

March 29, 2023

City of Fargo Citywide Master Plan for Growth

Planning Commission Kickoff Meeting



Agenda

- 1. Group Introductions**
- 2. Project Introduction and Growth Planning Overview**
- 3. Discussion:** What “big things” does Fargo need to get right?
- 4. ‘Kitchen Table Conversation’ Method**
 - Introduction
 - Demonstration
- 5. Next Steps**

Group Introductions

Team



Project Introduction and Overview

Project Introduction



The **current growth plan is old** (2007) and no longer serves your decision-making and long-term planning needs—**yet, Fargo continues to grow rapidly**



Several **factors complicate or add complexity** to growth planning

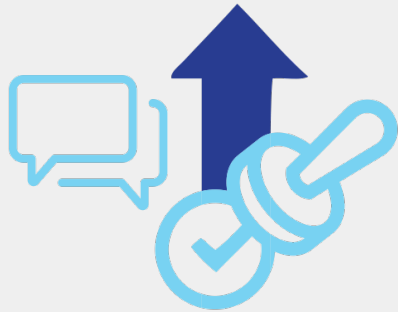
- Outdated zoning, FM Diversion, core reinvestment needs



Community often **struggles to reach consensus** on what to prioritize and how to align decision-making with a vision for the future

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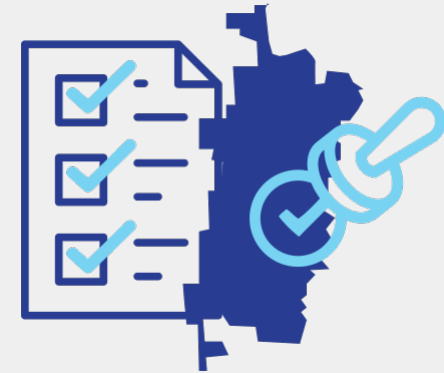
Fargo is looking for a growth plan that:



Establishes a **values- and principles-based vision** for growth



Provides a **framework for decision-making** that supports the vision and is consistent with its values and principles



Outlines actions the City will need to take in coming years to put Fargo on a path toward achieving the vision

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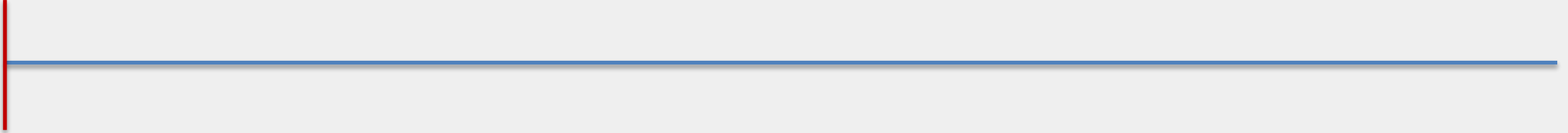
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1999: Last major revisions to Land
Development Code (LDC)

