

8 ● PUBLIC SERVICES & FACILITIES



Introduction

Greater Airpark public services and facilities include the public infrastructure services, facilities, and programs necessary for a high quality business and living environment. Infrastructure includes a broad range of services and facilities, including parks, municipal buildings, social services, water and wastewater systems, solid waste and recycling collection, emergency service, public safety, power, and communications. Street infrastructure is discussed in the Community Mobility Chapter.

Maintaining and investing in public services, facilities, and infrastructure programs is essential to ongoing stability and economic competitiveness of the Greater Airpark. Businesses and residents depend on high quality and efficient infrastructure to support a high quality of life and functional working environment. Well-maintained, aesthetically-pleasing public facilities make a strong statement about the importance of the Greater Airpark to the overall community.

The goals and policies of this chapter formulate strategies for maintenance and advancement of Greater Airpark infrastructure and services, to support future growth. Incorporating sustainability measures, as well as investment and new improvements, into infrastructure is important in positioning the Greater Airpark as the premier employment center in the Metropolitan Area.

Goals and Policies

GOAL PSF 1

Enhance power and communication systems within the Greater Airpark to provide broader and more efficient service and improve area aesthetics.

- **Policy PSF 1.1**
Limit the visual impacts of above ground utilities through screening and, where feasible, convert to underground service.
- **Policy PSF 1.2**
Promote performance-based incentives for alternative energy use in new and existing buildings in the Greater Airpark.
- **Policy PSF 1.3**
Collaborate with utility companies to integrate alternative energy options in the Greater Airpark.
- **Policy PSF 1.4**
Support the integration of efficient communication technologies to support existing businesses and business expansion.
- **Policy PSF 1.5**
Encourage “state of the art” communications technology, such as wireless internet access and fiber optics, in the Greater Airpark.
- **Policy PSF 1.6**
Coordinate with power companies to ensure the provision of adequate power to serve the needs of the area.



The power line corridor on the northeastern boundary of the Greater Airpark provides electric service to Scottsdale.



Alternative energy generation, such as solar power, can help reduce peak electricity demand and save on energy costs. Photo source: Henkel.

GOAL PSF 2

Sustain, enhance, and promote new recreational facilities and services within the Greater Airpark.

- **Policy PSF 2.1**
Provide a variety of opportunities for passive and active outdoor recreational activities such as hiking, horseback riding, golfing, and wildlife observation.
- **Policy PSF 2.2**
Encourage multiple-use functions at both public and private recreational facilities, such as meeting spaces and sports facilities.
- **Policy PSF 2.3**
Collaborate with private entities to provide an ongoing, systematic assessment of recreational facility needs and preferences in recreational programming.
- **Policy PSF 2.4**
Promote opportunities to develop new open space and recreational facilities in the Greater Airpark.



Facilities, such as Horizon Community Center, can provide meeting space in addition to recreational activities.

GOAL PSF 3

Maintain and enhance public services including public safety, human services, and customer services in the Greater Airpark.

- **Policy PSF 3.1**
Encourage the development of additional public safety facilities, including law enforcement, emergency, and medical services, in conjunction with area growth in order to provide and maintain adequate response time.
- **Policy PSF 3.2**
Collaborate with private entities to provide an integrated system of human services, such as adult daycare, childcare, persons with disabilities, and senior services.
- **Policy PSF 3.3**
Provide convenient city services, such as satellite city offices and/or facilities, which serve businesses and residents in the Greater Airpark.
- **Policy PSF 3.4**
Promote additional solid waste and recycling services for the Greater Airpark community.



Recycling facilities for businesses, residents, and visitors should be easily accessible throughout the Greater Airpark.

GOAL PSF 4

Maintain and enhance public infrastructure to meet the current needs and future demand in the Greater Airpark.

- **Policy PSF 4.1**
Coordinate infrastructure planning, capital improvement programs, and public utility improvements to minimize disruption of service to Greater Airpark property owners, businesses, patrons, and visitors.
- **Policy PSF 4.2**
Support the expansion and maintenance of infrastructure prior to redevelopment and growth in the Greater Airpark.
- **Policy PSF 4.3**
Analyze the long-term infrastructure maintenance, replacement, and expansion needs of the Greater Airpark, and align them with the City's five-year capital improvement program and Character Area Plan's implementation program.
- **Policy PSF 4.4**
Prioritize infrastructure upgrades and capital improvement projects along identified Signature Corridors to promote revitalization in those areas.
- **Policy PSF 4.5**
Facilitate a comprehensive stormwater master plan and infrastructure improvements within the Greater Airpark to protect property in an effort to minimize on-site retention requirements, while still protecting properties.
- **Policy PSF 4.6**
Discourage major utility facilities, such as electric sub-stations and pump stations, from locating along Signature Corridors, when feasible.



Capital improvements, such as road construction and pipe upgrades, should be coordinated whenever possible.



Proper stormwater drainage in the Greater Airpark is a high priority, and innovative solutions should be explored.



GOAL PSF 5

Enhance services for international business travelers in the Greater Airpark

- **Policy PSF 5.1**
Facilitate the development of a visitors' center for travelers near the airport that provides services such as currency exchange and foreign language translation.
- **Policy PSF 5.2**
Improve the availability of universal power and technology in the Greater Airpark.
- **Policy PSF 5.3**
Support the use of existing, and development of new, meeting and conference spaces throughout the Greater Airpark.

