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Far East  
Planning Team

Meeting #6

February 13, 2023

Zoom

3:30 – 5:30 PM



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# Far East Community Area Project Team



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# Timeline of Meetings



# Meeting Objectives

## 1. Mobility Overview

Assets and challenges

## 2. VIA Presentation

## 3. Define Mobility Needs

Identify the most pressing problems for moving people & goods

## 4. Prioritize Mobility Opportunities

Envisioning the streets of the future



*Salado Creek Trail. Credit: City of San Antonio*

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Mobility Overview

# Vision – Mobility Related

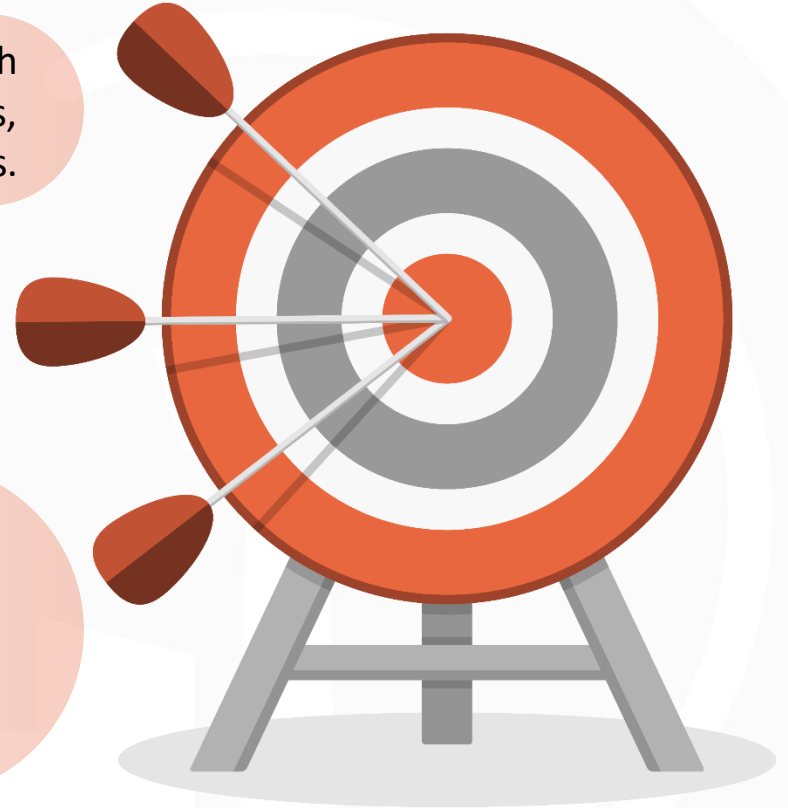
The Far East Community Area is comprised of safe and inviting neighborhoods with diverse, quality, and affordable options for housing, dining, shopping, medical services, healthy food, and community gathering spaces, all organized around quality parks and **the area's own walkable arts, entertainment and shopping district. Residents of all ages and incomes can get around easily using well-lit and well-maintained sidewalks, trails, bicycle facilities, and transit amenities lined with trees and landscaping, green stormwater treatments, and public art.**

# Goals – Mobility Related

Improve **comfort** and **safety** throughout the area with improved lighting, signage, and enhancement of parks, trails, sidewalks, and other community assets.

Increase **access** to healthy food and health care for all residents.

Facilitate development patterns that include local employment and entertainment opportunities in one or more mixed use urban centers or arts districts that are highly **walkable** and **connected** and serve as an area destination.



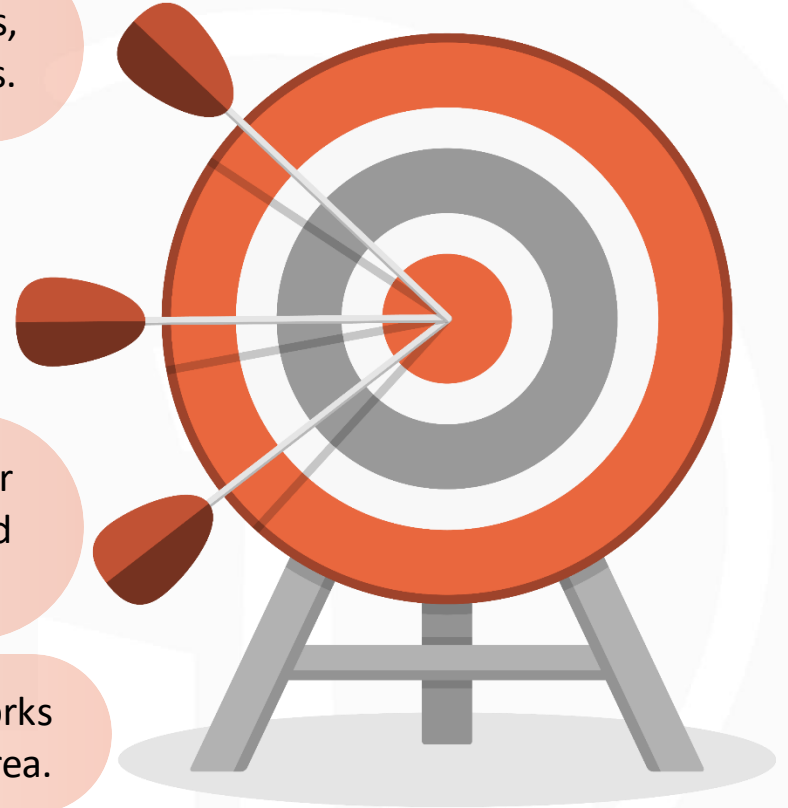
# Goals – Mobility Related

Increase **equitable access** to parks, open space, trails, community gathering facilities, and recreational amenities.