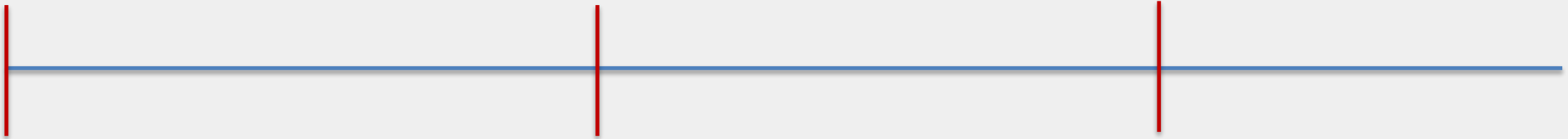
1999-2001: Growth Plan for the Urban Fringe
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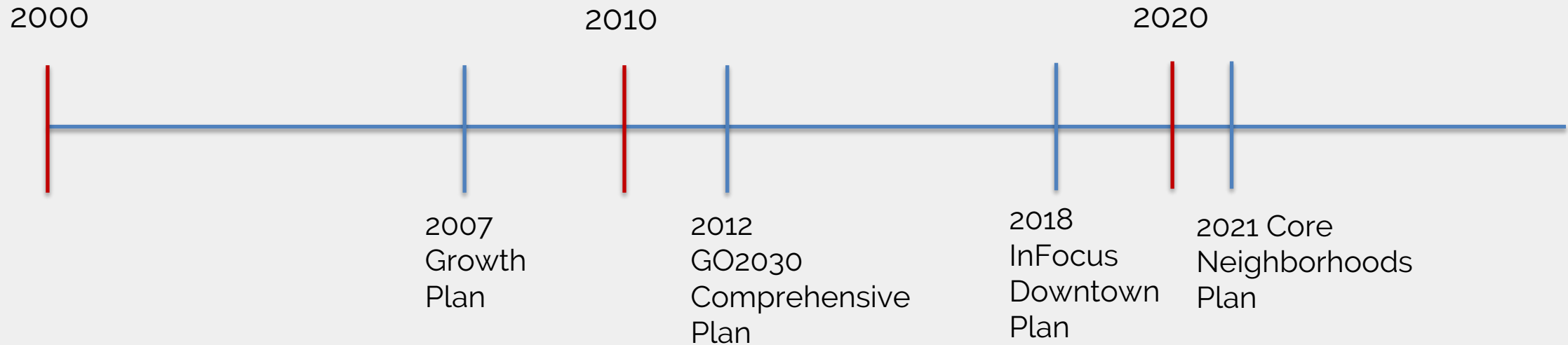
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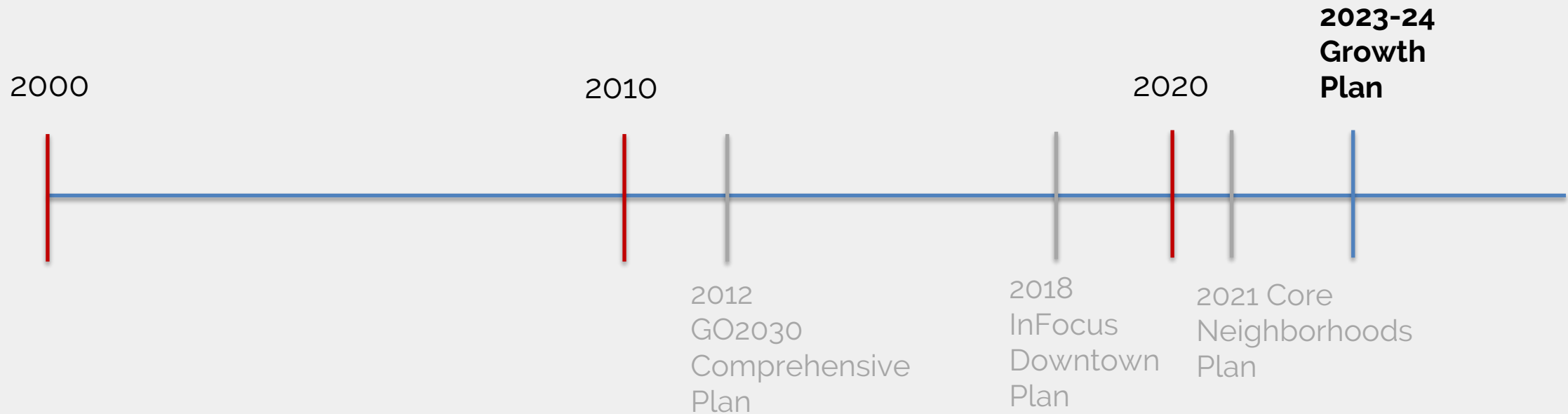
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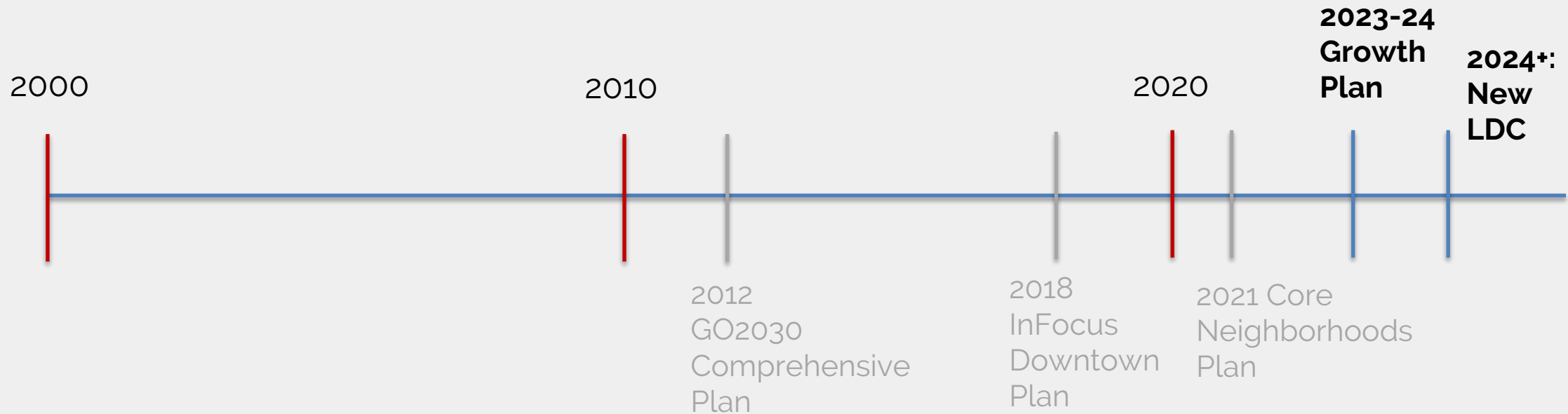
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**Three
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Our Current Path

