

PLANNING TEAM MEETING #6 SUMMARY

Far East Community Area Plan

Meeting Date: February 13th, 2023
Time: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Location: Zoom

Planning Team Attendees

Anita Franklin, Dellcrest Area Neighborhood
Abigail Kinnison, VIA
Bradley Alm, HEB
Dr. Pam Ray, Roseville Housing Trust
Le Reta Gatlin-McDavid, District 2 Staff
Karen Bishop, SA River Authority
Jessica Sifuentes, VIA

Keith Benavidez, HEB
David Arciniega, CoSA Parks Department
Sydell Brooks, District 2 Staff

Planning Staff & Consultant Team

Krystin Ramirez, Project Manager (MIG)
Jay Renkens, Principal Planner (MIG)
Hannah Santiago, (CS)
Channary Gould, Planning Coordinator (CoSA)
Chris Ryerson, Planning Administrator (CoSA)

Dave Powell, Project Manager (CoSA)
Jacob Howard, Senior Planner (CoSA)
Heather Yost, Project Manager (CoSA)
Gretchen Roufs, A-M-S

Meeting Objectives:

The purpose of the sixth Planning Team Meeting was to initiate the conversation on the Far East Mobility assets, challenges, needs and priorities.

Meeting Format

The meeting began with a round of staff introductions and a recap of the plan timeline. We then went over the meeting objectives and revisited the mobility related goals, and feedback received from previous Planning Team Meetings, Community Meetings, and community surveys. Next, our consultant Hannah Santiago from Cambridge Systematics (CS) discussed Mobility Goals, Assets and Challenges and facilitated a group discussion along with prioritizing mobility opportunities. Notes were taken throughout the meeting and are shown within the Mural Board at the end of this summary.

Mobility Challenges Discussion

Hannah Santiago presented to the team on goals related to Mobility. Major takeaways from the group discussion on mobility challenges include:

- S. Foster to Rigsby Ave. to Houston St. – TxDOT construction at Loop 410 & IH-10 is a priority
- Need for turn lanes on E. Houston St. before getting to Foster Road.

- Providing more capacity to roadways and bridges – especially connection points from Loop 410 to Rigsby Ave.
- Addressing increasing traffic / congestion for all types of vehicles including freight
- Cultural, historical, and natural resources – include transportation hubs for people to park
- Walkability for those with disabilities needs to be addressed
- Widen bike lanes
- Increase connectivity
- Increase connectivity between different sides of Loop 410, targeting E. Houston St. connection
- Ensure bike lanes are only used by bikers; provide sidewalks for walkers to separate uses
- Address increase of trucks going down E. Houston St.
- Safe ways to get to trails and access of those trails
- Traffic when cycling on access roads, dangerous for cyclists
- Traffic congestion in area
- Traffic flow and considerations from newer developments

Prioritizing Mobility Opportunities Discussion

Major takeaways from the group discussion on prioritizing mobility opportunities include:

- Consider adding trail space at or along undeveloped lots
- Clean up areas to allow for walkability, residents get comfortable walking WW White (North & South)
- SE Community Area Plan include trails south of Lakeside as Focus Area – opportunity to work closely with area plans for Rosillo Creekway
- Roadways identified for priority and further enhancements:
 - Top Gun Dr.
 - Willenbrock Ave.
 - Bible St.
 - Pecan Valley – North and South
 - Lakewood Dr.
 - Hampton Ave.
 - Schradder Dr.
 - Amanda Ave.
 - Bulah St. (connecting to Salado Creek Area)
- Bike and walking trail access (enhanced)
- Connectivity to local trails
- Improve biking in area in using the access road along Loop 410
- Improve congestion along Rigsby Ave. and Bible St.

Focus Areas Updates

The project manager presented on brief updates regarding the draft Focus Areas for the Far East Community Area Plan. Planning Team members agreed with the updates made and refined Focus Areas will be presented at Planning Team Meeting #7.



Next Steps

- **Planning Team Meeting #7: Monday, March 13th, 2023-** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm via Zoom
- **Design Charrette Workshop: Monday, April 10th, 2023-** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm via Zoom

The meeting summary, presentation, and Mural board will be shared to the Documents Library on the Far East Community Plan Area website in the coming days: <https://fareast.sacompplan.com/> Please contact the project manager if you have any questions.

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General comments

Will there be a bike trail access point near I-10/N. Foster?	New apartment complexes being built near Copernicus Park - do they have enough entry and exit points?
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Mobility Challenges Feedback:

Rigsby	S. Foster to Rigsby to Houston - TxDOT construction at 10 is priority	Need turn lanes on E. Houston before getting to Foster Road	Providiung more capacity to roadways and bridges - especially connection points from 410 to Rigsby	Addressing increasing traffic/ congestion - for all types of vehicles, including freight
Cultural / Historical / Natural Resources: include transportation hubs for people to park	Walkability for those with disabilities needs to be address	Widen bike lanes	Increase connectivity	Increase connectivity between different sides of Loop 410, targeting E. Houston connection
Ensure bike lanes are only used by bikers; provide sidewalks for walkers to separate uses	Address increase of trucks going down Houston Street	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...