Encourage commercial development to be less auto-oriented and more **walkable** and provide a greater diversity of locally serving restaurant and retail options.

Improve **comfort, safety** and **aesthetics** throughout the Far East Area with treelined streets, other urban greening, and integration of sustainable infrastructure.

Expand the amount and variety of **multi-modal** networks throughout the Far East Area.





# Overview of Mobility Assets & Challenges

## *ASSETS*

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- Network of VIA Transit routes, west of Foster Road
- Recreational trail along Salado Creek Greenway
- Network of local roadways high level of access to community destinations

## *CHALLENGES*

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- Barriers limiting connectivity, including highways and natural barriers
- Limited pedestrian and bicyclist amenities, such as sidewalks and protected bike lanes challenge multi-modal connectivity

# What We've Been Hearing

## *Mobility Themes (Far East)*

Enhanced walkability and connectivity through area (especially on WW White Rd)

Additional and enhanced transit (VIA) services

Traffic calming mechanisms on major neighborhood thoroughfares

Opportunity for Park & Ride

Ease of access on Foster Road

Improved bike facilities (in particular dedicated bike lanes)

More complete multi-modal networks in area

Mobility Hub at Loop 410 & E Houston St.

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Mobility Challenges



# Mobility Challenges

## Fast Facts



### ***DANGEROUS BY DESIGN***

People of color, older adults, and low-income populations are disproportionately burdened by pedestrian injuries and deaths.



### ***TRAFFIC CRASHES ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN CHILDREN***

In the US in 2020, traffic crashes resulted in the deaths of 608 children and injuries in over 91,000 children.



### ***TRANSPORTATION CONTRIBUTES TO GREENHOUSE GASES***

38% of San Antonio's Greenhouse Gas Emissions come from passenger cars, light trucks and heavy trucks

*Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, SA Climate Ready.*

# Initial Identification of Needs

## *ISSUES LIMITING MOVING PEOPLE*

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- Areas where **people riding bikes and people walking have been injured or died**
- Areas with **missing sidewalks**
- Areas with **unreliable transit**
- Areas served by **low-frequency transit**

## *ISSUES CONSTRAINING MOVING GOODS*

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- Areas with significant potholes and **pavement in poor condition**
- Area of potential **railroad-roadway conflicts**
- Streets **prone to flooding** during storm events
- Problem areas **reported by neighbors to 311**

# Mobility Challenges

## Group Discussion

Rising household transportation costs

Providing more comfortable spaces for walking and biking

Providing more capacity on roadways and bridges for vehicles

Providing more transit options

Aging population

Increase in electric and alternative fuel vehicles

Aging and deteriorating roads and bridges

Handling more trucks

Safe travel

Introduction of self-driving vehicles

Finding money to maintain and improve the transportation system

Increasing traffic/congestion delays

Protecting cultural, historic and natural resources

Providing connections between modes

Bouncing back from extreme weather events

Other

***What are the most pressing challenges related to transportation in the subarea?***

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VIA Presentation



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Prioritizing Mobility Opportunities





# Opportunities for Mobility Investments

## ***HISTORICAL LEVELS OF FUNDING***

Funding directed towards local governments with the latest transportation bill passed by congress

## ***LOCAL SUPPORT***

Successful track record of transportation bond supported by residents

## ***EQUITABLE MAINTENANCE STRATEGY***

Equitable distribution of maintenance funding to keep streets in a good state of repair



# Prioritizing Areas of Opportunity

## ***READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION***

Which areas align with funding priorities of those delivering projects?

## ***PROVIDE ACCESS***

Which areas will have future mobility demands & provide critical access to transit stops, libraries, schools, senior centers, community centers?

## ***EQUITY***

Which transportation assets provide areas of historically marginalized communities and areas of persistent poverty?

## ***SIGNIFICANT NEEDS***

Where are the most urgent issues challenging the movement of people and goods?

# Understanding the Needs

## *EXERCISE #1*

- **STEP 1: Map Mark Up – Where are the mobility needs?**
  - Review the subarea map of needs.
  - Mark the map with other areas of mobility needs that have not been identified.

*COMFORT &  
SAFETY*

*EQUITABLE ACCESS*

*MULTIMODAL*

*CONNECTED &  
WALKABLE*

# Understanding the Needs

## *EXERCISE #1*

- **STEP 2: Group Discussion**
  - Which mobility needs are the most urgent/pressing needs?
  - Which needs present the biggest barriers for achieving our mobility-related goals?

