

# City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan (2020) Update and Amendments

## IREF Evaluation Criteria Alignment Summary Report

Functionally the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transpiration Plan (CTP) update incorporated housekeeping amendments to refresh the plans, make them current and incorporate previous Council direction. Key changes include incorporating climate change into the Plans, revised growth policies to support balanced growth, a new section on future transportation technologies and making the CTP a statutory component of the MDP.

The attached redlines offer a guide to policies that have been amended, moved, or deleted to assist in the review. Additionally, Attachment 9 of the Council report summarizes the proposed 2020 amendments to both the MDP and CTP.

The following chart focuses on the amendments to the existing (MDP) and their alignment to the Interim Growth Plan.

Interim Growth Plan Policies	City of Calgary Rationale
3.2 Region-wide Policies	
3.2.1 Principles, Objectives, and Policies	<p><b>Principle 1: Promote the Integration and Efficient Use of Regional Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The MDP continues to offer a managed growth model for development In the City of Calgary. The plan is and will continue to support the objectives of Principle 1.</p> <p>The amendments further support the logical extension of services and maximizing the use of existing infrastructure for The City and the Region. The MDP maintains the central goal of achieving a more compact city form. The goal of 50% of future growth achieved in the next 60-years being located within “Developed Areas” and 50% in Developing Areas has been further clarified by introducing a “balanced growth boundary.” The boundary is referenced in Part 5, Growth Strategy and shown on Map 1.</p> <p><b>Principle 2: Protect Water Quality and Promote Water Conservation Objectives:</b></p>

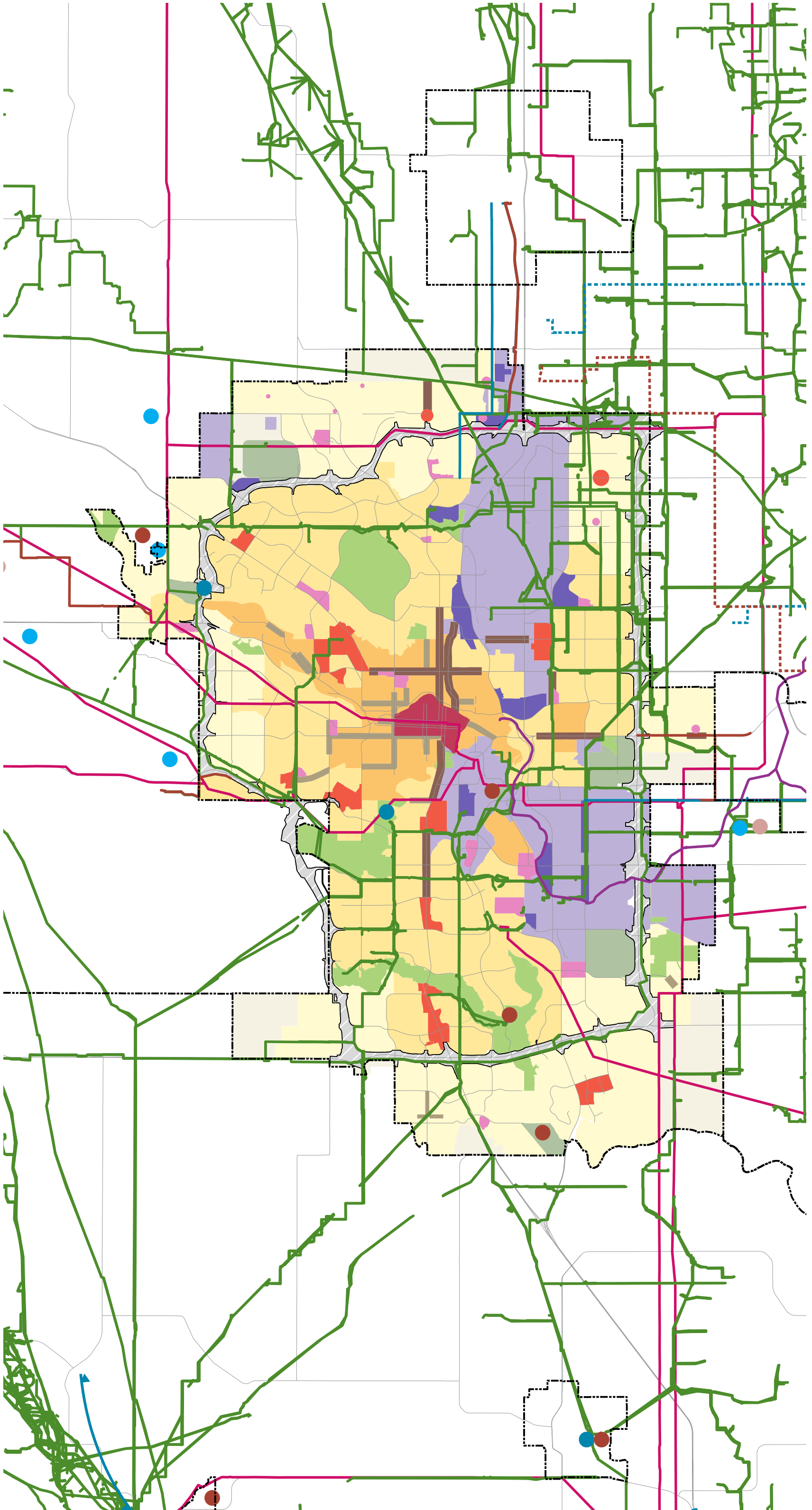
	<p>The proposed amendments strengthen the language regarding water quality and conservation and The City's relationship with water. Stronger policies are proposed relating to safe drinking water, clean water for the natural environment, and a reliable water supply to support Calgary's continued success. The policy has and continues to recognize that water systems protection requires an understanding of, and respect of, water systems at a regional scale.</p> <p>Section 2.6.3 includes enhanced policies supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water conservation, efficiency and reuse; and,</li> <li>• direction to better integrate watershed management outcomes with land use planning and maintain natural hydrology.</li> </ul> <p><b>Principle 3: Encourage Efficient Growth and Strong and Sustainable Communities</b></p> <p>The Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan review did not set out to revisit the vision. However, feedback confirmed that stakeholders desire a city consistent with the existing vision and policies. The review confirmed one of the key objectives, "building a more compact city," is desired and continues to support significant cost savings.</p> <p>The updates continue to support growth in new and established areas with compact urban centers, Main Streets and complete communities. The Plan's 2009 objectives of efficient growth and strong and sustainable communities remains. In addition to the existing policy, key amendments include:</p> <p>2.3.1 b. - Support promoting a broader range of housing choice for all ages, income groups, family types and lifestyles</p> <p>2.3.2 Preamble - Add clarifying language, as the identity and character of a neighbourhood is not static.</p> <p>5.2 - Increases emphasis on strategic growth and achieving the plan's goals.</p> <p>5.2.1 - Adds greater emphasis to the role Calgary plays in the region.</p>
<p><b>3.2.2</b> Demonstrate collaboration to coordinate with</p>	<p>The plans were circulated to CMRB regional members for a courtesy review as part of the 2020 February circulation. A final formal review, as part of inter-municipal development plan requirements, was conducted with neighbouring municipalities over August/September. Comments from Rocky View County, Chestermere and Foothills County were received and addressed both directly and through dialogue at inter-municipal coordination meetings, with no concerns left outstanding.</p>

