



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

**SUBJECT:** Approval and confirmation of goal language from January 6, 2024, Early Input Budget Session

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

As in years past, City Council approves a final draft of the goal language that was discussed and voted on at their Early Input Budget Session. During this year's session, City Council consolidated its "buckets" from four categories to three:

- OPERATE a world-class, sustainable local government
- BUILD a desirable and vibrant community for residents and businesses
- INVEST properly in being a Safe Community at all times for all people.

Additionally, each category has goals to be achieved in the short term (1-2 years) and in the long term (3-5). The language proposed for consideration was shared with City Council in a prior Administrative Packet.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval and confirmation of goal language from January 6, 2024, Early Input Budget Session

## OPERATE a world-class, sustainable local government

- Create and adopt a Community Strategic Plan for 2050
- Establish an Environmental Sustainability Committee
- Increase engagement and outreach efforts with Novi's Diverse Populations.
- Explore further service consolidation and joint opportunities with the Novi Community School District.
- Create additional boards and commissions to sustain resident engagement and provide additional input to City Staff

### ***Long-Term***

- Develop a plan to renew the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) millage and get it on the ballot in advance of expiration.
- Prioritize and Implement the top 3 Action Plans from the "Environmental Sustainability Action Plan." Showing Progress in numbers against the goals established through the Community Strategic Plan.
- Continue efforts to reduce unfunded and long-term liabilities by pursuing a strategy of Defined Contribution retirement plans (or Hybrid DB/DC where appropriate).

## BUILD a desirable and vibrant community for residents and businesses

- Investigate and improve ongoing power issues experienced by Novi residents by collecting data from DTE and working with neighboring communities.
- Review the Woodlands and Wetlands Ordinance and propose revisions to modernize the language.
- Assess & create a Novi Downtown Vibrancy Strategy that is organized under four pillars: Home, Economic Center, Destination, and Safe and Welcoming Place.
- Create a Broadband Master Plan

### ***Long-Term***

- Build a Community Facility that serves and connects ALL of our residents.
- Develop walkable 'Pocket Parks' in areas of the city where there are no walkable parks.
- Pursue partnership with Northville for a Trail connection from Novi-Northville, possibly near the railroad bridge on 8 mile (e.g. presentation at Walkable Novi).
- Work with neighboring communities to complete connections through Novi to local trail systems (Airline/Huron Valley, Hines Drive, I-275 when complete). Make Novi businesses an appealing rest stop for cyclists using the trails.

## INVEST properly in being a Safe Community at all times for all people.

- Develop a plan to capitalize on the County's Transit Millage to ensure utilization of the tax dollars the City infuses into the system.
- Investigate opportunities to improve and enhance the City's Yard Waste Collection by offering a drop-off facility during off months.
- Update the Sidewalk Maintenance Policy and evaluate all City sidewalks over the next 5 years, making repairs as recommended in the policy.
- Collaborate with the City of Northville, Northville Township, Wayne County to ensure 8 Mile Road is re-constructed between Novi and Haggerty Roads.
- In 2023, the percentage of our roads in Poor (PASER 1-3) condition was ~9% and the percentage of roads in Fair ( PASER 4-5) condition was ~40% (~50% combined). Maintain road funding levels to decrease the number of roads with a PASER score of Poor condition (1-3) and Fair (4-5) to ~45% of the total road network by 2026.

### **Long-Term**

- Develop a plan to ensure senior transit is financially sustainable given the growth in senior and requests to add service times, routes, etc.
- Continue to support accreditation (or re-accreditation) of Police, Fire, Dispatch, Parks, Recreation, Cultural Services, Public Works, etc.