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**Reference: Monthly Comprehensive Plan Update****Progress Check:**

We continue to focus on plan writing, with most of our time spent constructing the Access chapter. You'll recall from the Table of Contents we sent last month, the Access chapter links transportation and land use. As we produce drafts of the various elements, and Access will be the first, we will share them with you.

To give you a preview, the strategies that we are developing for the Access chapter generally fall into the following "buckets":

- Grow inward first.
- When greenfield areas are needed, focus on priority growth areas.
- Provide parks, open spaces, culturally appropriate community spaces, and infrastructure to underserved neighborhoods.
- Design better (safer, more options, more frequent, more reliable, cheaper) access to existing destinations. This includes:
  - Filling network gaps
  - Improving safety with better/more appropriate facilities
  - Dealing with barriers
  - Retrofitting disconnected areas
  - Improving transit
- Connected design principles with access from all modes in mind (creating a connected grid, facilitating mixed use development)

Please let us know if there are any buckets we have missed! We are on track to meet the schedule of having a complete draft of the plan for review by the end of September.

**Steering committee update:**

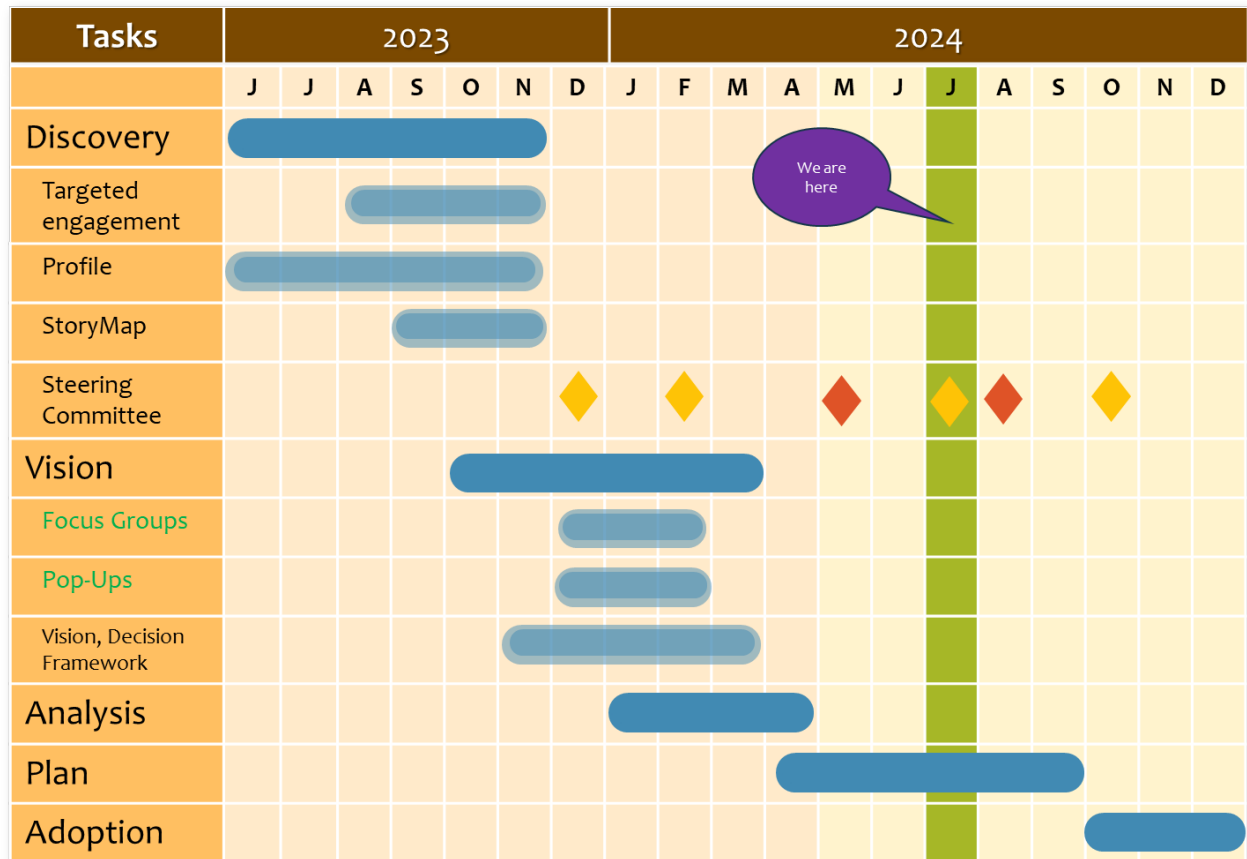
The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>, and another one on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The July meeting will focus on analyses other than STEP (which we did not get to last meeting), and an initial discussion of Access strategies.

**Engagement:**

NEOO Partners has begun the next engagement push in alignment with the engagement plan shared with you last month. These events are topic-focused to support our development of implementation actions. Most of the engagement events will be targeted group discussions scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>. NEOO will also be attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday event on 7/18. We will be hosting a community open house

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during Crazy Days July 25<sup>th</sup>. During the event we will be directing people to the library atrium for the open house.



**Upcoming Work:**

While the engagement activities are going on, the team will continue to focus on plan writing. The first element we will have to share with you will be Access. Our draft strategies and actions will be informed by the engagement results, and we will share those with you as soon as we have them. We will provide an engagement summary in our next report.

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Respectfully,

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