<p>other member municipalities</p>	
<p><b>3.2.3</b> Water, wetlands and stormwater</p>	<p>Calgary's growth and identity is shaped by its natural landscape and resources. To support The City's role in the region the plan maintains its sustainability principle to "connect people, goods and services locally, regionally and globally."</p> <p>The natural environment is integral to the character of the city and the wellbeing of its people. Calgary's land, water, ecological networks, energy and waste will need to be managed in a more integrated way – with a continued commitment to working together, including integrating policies and programs across multiple City departments, and vital community partnerships and stewardship.</p> <p>Amendments reflect the following plans which have been approved by Council since approval of the MDP and CTP in 2009. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source Water Protection Plan</li> <li>• Riparian Strategy</li> <li>• Water Efficiency Plan</li> <li>• ourBiodiverCity Plan and Biodiversity Policy</li> <li>• imagineParks</li> <li>• Urban Forestry Plan</li> <li>• Resiliency Strategy</li> <li>• Waste Diversion Strategy</li> </ul> <p>Amendments include:</p> <p><u>2.6.1 Natural Infrastructure</u> - recognize the difference between natural and man-made assets.</p> <p><u>2.6.2 Land</u> - Added policies regarding conserving soil and reduce erosion through retention of natural vegetation.</p> <p><u>2.6.3 Water</u> - Enhanced policies supporting: water security and supporting water conservation efficiency and reuse; water conservation, efficiency and reuse; the objective to better integrate watershed management outcomes with land use planning and maintain natural hydrology; and update sustainable water management policies and practices to reduce the stress on the stormwater management system, provide guidance to manage and protect our distinct watersheds and improve reporting on watershed health.</p>




























