



Far East Community Area Planning Team Meeting #10 Monday, August 21, 2023 Zoom 3:30 – 5:30 PM



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### Far East Community Area Project Team



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### **Timeline of Meetings**

PT Meeting 1 (Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> 2022)

Community Meeting 1 (June 21<sup>st</sup> 2022)

PT Meeting 2 (Jul. 18th 2022)

PT Meeting 3 (Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 2022)

PT Meeting 4 (Sept. 19th 2022)

Community Meeting 2 (Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 2022)

PT Meeting 5 (Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 2022) PT Meeting 6 (Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 2023) PT Meeting 7 (Mar. 13th 2023)

#### Community Meeting 3 (May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023)

PT Meeting 8 (Jun. 27th 2023)

PT Meeting 9 (Jul. 31st 2023) PT Meeting 10 (Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 2023)

Community Meeting 4 (TBD - Week of Feb.12<sup>th</sup> 2024)

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PT Meeting 11 (Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)

Orientation; Sub-Area Plan Overview; SWOT; Vision and Goals

Confirm Vision & Goals; Land Utilization Analysis; Focus Area ID Land Use (Housing & Economic Development Lens) (1 of 2) Housing & Economic Development (Based on Land Use) (1 of 2)

Land Use (2 of 2), Housing and Economic Development (2 of 2) Mobility (1 of 2)

Focus Areas, Amenities & Public Space Digital Design Charette (DDC) Workshop

Mobility, Amenities & Public Space, DDC Review of Maps, Plan Framework, NPP (1 of 2) Plan Framework (2 of 2), Implementation Review

Public Draft Review & Final Revisions, Process Feedback

### **Meeting Objectives**

- 1. Reintroduction of Digital Design Charette Graphics Review the updated graphics created from the digital design charrette and reviewed during PT meeting #8.
- 2. Reintroduction of APS Recommendations and Strategies Review and confirm edits to recommendations and strategies presented during PT#9.
- 3. Reintroduction of Individual Plan Elements Maps Review the updated land use, focus area, APS, and mobility maps.
- 4. Introduction of Draft Plan Framework Map Introduce the Plan Framework Map and provide input on the elements shown.
- 5. Discussion of Implementation Strategy Begin to identify key stakeholders, timing, and funding strategies.



### **Draft Vision**

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

**Goal 1:** Improve **comfort** and **safety** throughout the area with improved **lighting**, **signage**, and **enhancement** of parks, trails, sidewalks, and other community assets.

Goal 2: Increase access to healthy food and health care for all residents.

**Goal 3:** 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.

**Goal 4:** Increase **equitable access** to parks, open space, trails, community gathering facilities, and recreational amenities.

**Goal 5:** Create housing, employment, goods and services that **serve**, **support** and are **accessible** to a **variety** of income levels, age groups, and multi-generational households.

**Goal 6:** Encourage commercial development to be **less auto-oriented and more walkable** and provide a greater diversity of locally serving restaurant and retail options.

**Goal 7:** Improve **comfort**, **safety** and **aesthetics** throughout the Far East Area with treelined streets, other urban greening, and integration of sustainable infrastructure.

**Goal 8:** Expand the amount and variety of **multi-modal networks** throughout the Far East Area.

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Amenities & Public Spaces (Continued from PT#9)



### **Draft Amenities & Public Space Recommendations**

- **APS Recommendation #1:** Provide trees along sidewalks to beautify streets, provide shade, reduce the urban heat island effect, and improve air quality.
- **APS Recommendation #2:** Create east-west trail connections that intersect with existing north-south connections.
- **APS Recommendation #3:** Increase the amount of lighting at parks and public spaces to allow them to be utilized during more times of the day.
- **APS Recommendation #4:** Establish and preserve community gardens at existing parks and open spaces.
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APS Strategy 1.2: Encourage planting of trees along the back of sidewalks on private property.
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APS Recommendation #2: Create east-west trail connections that intersect with existing north-south connections. **APS Strategy 2.1:** Create new and enhance existing trail connections to allow all Far East residents to safely access parks and community facilities. **APS Strategy 2.2:** Prioritize trail connections that allow residents to efficiently and safely access key destinations like schools and grocery stores by foot or bike.

