Required Elements - ARS 9-461.05		
1	**Land Use**	
	(a)	Designates the general distribution, location and extent of uses of the land for housing, business, industry, agriculture, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, open space and other catagories
	(b)	Statement of standards of population density & building intensity
	©	Specific programs and policies that city may use to promote infill or compact form development & locations where this should happen
	(d)	Consider air quality and solar access for all uses
	(e)	Policies that address maintaining a broad vairty of land uses
	(f)	Consider military facility in area; high noise, accident potential zone.
2	**Circulation**	
	(a)	General location and extent of freeways, arterial and collector streets, bicycle routes and other modes of transportation, all correlated with the land use element.
3	**Open Space**	
	(a)	Comprehensive Inventory of open space, recreational resources and designations of access points to open space and resources
	(b)	Analysis of forecasted needs, policies for managing and protecting open spaces and resources and implementation stratagies to acquire additional open space areas and further establish recreational resources
	©	Policies and implementation stratagies designed to promote a regional system of integrated open space and recreational resources and a consideration of existing plans
4	**Growth Area**	Policies and implementation stratagies to:
	(a)	Make automobile, transit & other multimodal circulation more efficient, make infrastructure expansion more economical and provide for rational pattern of land development
	(b)	Conserve significant natural resources and open space areas in the growth area and coordinate their location to similar
	©	Promote the public and private construction of timely and financially sound infrastructure expansion through the use of infrastructure funding and financing planning that is coordinated with development activity.
5	**Environmental Planning**	
		Analysis, policies and stratagies to address air quality, water quality, and natural resources associated with proposed development under the plan. Community-wide applicability

6	**Cost of Development**	
	(a)	Identify various mechanisms, allowed by law, that can be used to finance additional public services necessary to serve the development, (bonding, special tax districts, development fees, in lieu of fees, etc.)
	(b)	Identify policies to ensure that mechanisms adopted result in a beneficial use to the development and bear a reasonable relationship to the burden imposed
7	**Water Resources**	
	(a)	Known legally and physically available surface water, groundwater and effluent supplies
	(b)	Demand for water that results from future growth projections
	©	Analysis of how demand is served by supply
8	**Conservation**	Conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, including forests, soils, rivers, and other waters, wildlife, minerals and other nr
	(a)	Reclamation of land
	(b)	Flood control
	©	Prevention and control of the pollution of streams and waters
	(d)	Regulation of land use in stream channels
	(e)	Prevention, control an d correction of the erosion of soils, beaches and shores
	(f)	Protection of watersheds
9	**Recreation**	Showing a comprehensive system of areas and public sites for recreation, including the following (with locations and proposed development):
	(a)	Natural reservations
	(b)	Parks
	©	Parkways and scenic drives
	(d)	Beaches
	(e)	Playgrounds and Playfields
	(f)	Open Space
	(g)	Bicycle Routes
	(h)	Other recreation areas
10	**Public Services & Facilities**	general plans for police, fire, emergency services, sewage, refuse disposal, drainage, local utilities, rights-of-way, easements and facilities for them.
11	**Public Buildings**	Showing locations of civic and community centers, public schools, libraries, police and fire stations and other public buildings
12	**Housing**	Standards and programs for the elimination of substandard dwelling conditions, for the improvement of housing quality, variety and affordability and for provision of adequate sites for housing. Identity and analyze existing and forecasted housing needs. Make equal provision for the housing needs of all members of the community.

13	**Conservation, rehabilitation and redevelopment**	plans and programs for:
	(a)	The elmination of slums and blighted areas
	(b)	Community redevelopment, including housing sites, business and industrial sites and public building sites
	©	Other purposes authorized by law
14	**Safety**	Protection of the community from natural and artificial hazards; evacuation routes, peak load water supply requirements, minimum road widths according to function, clearances around structures and geologic hazard mapping in areas of known geological hazards.
15	**Bicycling**	Bicycle routes, bicycle parking areas and designated bicycle street crossing areas
16	**Energy**	
	(a)	Identify policies that encourage and provide incentives for efficient use of energy
	(b)	Identify policies and practices that provide for greater uses of renewable energy sources
17	**Neighborhood preservation and revitalization**	
	(a)	Identify city programs that promote home ownership, provide assistance for improving the appearance of neighborhoods and promote mainenance of both commercial and residential buildings in neighborhoods
	(b)	Identify city programs that provide for the safety and security of neighborhoods.
Optional Elements - ARS		
18	**Community Character & Urban Design**	Historical sites, natural viewsheds, streetscapes, corridor plans, neighborhood plans, and public art.
19	**Social**	Socail Capital, Education, Diversity, and Citizen participation
20	**Economic Development**	Employment, tourism, airport, business retention
21	**Historic Preservation**	Architectural and Cultural - Inventory & policies for preservation
General Plan / Smart Growth Examples & Resources		
		http://www.epa.gov/dced/case.htm
		http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/ENVI/genplans.html