Strategic Plan Performance Measures

Performance measures are specific metrics for each aspect of performance to be monitored. In March 2017, the City of Lawrence's Critical Success Factor (CSF) teams began the process of developing performance measures for each of the seven CSFs in the City's newly adopted Strategic Plan. After defining what success looks like to various stakeholder groups, each team explored ways of measuring progress toward those definitions of success. The result was a list of the various aspects of each CSF to be monitored.

Once the aspects of performance to be monitored have been determined, relevant performance measures can be developed. When developing performance measures, it is important to build some context into each measure whenever possible. For example, the number of businesses in Lawrence is not a useful measure on its own – it is just a number from which we cannot tell if progress is being made. Adding context grounds the data, making it more useful (i.e., percent change in the number of new businesses locating to Lawrence).

The aspect of the CSF being measured, relevant performance measures, data source, and reporting frequency are presented in the following tables.

Effective Governance and Professional Administration

The City effectively and collaboratively plans and prioritizes in a transparent manner to efficiently move the community forward. We clearly communicate, and boldly and professionally implement using sound leadership and relevant best practices.

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Data Source	Reporting Frequency	Responsible Department
	Transparency and Access to Information			
Effectiveness of City communication	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the effectiveness of City communication 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Availability/timeliness of information	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the availability/timeliness of info provided by the City 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Licensing Responsiveness	Average processing time for licensing requests	City Clerk	Quarterly	City Clerk Division

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Data Source	Reporting Frequency	Responsible Department
Social media engagement	Percent change in social media active monthly users	New	Monthly	City Manager's Office
Direct communication efforts	Open rates of all direct communication efforts	New	Monthly	City Manager's Office
Customer service	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the quality of customer service provided by the City Percent of utility billing survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the quality of customer service provided by Utility Billing division Average speed of answer on the Utility Billing customer service line 	Citizen Survey/Utility Billing Division	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office/Utility Billing Division
	Civic Engagement			
Citizen involvement	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the City's efforts to keep residents involved 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Voter turnout	Voter turnout rate	STAR	Every election	City Manager's Office
Diverse community representation on City Advisory Boards and Committees	 Percent female appointees (target = community composition) Percent racial/ethnic minority appointees (target = community composition) 	Measurement tool to be developed	Late 2017 and every other year thereafter	City Manager's Office
	Professional Administration			
Engagement in professional associations	List of relevant professional associations that Department Directors are members of	Measurement tool to be developed	Annually	City Manager's Office
Value of City taxes/fees	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall value received for City taxes/fees 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning	City Manager's Office

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Data Source	Reporting Frequency	Responsible Department
			2019	
Quality of life	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall quality of life in the City 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Quality of City services	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall quality of City services 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Supervisory training	 Percent of supervisors that have completed at least one quarterly supervisory training Percent of supervisors that have completed more than one quarterly supervisory training 	HR	Annually	Human Resources Division
Employee turnover	Employee turnover rate	HR	Annually	Human Resources Division
Employee engagement	 Percent of employee survey respondents who "strongly agree" or "agree" that morale is good in their department 	Employee Survey	3 years	City Manager's Office
Employee empowerment	 Percent of employee survey respondents who "strongly agree" or "agree" that adequate facilities, equipment, personnel, and other resources are available to them 	Employee Survey	3 years	City Manager's Office
Internal services customer satisfaction	 Percent of employee survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall quality of internal services 	New (Employee Survey)	3 years	City Manager's Office
City Commission Leadership	City Commission leadership as gauged by employee survey and citizen survey	Employee Survey/Citizen Survey	Employee Survey: 3 years Citizen	City Manager's Office

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Data Source	Reporting Frequency	Responsible Department
			Survey:2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	
City Management Leadership	City Manager performance evaluation annually from City Commission (acceptable/unacceptable)	City Manager's Performance Appraisal	Annually	City Manager's Office

Safe, Healthy and Welcoming Neighborhoods

All people in Lawrence live in neighborhoods that provide opportunities to lead a healthy lifestyle through good neighborhood design with access to safe and affordable housing and other services that help them meet their basic needs. The diverse and unique features of our neighborhoods are celebrated, creating a stronger community as a whole.

