

Chapter 1 Introduction

Purpose of the city plan's formation

To address changes in social and economic conditions surrounding Sapporo

Sapporo has promoted systematic city development based on the Sapporo Basic Concept (adopted in 1998) and the 4th Sapporo Long-term Comprehensive Plan (formulated in 2000), both of which targeted 2020 to achieve their goals.

However, the social and economic conditions surrounding Sapporo have changed far beyond expectations since these plans were formulated, with current major issues including the declining birth rate and aging population, shrinking population, Sapporo/Hokkaido's long-stagnant economy as well as energy policy review triggered by the Fukushima No. 1 Nuclear Power Plant accident.

Under these circumstances, the Sapporo City Development Strategic Vision (hereinafter referred to as the Strategic Vision) has been formulated for us to share a vision for an ideal city and the direction city development should take to make that vision a reality.

Position and period

The highest-ranking plan for city development in Sapporo

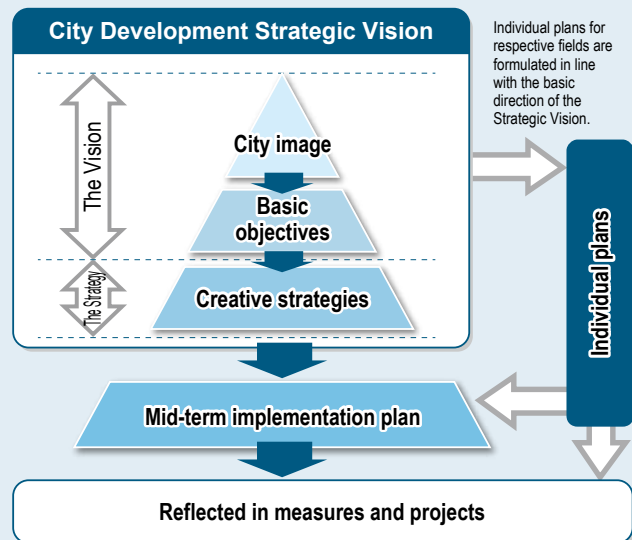
◆ Position of the Strategic Vision

The Strategic Vision, which illustrates basic guidelines for new city development, is the highest ranked plan for city development in Sapporo, comprehensively covering a wide range of fields.

There are a variety of individual plans for respective administrative fields, including plans based on laws and regulations and plans independently formulated by the City of Sapporo. All of these are formulated and promoted in line with the basic direction of the Strategic Vision.

◆ Plan period and target year

The plan period is 10 years from FY 2013 to FY 2022, and the target year is 2023.



Characteristics

This is a vision that can be shared with city residents.

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This “city residents’ plan” is based on the idea of a vision that can be shared with city residents. The plan, which has been formulated with the participation of city residents, aims to develop a resident-autonomy city.

◆ The Vision and the Strategy

The Strategic Vision consists of the Vision, which illustrates a future vision for an ideal city, and the Strategy, which describes prioritized and intensive administrative measures.