	<p><u>2.6.4 Ecological Networks</u> - Improves direction for coordination with regional partners on integrated strategies for water resources and source water protection.</p> <p>Regionally significant infrastructure that is identified in Schedules 1-4 of the Interim Growth Plan has been addressed through policy within the plan. Maps outlining the regionally significant infrastructure overlaid with the Urban Structure map of the MDP have been provided in this submission, in alignment with IREF Interpretation Bulletin #1.</p>
<b>3.3 Flood Prone Areas</b>	
<b>3.3.1</b> Development in the floodways	<p><u>4.4 Flood Hazard Area</u> – Subsection “ii” approved in 2009 continues to address refusal of development in the floodway.</p>
<b>3.3.2</b> Flood protection in flood fringe areas	<p><u>4.4 Flood Hazard Area</u> – Further the Section has added policies on flood hazard areas relating to climate change, including integrating climate impacts into local policy, minimize the need for flood mitigation infrastructure through land use planning, and requiring flood protection measures for development in provincially identified flood fringe areas.</p> <p><u>Map 6: Major Development Influences</u> – This existing map identifies Floodway/Floodfringe areas.</p>
<b>3.4.2 Expansion of Settlement Areas</b>	
<b>3.4.2.1</b> Expansion of settlement areas in a contiguous pattern	<p>The MDP continues to offer a strategic framework is to guide growth and change. Decisions on growth and services are key if Calgary is to realize the goal of building a more compact city.</p> <p>Section 5.2.2, “Strategic Decisions on Where We Grow,” maintains the objective of ensuring that growth and change decisions facilitate a land supply that aligns with the goals, policies and key directions of the CMRB Growth Plan, South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, MDP and CTP. Policy 5.2.2 a. approved in 2009 remains and states:</p>

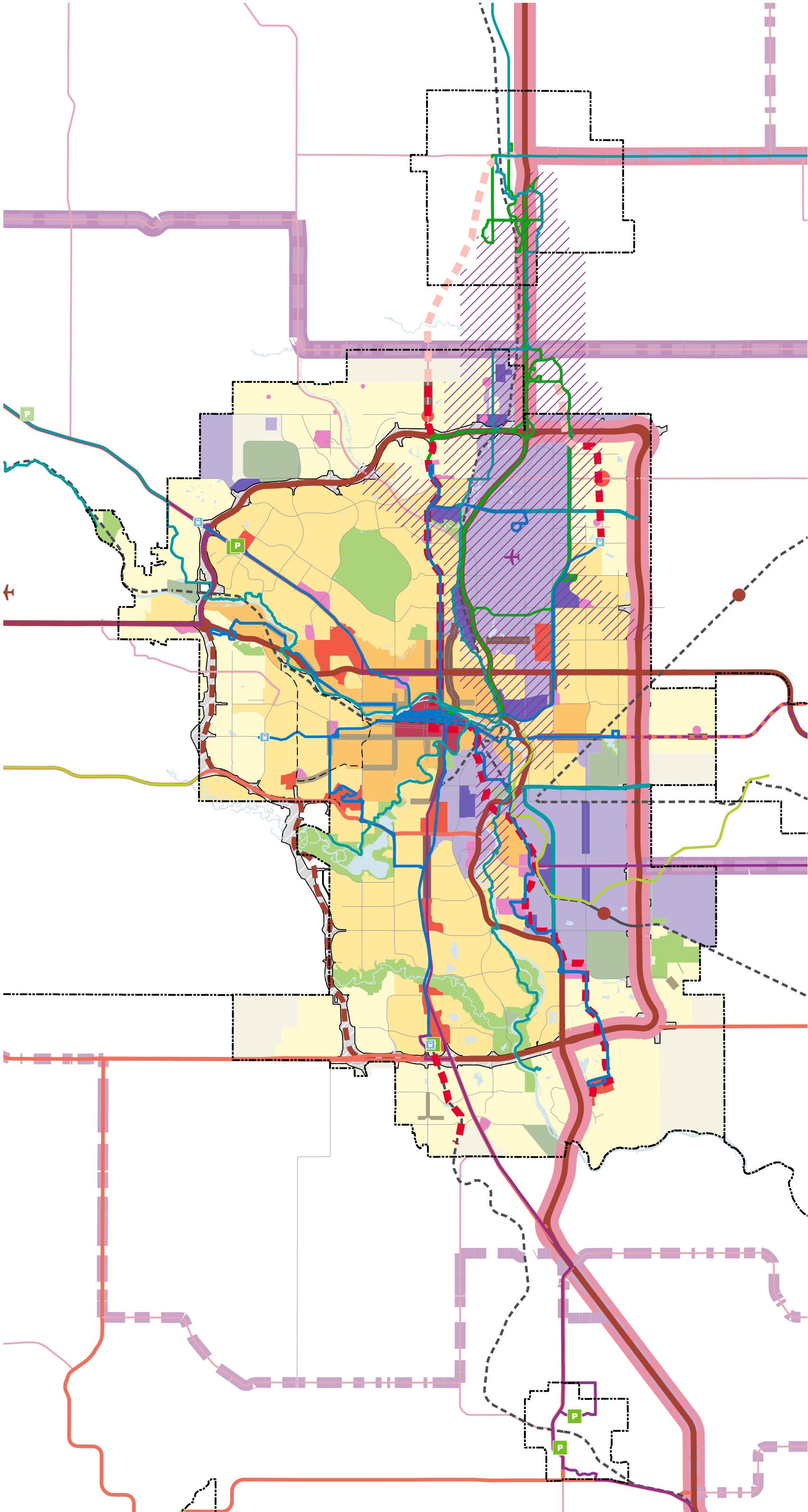
	<p><i>“Continue to protect and manage Calgary’s long-term growth requirements through the policies of the CMRB Growth Plan and through Intermunicipal Development Plans with adjacent neighbours.”</i></p>
<p><b>3.4.2.2</b> Expansion of settlement areas with 500 or greater new dwelling units</p>	<p>In addition to the existing 2009 policy guiding the expansion of settlement areas, key amendments introduced include:</p> <p><u>5.2.2</u> - A “balanced growth boundary” to increase the clarity where growth should be encouraged to achieve balanced growth and a more compact urban form.</p> <p><u>5.2.3</u> - Added criteria around initiation of local area plans in support of compact city goals and land supply targets.</p> <p><u>5.2.5</u> - Places emphasis on The City supporting growth and change decisions, which will support fiscal sustainability over the long-term and expands the section on land supply policy previously located in section 5.2.3.</p> <p><u>5.2.7</u> – offers separate criteria for preparing Local Area Plans and making growth decisions be adopted to support growth, is aligned to the plan's goals and to achieve multiple benefits.</p> <p><u>Map 1</u> - Includes the Balanced Growth Boundary line proposed for section 5.2.2.</p>
<p><b>3.4.2.3</b> Rationale for expansion of settlement areas that do not meet all components of Policy 3.4.2.1 and 3.4.2.2</p>	<p>The MDP and proposed amendments are aligned with the above policies.</p>
<p><b>3.4.5 Employment Areas</b></p>	
<p><b>3.4.5.1</b> New employment areas</p>	<p>In 2009, the MDP introduced “Activity Centre” typologies (Section 2.2.1 and 2.2.2) to support mixed-use areas, including employment centres, in both developed and developing areas. This section remains with minor edits.</p>