PHASE 2 -----
Our Chosen Path
Forward

PHASE 3
Our Growth Management
Plan and Decision-Making
Framework



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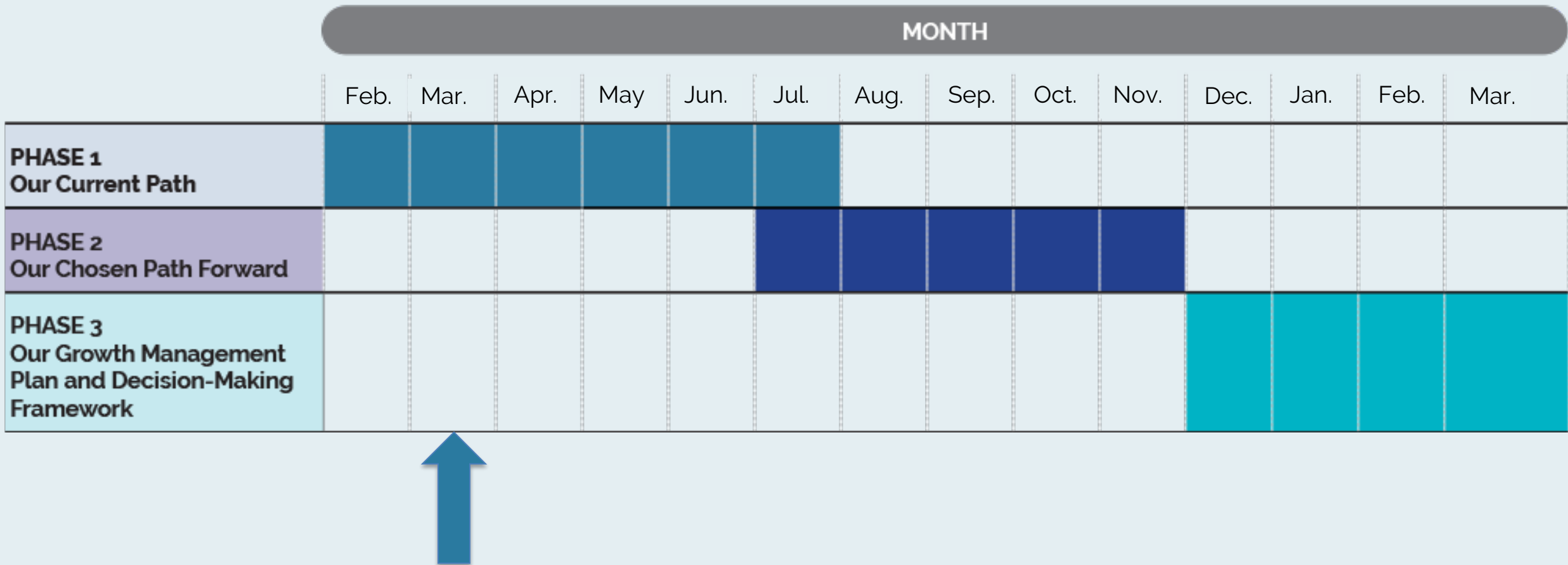
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Phase 3 **Our Growth Management Plan**

What decision-making framework will steer us towards our vision for growth?

What policies and actions will help us codify and implement our vision for growth?