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	Healthy Lifestyle			
Satisfaction with Parks & Recreation	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the quality of the City's parks & recreation system 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Health and Wellness	 Number of Health and Wellness classes and programs offered Number of Health and Wellness class participants 	Parks & Recreation	Annually	Parks & Recreation
Recreation Programming	 Number of special population and 50 plus programs offered Number of special population and 50 plus program participants Number of youth and adult sports programs offered Number of youth and adult sports program participants Number of learn to swim and aquatic fitness classes offered Number of learn to swim and aquatic fitness class participants 	Parks & Recreation	Annually	Parks & Recreation
Park Attendance	Attendance in Parks & Recreation facilities	Parks & Recreation	Annually	Parks & Recreation
Beautification	 Dollars spent for landscaping and beautification Dollars spent for maintenance of parks, right-of-way's, athletic fields, and open spaces 	Parks and Recreation Department	Annually	Parks and Recreation Department
Access to parks	Percent of housing units located within a .5-mile	STAR	Annually	City Manager's

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	distance of a public park land			Office
Park land	Total acres of parkland and open space per capita	New	Annually	Parks and Recreation
Bicycle paths	Miles of bicycle paths and lanes per 100,000 population	New	Annually	Parks and Recreation
Overall health	Health Factor and Health Outcome rankings	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings	Annually	Parks and Recreation
Access to healthy food	 Percent of population within a .25-mile distance of a healthful retail food outlet 	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Safety	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who feel "very safe" or "safe" riding a bicycle in Lawrence 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
	Access to Safe and Affordable Housing			
Housing costs	 Percent of the census block groups where a household earning the Area Median Income (AMI) would spend less than 45% on housing and transportation combined 	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Code compliance	 Percent of code enforcement violations resolved Percent of code enforcement violations resolved within 60 days Average number of days to resolve code violations Average number of days to resolve rental violations 	Planning and Development Services Department	Annually	Planning and Development Services Department
Hazard mitigation	Number of residential dwellings in a floodplain	Planning and Development Services Department	Annually	Planning and Development Services Department
Sidewalks	 Percent of outstanding sidewalk violations brought into 	Public Works	Annually	Public Works

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	compliance	Department		Department
Safety	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who feel "very safe" or "safe" walking in their neighborhood after dark 	Citizen Survey	3 years	City Manager's Office
	Diverse and Unique Neighborhoods			
Community cohesion	 Percent of residents that live within one mile of a community venue that is open to the public and offers free services and/or events for residents 	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Quality of life	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall quality of life in the City 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Neighborhood livability	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the livability of their neighborhood 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Neighborhood upkeep	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the upkeep of their neighborhood 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Tree canopy	Tree City USA Designation	New	Annually	Parks and Recreation

Innovative Infrastructure and Asset Management

The City of Lawrence has well-maintained, functional and efficient infrastructure, facilities and assets, and supports accessible, sustainable transportation options. We are innovative and forward thinking to meet community needs while preserving our natural and historic resources.

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	Transportation Options			
Walkability	Percent of roadway length with sidewalks on both sidesPercent of crosswalks that are ADA accessible	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Connectivity	 Percent of citizen survey respondents who are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the connectivity sidewalks/paths 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Transit Access	 Percent of population within a quarter (1/4) mile of transit stop 	New	Annually	Transit Administrator
Ridership	Percent change in overall public transportation ridership	New	Annually	Transit Administrator
Cost	Public transportation cost per passenger	New	Annually	Transit Administrator
Commute mode	Percent of commuters using a travel mode to work other than a personal vehicle	U.S. Census Bureau	Annually (but data lags)	City Manager's Office
Commute time	Mean travel time to work	U.S. Census Bureau	Annually (but data lags)	City Manager's Office
Vehicle miles	Vehicle miles traveled	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Pedestrian safety	 Number of reported pedestrian injuries per 100,000 population 	New	Annually	Public Works Department
Infrastructure, Facilities, and Assets				
Water quality	Drinking water compliance rate (% days)Wastewater compliance rate (% days)	Utilities Department	Quarterly	Utilities Department

