



**General Plan Kick-off Meeting
Tuesday, October 30, 2012**

Small Group Visioning Exercise

There were six (6) groups that were asked to list their top priorities and their top concerns for the Town of Payson. The results were:

<u>Group 1 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 2 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 3 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 4 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 5 – Priorities</u>	<u>Group 6 – Priorities</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Diversified Economic Growth (Industrial, Medical & Retail) ➤ Accessible & Sustainable Resources (Water, Forest Use & Land) ➤ Maintain and enhance public facilities (Parks, Event Center & Trails) ➤ Educational Opportunities ➤ Affordable and available health care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community/ Commercial/ College development ➤ Speed up approval processes ➤ YMCA ➤ Covered arena & convention center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Small town feel but include growth ➤ Land use needs more high density planned areas ➤ Bypass ➤ Additional infrastructure (Employment, Communications & Commuter) ➤ Town pride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Economic sustainability – encourage clean industries and businesses ➤ Transportation gridlock – public transportation network, road improvements, sidewalks, etc ➤ Construction of four (4) year university ➤ Water conservation – new sources ➤ Parks, Trails– Improve recreational access to open spaces – Maintain & enhance – Encourage visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completing Cragin water supply – market safe water supply ➤ Focus on creating Payson as destination location (need a resort) ➤ University in Payson ➤ Plan for bus/transit ➤ Grass for playground at JRE ➤ Covered event center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Education ➤ Employment ➤ “Real” housing (market rate) ➤ Open spaces, green spaces, parks ➤ Tourist accommodations

Group 1 – Concerns

- Sustainable infrastructure (Water, Sewer, Transportation & Facilities)
- Integration of University into Town culture
- Limitation of forest use
- Paying for it

Group 2 – Concerns

- Statement: R175 is an overlay, temporary zoning, not final destiny
- 87/260 bypass
- Hodge-podge business district; beautification
- Impact fees – review, justify, change

Group 3 – Concerns

- Thriving businesses are currently thrift oriented – doesn't create sense of pride
- Keep aesthetics – new businesses to maintain mountain feel
- Water – sustainability even with Blue Ridge
- Infrastructure – (Fire, Police, Schools)
- Marketing plan

Group 4 – Concerns

- Growth management & infrastructure development
- Land acquisition – Forest Service exchange
- Coordinated planning between schools, Gila County, Forest Service, and the Town on joint uses
- Lack of structured safe activities for youth of all ages

Group 5 – Concerns

- Strategy for managing vacant commercial space (projects bad image)
- Main Street – some achievable vision
- Incentives to attract new business (Perception that we don't want new business)
- No bypass in long range ADOT plans
- Additional comments – biker, hiker, birding destination, bicycling
- *Update process comment:*
More public advertisement – surveys at Wal-Mart or Safeway

Group 6 – Concerns

- Livable wage employment
- Education/training/vocational education
- Transportation system – getting around Town
- Paying for our infrastructure