



CITY OF SANTA FE

# Age-Friendly Santa Fe Action Plan

A roadmap for supporting independence, connection, and well-being across the lifespan

City of Santa Fe

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# Why This Plan Matters Now



Aging is not a single life stage—it is a lifelong process.

The conditions that shape how people age are created decades before older adulthood.

A lifespan approach recognizes that investments made today affect older adults, families, workers, caregivers, and future generations.

The Stanford Center on Longevity calls for redesigning community systems for longer, less linear lives so people of all ages can remain healthy, engaged, and economically secure.

# Age-Friendly Framework: A Proven Model



Santa Fe is part of a global movement to create communities that support people as they age.

The World Health Organization established the Age-Friendly Cities and Communities framework to guide cities in adapting everyday systems to longer lives.

AARP leads the Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, supporting local governments in moving from commitment to action.

This Action Plan fulfills Santa Fe's commitment as a member of the AARP Network.

# Grounded in Community Voice

This Action Plan is informed by extensive community engagement across Santa Fe.

Surveys, listening sessions, workshops, advisory input

- Staying independent and aging in place
- Safe, reliable transportation
- Affordable and accessible housing
- Clear information and navigation
- Opportunities for connection and participation



# What Makes This Plan Different

- Aligns existing City efforts rather than duplicating them
- **Applies an all-ages, lifespan lens across systems**
  - Current older adult needs/experiences as entry-point
- Positions Senior Services as a strategic coordinating asset
- Designed as a living, adaptable framework



# Priority Focus Areas

Transportation



Housing



Communication & Information



Health & Wellness



Social Engagement & Participation



Safety & Public Spaces



# How the Plan Is Organized

## Goals

Define intended outcomes



## Strategies

Describe how the City will respond



## Actions

Identify near- and mid-term priorities



# What Happens First



- Strengthen coordination across City departments and partners
- Embed age-friendly and lifespan considerations into existing plans
- Use trusted access points like libraries and senior centers
- Improve clarity, communication, and navigation for residents

# Accountability & Flexibility



Implementation is guided through collaboration among City departments, Senior Services, advisory bodies, and community partners.

Progress is monitored, shared, and refined through ongoing engagement and evaluation.

The Action Plan is a starting point—not a fixed endpoint—and may evolve as community needs and conditions change.

# Request of City Council



- Acknowledge the Age-Friendly Santa Fe Action Plan as a guiding framework
  - Age-Friendly Action Plan Resolution
  - Letter of Approval and Support
    - ✓ Needed for Submission to AARP for Age-Friendly Designation
- Establish an Age-Friendly Advisory Committee or Task Force
- Encourage cross-department coordination and integration

Thank you.

Questions and discussion.