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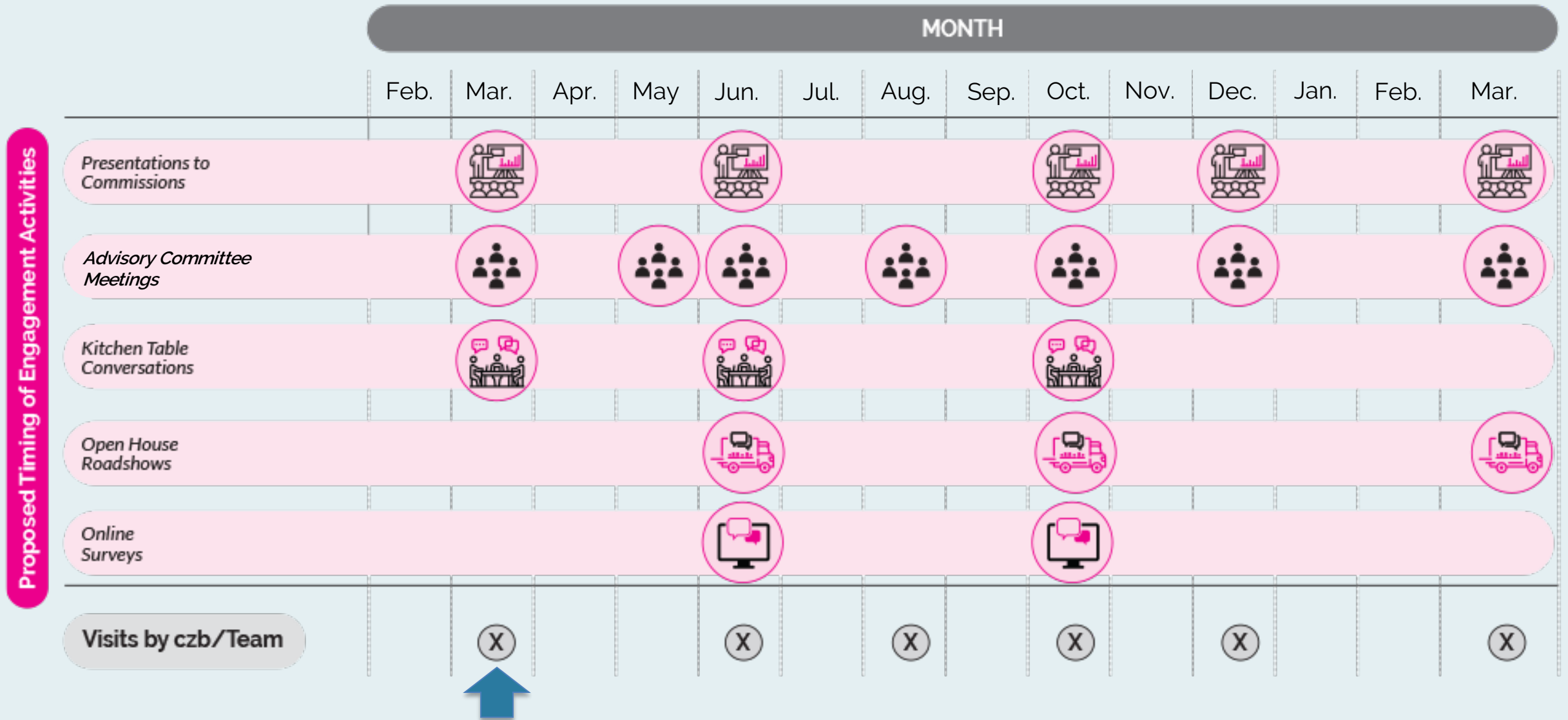
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Highly collaborative effort grounded by a close working relationship with **key staff**, a **technical advisory committee**, a project **advisory committee**, and the **general public**



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A key to success for a plan like this is making sure that it gets the big things right.

What do you think are Fargo's "big things"?

Kitchen Table Conversations

Kitchen Table Conversation Method

- **Small group conversation** (10 to 15 people) organized and facilitated by small teams of Advisory Committee members or others interested in leading these conversations
- **Virtual or in-person**, depending on what feels right to you and the participants
- Walk participants through a **scenario or discussion points provided by czb**
- **Take good notes** and submit a summary



Kitchen Table Conversation Demonstration

Hypothetical Scenario #2

Open and recreational space preservation combined with **necessary multi-jurisdictional collaboration**

Summary: Should Fargo annex and help pay for the acquisition of large amounts of land west of the city to provide unparalleled open and recreational spaces for the public while also forming barriers to westward land development?

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1. If you'd like to lead a Kitchen Table Conversation, take some copies of the scenarios
 - Complete by May 15th and submit notes
2. Stay tuned for updates on a finalized meeting schedule
 - Advisory Committee meets next in late May
 - Fuller public engagement begins in June with project open houses