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# Prioritizing Areas of Opportunity

## *EXERCISE #2*

- **STEP 1: Group Discussion – Which locations are priority?**
  - Which locations provide an opportunity to make an impact on our goals?
  - As a group, select up to 3 priority locations.

*PEOPLE*

*FREIGHT*

*NEEDS/  
MAINTENANCE*

*NEEDS/  
DISCRETIONARY*

# Prioritizing Areas of Opportunity

## *EXERCISE #2*

- **STEP 2: Group Discussion – What is the vision for our priority locations?**
  - How do you envision people using this existing street?
  - How are people/freight using the street now?
  - Which problems are most important to resolve to achieve our goals for this area?

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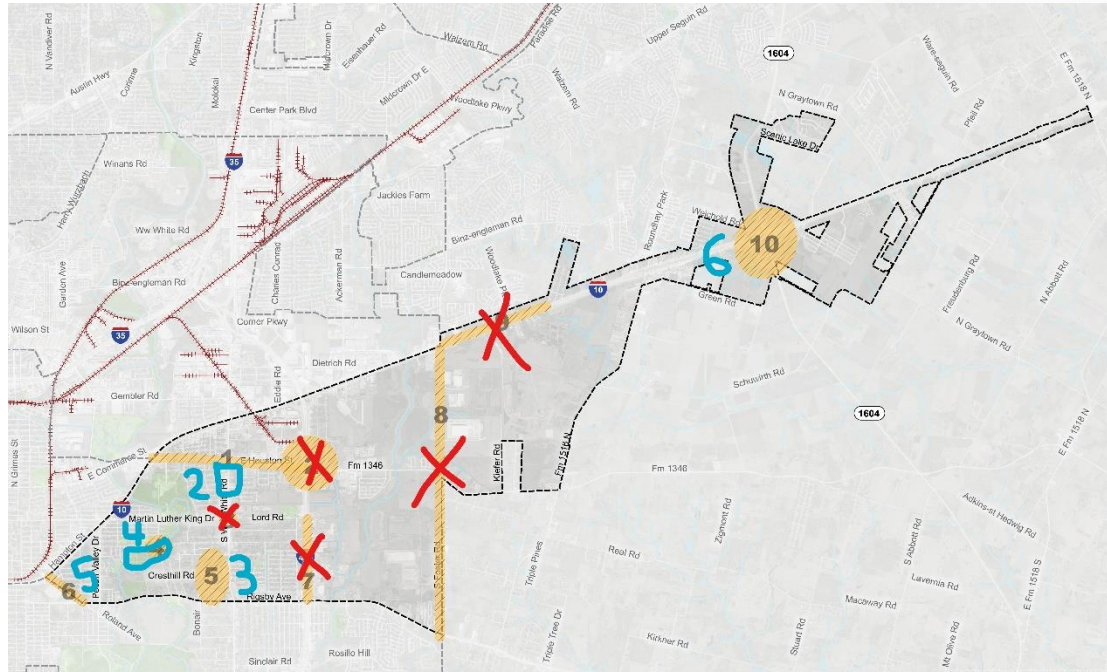
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Next Steps



# Brief Focus Areas Updates

*Refined map and content to be presented at next Planning Team Meeting #7*



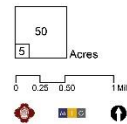
## STUDY AREA

- Community Plan Area Boundaries
- Adjacent Region Center of Community Area
- Public or Private Park or Open Space

- River or Stream
- Railroad Line
- Hatched Area

## FOCUS AREAS

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|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 East Kessler Street Corridor                 | 5 Dallas Forest      | 9 Loop 119 Corridor |
| 2 Loop 419 East Houston Street                 | 6 Boardwalk Corridor | 10 Loop 1684 211116 |
| 3 Sawville Road North of Martin Luther King Dr | 7 Loop 419 Corridor  |                     |
| 4 Woodloch Courts                              | 8 Foster Gap         |                     |





# Next Steps

## ***NEXT PLANNING TEAM MEETING(S):***

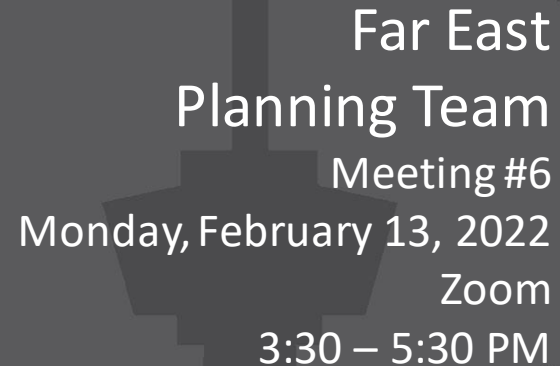
- MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> – Planning Team Meeting #7
- APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> - Digital Design Workshop
- Potential for Luncheon or Meet & Greet?
- MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – Community Meeting #3
- JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> – Planning Team Meeting #8

## ***QUESTIONS?***

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