Shared Community Vision

City/School Facilities/Infrastructure Planning

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Vision & Goals

- Sustainable community
- Affordable solutions
- Safe learning environments
- World class education
- Safe transportation system

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Role of the City Council

- Responsibility is greater than the school district
- Meeting the needs of all Ankeny stakeholders
- Building a sustainable community
- Keeping Ankeny competitive

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: School districts are not required to pay for infrastructure.

- FACT: There are a number of recent examples of school districts paying for infrastructure to support school facilities, including the cities of Waukee, West Des Moines, Indianola and Omaha, Nebraska.

Des Moines Register (June 4, 2009): Excerpt of comments made by Dr. Craig Hansel, chief financial officer of the Ankeny school district to Ankeny School Board May 26, 2009)-

Ankeny city leaders are asking the school district to pay for road and utility extensions to serve the high school site along Northwest 36th Street. Hansel said since school districts usually are not asked to pay for those projects, those costs were not previously included in the facility plan.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: The City will be able to recover the cost of infrastructure when development occurs.

- FACT: There is no guarantee when development will occur in this area. Until then, the taxpayers of Ankeny will incur the cost.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: The City should have to pay for infrastructure costs, not the School District.
- FACT: It is the Ankeny taxpayer that pays for infrastructure for a second high school at 36th & State Streets.
- It is the view of the City Council that all taxpayers within the School District should share in that cost and not just Ankeny taxpayers.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: The school district purchased the land at 36th & State Street and then the City annexed it.
- FACT: The parcel at NW 36th & State was part of a 717 acre voluntary annexation approved by the City Council on September 15, 2003. The school property was part of 202 acres petitioned for voluntary annexation by David Harmon, owner of record at the time. A 90 acre parcel was subsequently purchased by the District in August 2004 and was not identified as a school site until November, 2008.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: The School District has owned the land at NW 36th & State for seven years. The City should have been planning for a high school there and built it into the City's Capital Improvements Program.

- FACT: The parcel at 36th Street was purchased 4 ½ years ago by the School District in August, 2004, adding to an inventory of property owned by the District in and around Ankeny. Some parcels have been sold and others the District continues to own, remain undeveloped, and precise plans for these parcels are undetermined.

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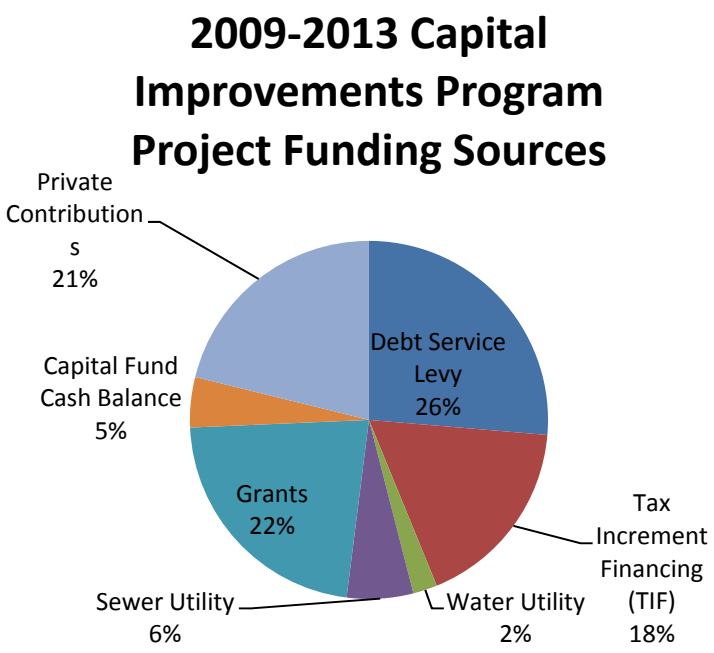
Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: Failing to build infrastructure costs for a second high school at 36th & State represents poor planning and oversight by city officials.
- FACT: Each December city officials review and approve the city's Capital Improvements program (CIP). Infrastructure for a high school at the 36th Street location was not built into the current CIP. The Board of Education changed the second high school location in November 2008.



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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: The City recommended the 36th Street site as the best location for a second high school.
- FACT: When city and school district staff met to discuss site locations for a second high school in November, 2008, infrastructure cost estimates were provided to the district for both the 18th and 36th Street sites. It was the determination of the Board of Education to construct a second high school at the 36th & State Street location in November 2008.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: The city council is trying to funnel funds from the state-wide penny sales tax to pay for road development projects in Ankeny.
- FACT: The city council is working to control the expenditure of property taxpayer money and not raise property tax levy rates. Due to the compressed timeline for construction of new high school #2, there are no other parties to share the cost of infrastructure with the City besides the school district. The school district has revenue sources available to pay for infrastructure other than property tax. The decision to use any other source of revenue, including state-wide sales tax revenue, rests only with the Board of Education.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: Some members of the city council are trying to STOP or delay building a second high school in Ankeny.

- FACT: When community discussions began about moving to a two high school system, there were diverse opinions about the measure.

  The role of the city council is to adopt plans for the entire community, ensure sustainable public investments, coordinate planning efforts with the school district, work to achieve important community goals and make the best use of tax dollars. Collaborative facility planning efforts will uncover for the city and school district the best plan to build and finance infrastructure for these new school facilities together.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- STATEMENT: The City waited until August 3, 2009 to tell the School District the cost of infrastructure for a second new high school located at NW 36th & State Streets.

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Important Facts You Should Know

- FACT: When the School District voted in **March 2008**, to construct a second new high school at one of two potential sites, the City advised the District that the costs would be incurred by the District and provided cost estimates for District-owned property at NW 18th & State Streets and NW 36th & State Streets.

Des Moines Register (Nov. 7, 2008): Excerpt of comments made by Dr. Matthew Wendt to Ankeny School Board Nov. 3, 2008)- *It would cost about $63 million to locate the high school off Northwest 36th Street, the district staff estimates. That price includes $44 million for the building;* ***an estimated $10 million for street, water and sewer costs;*** *and another $9 million for renovating the existing high school to be used by eighth- and ninth-grade students.*

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Important Facts You Should Know

- FACT: Ankeny is unwilling to share the cost of infrastructure for the second new high school.

- STATEMENT: As the District's facilities plan needs have changed, the City has offered a number of funding proposals: **all of which share the cost of infrastructure.**

Des Moines Register (Aug. 5, 2009): Excerpt of comments made by Dr. Matthew Wendt to Ankeny School Board Aug. 3, 2009- *"I was informed by (by city officials) that there was no interest in splitting the cost."*

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City Collaboration & Process

- Where do we go from here?