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	Number of City main sanitary sewer overflow			
Treatment Efficiency	Drinking water gallons processed per kwHWastewater gallons processed per kwH	Utilities Department	Quarterly	Utilities Department
Water System Reliability	Number of water main breaks	Utilities Department	Quarterly	Utilities Department
Water Conservation	Water produced per capita	Utilities Department	Annually	Utilities Department
Energy efficiency	Percent change in City-owned public infrastructure energy use	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Pavement condition	 Percent of lane miles with a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating of unacceptable 	Public Works Department	Annually	Public Works Department
Satisfaction with infrastructure	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the condition of major City streets Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the value they receive for water/wastewater utility rates Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the reliability of their water service 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Infrastructure maintenance	 Percent of preventative fleet maintenance completed as scheduled (Quarterly) Average operational readiness of the fleet (Quarterly) Capital dollars spent to maintain current infrastructure (Annually) Parks and Recreation Public Works Utilities 	Parks and Recreation Department/ Public Works Department/ Utilities Department	Quarterly/ Annually	Parks and Recreation Department/ Public Works Department/ Utilities Department
	Natural and Historic Resources			
Scheduled maintenance on	Dollar amount of budgeted maintenance for historic city-	Parks and	Annually	Parks and

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
historic properties	owned properties	Recreation		Recreation
	Dollar amount of needed maintenance for historic city-	Department/		Department/
	owned properties	Planning and		Planning and
		Development		Development
		Services		Services
		Department		Department
		Parks and		Parks and
		Recreation		Recreation
Number of historic	Number of city-owned properties listed on a historic register	Department/		Department/
properties and districts	 Number of city-owned properties listed on a historic register Number of city-owned properties within a historic district 	Planning and	Annually	Planning and
properties and districts	Number of city-owned properties within a historic district	Development		Development
		Services		Services
		Department		Department
		Parks and		Parks and
	Number of acres in the floodplain that are developed	Recreation		Recreation
	 Number of acers of parks maintained as nature areas or 	Department/		Department/
Natural Resources	preservation areas	Planning and	Annually	Planning and
	Number of nature education classes offered	Development		Development
	Number of nature education class participants	Services		Services
		Department		Department
Green stormwater	 Percent of City's land area that has designated green 	STAR	Annually	City Manager's
infrastructure	stormwater infrastructure	377.11	, aniaany	Office

Commitment to Core Services

Core municipal services reflect legal mandates and the City's commitment to meet health, safety and welfare needs and maintain assets while adapting service levels to meet evolving community expectations.

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	Health			
Diversion rate	Solid waste diversion rate	Public Works Department	Annually	Public Works Department
Recycling rate	Solid waste recycling rate	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Resident satisfaction	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with residential trash services 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
	Safety and Welfare			
Overall satisfaction	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the quality of police, fire, and EMS 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Perception of safety	Percent of citizen survey respondents that feel "very safe" or "safe" in the City	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Crime rates	Property crime rate per 100,000 populationViolent crime rate per 100,000 population	FBI	Annually	Police Department
Clearance rate	Average crime clearance rate	Police Department	Annually	Police Department
Response times	Average response time for Priority 1 calls- Police	Police Department	Annually	Police Department
Response times	Average response time for Priority 1 calls- Structure Fires	Fire/Medical Department	Annually	Fire/Medical Department
Response times	Average response time for Priority 1 calls-EMS City Limits	Fire/Medical Department	Quarterly	Fire/Medical Department

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
Fire services	Current Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating	Fire/Medical Department	5-year	Fire/Medical Department
Fire Accreditation	Accreditation status	Fire/Medical Department	5-year	Fire/Medical Department
Resident Satisfaction				
Overall satisfaction	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall quality of life in the City Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the quality of City services 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Disproportionate Minority Contacts	 Add Measure in Future once methodology determined county-wide by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council 	TBD in future	TBD in future	TBD in future

Sound Fiscal Stewardship

The City provides easy access to relevant, accurate data for budgeting and decision making. Decisions are made by prioritizing across all government services considering needs, balanced with available resources, using fiscal policies based on industry best practices to ensure decisions reflect the current and long term impact.

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	Fiscal Stewardship			
Bond rating	Bond rating	Finance Department	Annually	Finance Department
Overall value	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the value received for City taxes/fees 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Debt per capita	Debt per capita	Finance Department	Annually	Finance Department
Affordability of services	 Water and sewer charges as percent of median household income (should be less than 4.5%EPA) 	New	Annually	City Manager's Office
Budgeted expenditures	Percent of budget expended	Finance Department	Annually	Finance Department
Liquidity	Days of cash	Finance Department	Annually	Finance Department
Capital funding	Percent of identified capital needs funded	New	Annually	Finance Department
Capital project completion	 Dollar value of CIP project change amendments Dollar value of CIP project change orders 	Measurement tool to be developed	Annually	Finance Department
Forecast accuracy	 Actual property tax collection vs original budget Actual Property tax collection vs revised budget Actual Sales tax collection vs. original budget Actual sales tax collection vs. revised budget Actual Water/sewer fee collection vs. original budget Actual water/sewer fee collection vs. revised budget 	New	Annually	Finance Department