**APS Strategy 2.3:** Enhance connections to and access points along existing and future trails.

APS Recommendation #3: Increase the amount of lighting at parks and public spaces to allow them to be utilized during more times of the day. APS Strategy 3.1: Conduct a lighting study to identify gaps and potential improvements.
APS Strategy 3.2: Work with developers to enhance lighting around public areas as part of new developments.
APS Strategy 3.3: Integrate improved lighting into

park maintenance and improvement projects.

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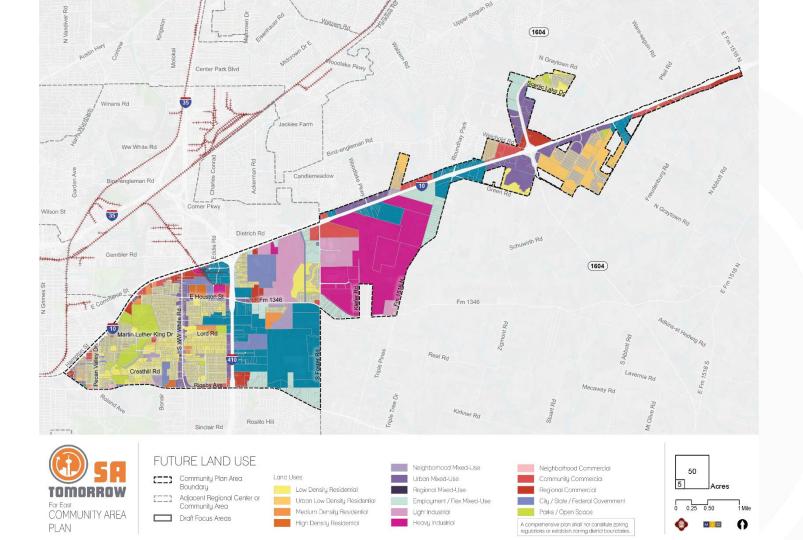
**APS Recommendation #5:** Add multi-functional green infrastructure for stormwater mitigation and traffic calming. APS Strategy 5.1: Integrate green infrastructure improvements in street maintenance and improvement projects.
APS Strategy 5.2: Prioritize green infrastructure improvements in flood-prone areas.
APS Strategy 5.3: Incorporate green infrastructure in streetscape projects, especially near schools and parks to assist in traffic calming.

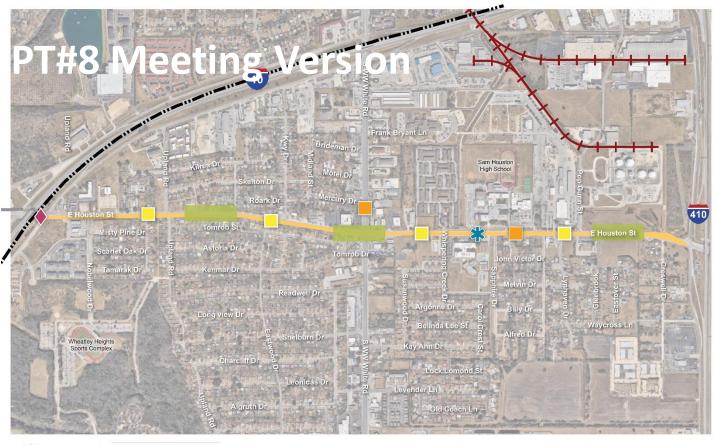
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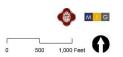


