Growing Together
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By the numbers

- 50/50 males to females
- 27.8% under age 18
- 11.1% age 65 and older
- 18,000+ Veterans
- $72,269 median household income

Source: U.S. Census Bureau’s 2017 estimates

Population: 181,439
Rapid growth

• 14.2% population growth since 2010*
• 893 new home permits in 2017^
• 461 new apartments units in 2017^
• 91 new non-residential commercial permits in 2017^

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau
^ Source: Sarpy County Economic Development Corp

Sarpy County continues to attract new and expanding businesses. New non-residential building permits added more than $508,000,000 in value across the county in 2017.

New single- and multi-family building permits added almost $285,000,000 in value in 2017
Sarpy County population estimates

- **2020**: 196,701
- **2030**: 233,688
- **2040**: 274,837
- **2050**: 317,618

Source: 2015 Nebraska County Population Projections, Center for Public Affairs Research, University of Nebraska-Omaha
Growing pains

Sarpy County Jail

Sanitary Sewer System
Sarpy County Jail

- Built in 1989
- Cost: $8.1 million
- 148-bed facility
- Designed to meet County’s needs through 2020
- 1.48 beds per 1,000 residents in 1989
Sarpy County Jail: Overcrowding

- Reached capacity in mid 1990s
  - Began housing inmates at other facilities

- Population continued to grow
  - 1990: 103,024
  - 2000: 123,157

- 2002 bond issue
  - $15.5 million to add 160 beds
  - Failed 53.6%/46.4%
Sarpy County Jail: Overcrowding, alternatives

• Alternatives to Incarceration Programs
  • Designed to keep low-risk offenders out of jail, with various levels of monitoring
    • Pre-trial release
    • Work release
    • House arrest
    • Diversion services
  • 250-300 participants

• Housing 150-200 inmates in the Sarpy County jail
• Potential jail population of 400-500
• 2017: 0.81 beds per 1,000 residents
Sarpy County Jail: Transporting inmates

- 40-60 inmates housed at other facilities
  - $5 million to house inmates at other facilities for past decade
  - $1 million to transport over past decade
    - Fuel, vehicle, employee’s time
    - Transporting can also be dangerous
- Estimate of future boarding costs: $2.9 million per year by 2025
Sarpy County Jail

- Outdated facility not compatible with current correctional practices
- Not designed to house or treat inmates dealing with mental health issues
- No space for programming such as re-entry assistance or GED classes
- Only designed for 12 female inmates
- Not designed for current technology used by Correctional Officers
Sarpy County Jail

• Why not build an addition to the current facility?
  • Creates inefficiency in space and staffing
  • Support facilities not big enough: master control, inmate intake, kitchen, laundry
  • Can repurpose current building for other important, long-term County uses
Sarpy County Jail: New facility

• Next steps
  • Identify and purchase land for new facility
  • Engage an architectural firm to begin initial design
  • Determine building and operational costs
  • Continue transition to a civilian-run Corrections Department
  • Support new sewer system
Sanitary Sewer System

- No unified sewer system in southern portion of county
  - Natural ridgeline creates a barrier
  - Limited sewer service available
  - Impedes development
Sarpy County and Sarpy Cities Wastewater Agency
Sanitary Sewer System

• Development in southern Sarpy County is estimated to generate incremental revenue of:
  • $15 million per year in sales tax revenue for Sarpy cities
  • $45 million per year in sales tax revenue for State of Nebraska
  • $19 million per year in property tax revenue for Sarpy cities
  • $21 million per year in property tax revenue for Sarpy County
  • $76 million per year in property tax revenue for schools
Current/Upcoming Road Projects

• Harrison Street Project: 147th-157th Streets
  • $9.75 million project; 50/50 split between Sarpy and Omaha

• Capehart Road
  • Partnering with Facebook for road improvements
  • $1.4 million project

• 180th and 192nd Street Corridor
  • Planning for westward growth in the County

• Platteview Road
  • Create a southern bypass for entire metro area
  • Short-term improvements: $24 million; Expressway: $126 million; Freeway: $212 million

• Highway 370
  • Safety improvements
  • Proposed agreement with NDOT: County would take the lead and lay groundwork for new signals
Infrastructure challenges

• Limited budget
  • $10 million a year for road projects

• Bonding restrictions

• State aid
  • NDOT spending in District 2 not keeping up with growth

• Possible solutions
Growing together

• Dedicated to finding efficient solutions to Sarpy County’s infrastructure needs
  • New jail
  • Sewer system
  • Road improvements

• Questions?