<p><b>3.4.5.2</b> Connections to transit stations and corridors</p>	<p>In 2009 The MDP established a land use framework that optimizes population and job growth (including industrial areas) within walking distance of transit. Section 2.2.2 – Transit Supportive Land Use Framework, and 2.5.1 - Transportation Choices, maintains the density, diversity and distance guidelines to support transit and connections in these areas. These sections remain with minor edits.</p>
<p><b>3.5 Regional Corridors</b></p>	
<p><b>3.5.1.1</b> Mobility Corridors</p>	<p>The plans continue to identify and incorporate regionally significant mobility corridors.</p>
<p><b>3.5.2.1</b> Transmission Corridors</p>	<p>The plans continue to identify and incorporate regionally significant transmission corridors.</p>



**Legend**

-  Public Wastewater Treatment Plant
-  Private Wastewater Treatment Plant
-  Intermunicipal Wastewater
-  Potential Intermunicipal Wastewater
-  Public Water Treatment Plant
-  Private Water Treatment Plant
-  Intermunicipal Water
-  Potential Intermunicipal Water
-  Millarville Water
-  Western Irrigation District System
-  Pipeline
-  Power Transmission
-  Transportation/Utility Corridor
-  City Limits
- UrbanStructure2020**
-  Centre City
-  Major Activity Centre
-  Community Activity Centre
-  Urban Main Street
-  Neighbourhood Main Street
-  Inner City
-  Established
-  Planned Greenfield with Area Structure Plan (ASP)
-  Future Greenfield
-  Industrial - Employee Intensive
-  Standard Industrial
-  Major Public Open Space
-  Public Utility



- LRT Terminus Station/ Intermunicipal Connection
- Park and Ride
- Future Park and Ride
- International Airport
- Springbank Airport
- Intermodal Facility
- Airport Vicinity Protection Area
- The Great Trail
- Regional Pathway
- Existing High Occupancy Travel
- Planned Future High Occupancy Travel
- Potential Future High Occupancy Travel
- Future Intermunicipal Transit
- Public Intermunicipal Transit Route
- Private Intermunicipal Transit Route
- Goods Movement
- Rail Transportation
- Level 1 Highway
- Level 2 Highway
- Level 3 Highway
- Future Level 1 Highway
- Existing Corridor
- Proposed Routes
- Proposed Oversize Corridor
- CANAMEX
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