller Road and Broadway Road
- Miller Road and Southern Avenue

The interchanges with the most need for improvement were:

- Along the I-10 on roads between Sun Valley Parkway and Watson Road
- Along SR 85 on Broadway Road and Southern Avenue

There was no consensus between tables on where overpasses are needed or need improvement. The following are ideas from various tables:

- Along SR 85 on the proposed SR 30
- Along I-10 on Sun Valley Parkway and Turner Road

The groups were then asked to use a limited number of red yarn pieces to identify the road corridors that should be the top priority (1-5 years) for improvements. This exercise was cost constrained where 1 inch of yarn equaled the cost of developing 1 mile of parkway/arterial. The parkways and arterials that were identified as top priority were generally:

- Watson Road
- Miller Road
- Apache Road
- SR 85

Next, were then asked to use a limited number of orange yarn pieces to identify the road corridors that should be the second priority (6-20 years) for improvements. This exercise was also cost constrained in the same manner as the top priority (red yarn) corridors. The parkways and arterials that were identified as secondary priorities were generally:

- Sun Valley Parkway from Bell Road to the proposed SR 30
- Turner Parkway from Bell Road to Southern Avenue

\*Note, on the first night, participants used white yarn in place of orange for this exercise.

[Click here](#) to view the maps for Exercises 2 – 5.

After identifying arterial and parkway improvements, the table was asked to identify potential future transit corridors with yellow yarn and trail corridors with blue yarn. This exercise was not cost constrained. The transit corridors that were the most frequently identified between the tables were:

- Sun Valley Parkway to I-10
- I-10 to SR 85
- SR 85 to downtown
- Downtown to Sundance and / or Verrado

- All along I -10
- All along SR 85

The trails that were the most frequently identified between the tables were:

- Along the Hassayampa River
- Along the Gila River
- Connections to Skyline Regional Park through Verrado, Watson Road, White Tanks
- Connections to Buckeye Hills Regional Park from the Hassayampa River
- Trails through downtown



After completing all exercises, the participants took a group photo with their table displaying their final results.

The following is a list of the files references in this workshop recap:

[Where Do You Live Maps](#)

[Comment Cards](#)

[General Plan Update & Transportation Master Plan Presentation](#)

[Neighborhood Survey tabulation](#)

[Exercise Handout](#)

[Alternatives Exercise Maps](#)