General Mobility Feedback:

Greenway trail is nice

Safe ways to get to the trails are being looked at (access points without driving to a park and hopping on a bike)

S Foster (i-10_ to Houston has been widened - doesn't make it a good road

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1. Where are the mobility needs?

WW White Road has some undeveloped lots, consider adding gardening space, walkable trails

Clean up areas to allow for walkability, residents get comfortable walking (WW White N to S)

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General Mobility Needs:

Traffic when cycling on access roads, dangerous for cyclists

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2. Which mobility needs are the most urgent/pressing needs?

Traffic Congestion

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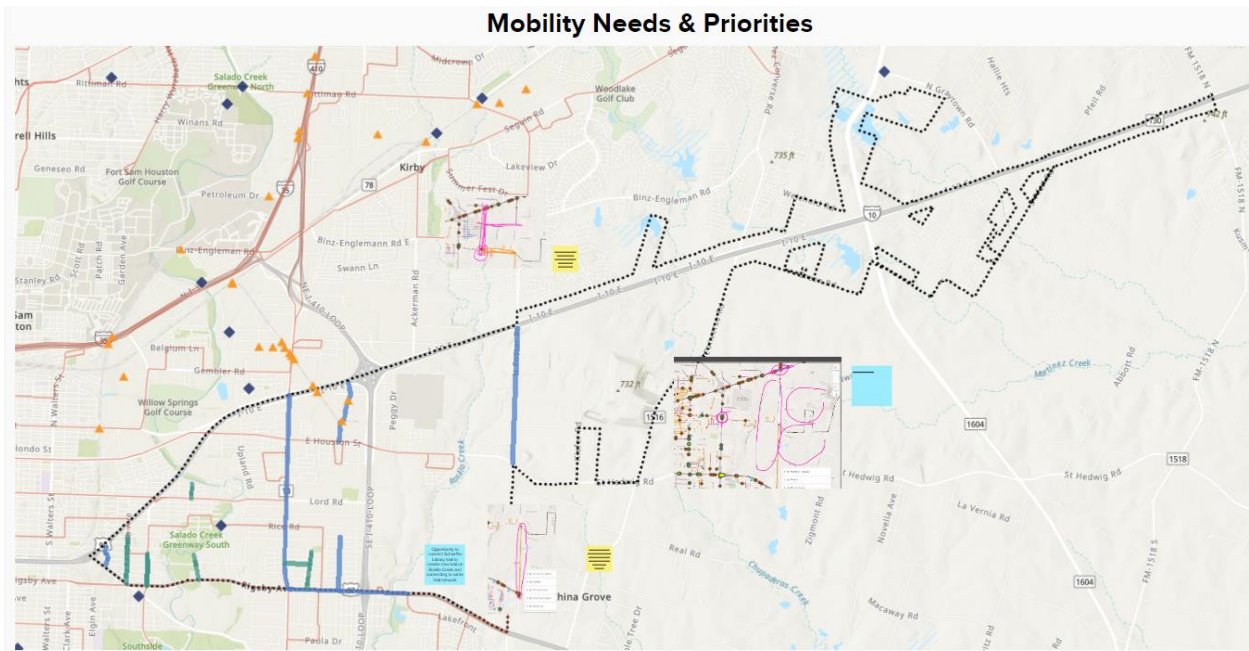
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3. Which needs present the biggest barriers for achieving our mobility-related goals?

<p>Large apartment development complexes near the access road pouring in to different neighborhoods</p>	<p>Elderly worried about "external factors" changin their neighborhood, not making them walkable, etc.</p>	<p>Industrial Development</p>	<p>Type your paragraph...</p>	<p>Type your paragraph...</p>	<p>Type your paragraph...</p>
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Opportunity to connect Schaeffer Library trail to create new trail on Rosillo Creek and connecting to wider trail network

Chicken of egg scenario - Do not have sidewalks, but housing will eventually come.

These are items and develop coming that will need to be addressed



1. Which locations provide an opportunity to make an impact on our goals

SE Community Area Plan (adopted) have included trails in the area south of lakeside as focus area - opportunity to work closely/similarly	Top Gun Dr. presents an opportunity	Willenbrock Ave	Bible Street (near elementary school) - problem with 18 wheelers on the neighborhood street	Pecan Valley - N and S	Lakewood Drive
Hampton Ave	Schradder Dr	Amanda Ave	Bulah Street (connecting to Solado)		

2. How do you envision people using this existing street?

Bike and walking trail access	Connectivity to trails	Cyclists using the access road from SW loop 410 safely - right now its too congested with trucks and traffic	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...
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3. How are people/frieght using the street now?

Rigsby and Bible St is a popular location to residents, restaurant nearby, elementary school	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...	Type your paragraph...
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