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	Actual Payroll expenditures vs original budgetActual Payroll expenditures vs. revised budget			
Audit	Was a Substantial finding noted	Finance Department	Annually	Finance Department
Awards	Number of years GFOA and CAFR awards have been received	Finance Department	Annually	Finance Department
	Access to Information			
Availability/timeliness of information	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the availability/timeliness of info provided by the City 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Ballot initiative voter turnout	Voter turnout rate on ballot initiatives	City Clerk	Election- based	City Clerk Division
Understanding of budget process	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that "strongly agree" or "agree" that they understand the City's budget process 	New (Citizen Survey)	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Understanding of financial reports	 Percent of citizen survey respondents that "strongly agree" or "agree" that they understand the City's financial reports 	New (Citizen Survey)	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office

Collaborative Solutions

The City of Lawrence actively seeks opportunities to leverage partnerships in order to enhance service delivery and quality of life in the most fiscally sound and responsible manner.

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
Partnerships				
Partnerships	 Number of partnerships and sponsorships received for Parks & Recreation classes and events Scholarship dollars provided to youth for participation in Parks & Recreation programs 	Parks and Recreation	Annually	Parks and Recreation
Citizen perception of collaboration	 Percent of survey respondents that "strongly agree" or "agree" that Lawrence is a connector of local and regional partners 	New (Citizen Survey)	TBD	City Manager's Office
Standardized components of agreements	 Partnership agreements include standardized components Partnership agreements includes evaluation of equity 	New	Annually	City Manager's Office

Economic Growth and Security

The City of Lawrence fosters an environment that provides both individuals and businesses the opportunity for economic security and empowers people's ability to thrive. Our community succeeds because of individual prosperity and a vibrant, sustainable local economy.

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	Individual prosperity			
Poverty level	Percent of residents living below the poverty line	STAR	Annually	City Manager's Office
Free and reduced lunch	Percent of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch	Kansas Department of Education	Annually	City Manager's Office
Median household income	Median household income	U.S. Census Bureau	Annually	City Manager's Office
Unemployment rate	Unemployment rate	Bureau of Labor	Monthly	City Manager's Office
Number of jobs	Jobs-to-resident ratio	Bureau of Labor	Monthly	City Manager's Office
Personal income	Percent change in personal income	U.S. Census Bureau	Annually	City Manager's Office
Employer diversity	Percent of workforce employed by the State	EDC	Annually	City Manager's Office
	Vibrant, Sustainable Local Economy			
Owner-occupied-housing	Percent of owner-occupied housing units	U.S. Census Bureau	Annually	City Manager's Office
Assessed commercial real estate value	 Assessed value of commercial and industrial properties as a percentage of total assessed value of all properties (MSA- level) 	EDC	Annually	City Manager's Office
Development review cycle time	 Average number of days to process site plans Percentage of building permits and plans processed and reviewed within 5 business days (residential) Average number of days to process building plans and permits (residential) 	Planning and Development Services Department	Annually	Planning and Development Services Department

Aspect of the CSF Being Measured	Performance Measure	Source	Update Frequency	Responsible Department
	 Percentage of building permits and plans processed and reviewed within 15 business days (commercial) Average number of days to process building plans and permits (commercial) 			
Real GDP	Percent change in real GDP (MSA-level)	EDC	Annually	City Manager's Office
Arts and Economic Impact	Arts and Economic Prosperity V Indicators	Americans for the Arts	Annually	City Manager's Office
Special Events and Tournaments	 Number of special events, tournaments, and meets offered by Parks and Recreation Number of participants for special events, tournaments, and meets offered by Parks and Recreation Economic impact of special events, tournaments, and meets offered by Parks and Recreation 	Parks and Recreation Department	Annually	Parks and Recreation Department
Economic development	 Percent of survey respondents that are "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the City's efforts to promote economic development 	Citizen Survey	2 years on election cycle beginning 2019	City Manager's Office
Business vacancies	Percent of retail vacancies	Planning and Development Services Department	Every 2 years	Planning and Development Services Department