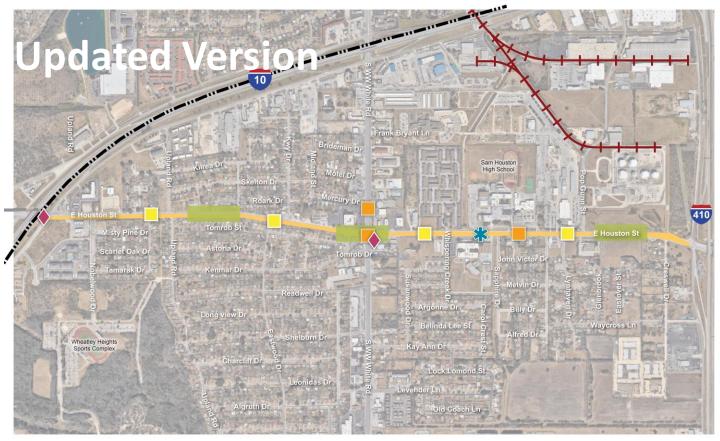






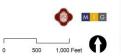










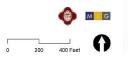






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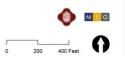




















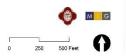






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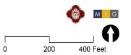












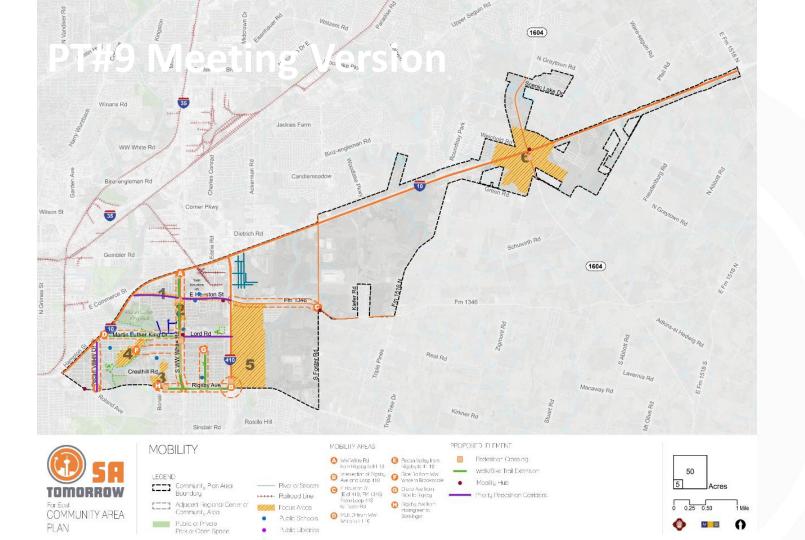


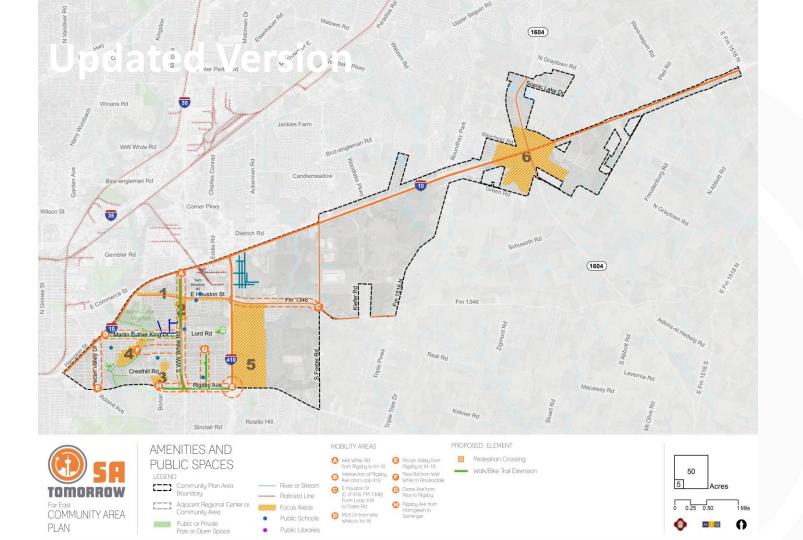


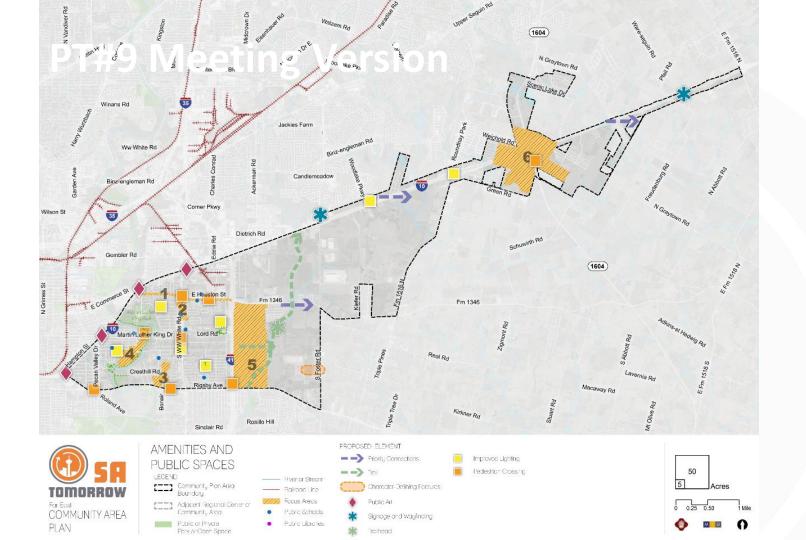
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# **Plan Framework Map Elements**



**Priority Connections** 

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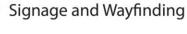


Character-Defining Features



Public Art





Adaptive Reuse

Medical Facility

Improved Lighting

Pedestrian Crossing

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Mobility Hub

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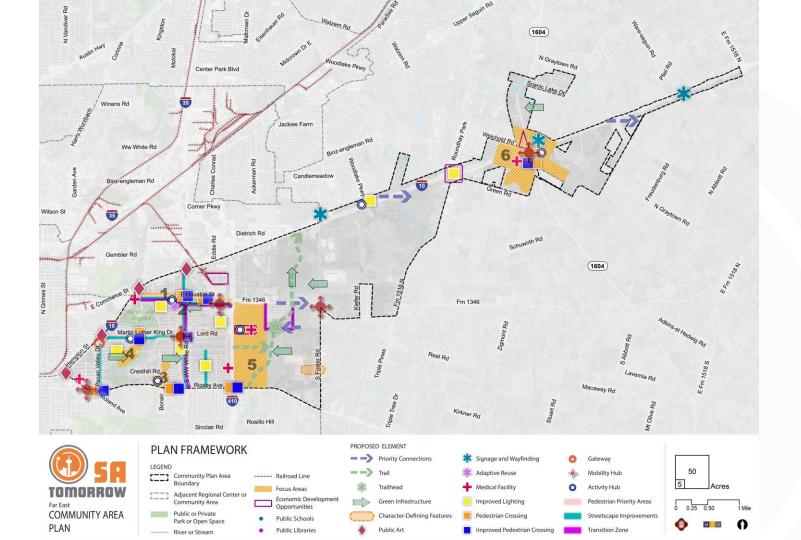
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Pedestrian Priority Areas



Streetscape Improvements

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# **Funding Opportunities**

#### 1. City Funding Sources

- Bond
- Community Development Block Grant
- City Council Project Fund
- Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP)

#### 2. State Funding Sources

- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

#### 3. Federal Funding Sources

- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

### **Implementation of Plan Framework Map**

Project	Key Stakeholders	Funding	Timing
Mobility Hub Near the Loop 1604 and IH-10 Intersection			
Medical Facility Near the Loop 1604 and IH-10 Intersection			
Mobility Hub Near the Houston and Foster Intersection			
Rosillo Creek Extension			
Streetscape Improvements Along Martin Luther King			
Public Art Improvements Along IH-10			
Activity Hub South of Martin Luther King Park			
Multiple Pedestrian Crossings Along Rigsby			
Green Infrastructure Near Creeks			
Wayfinding and Signage Near the IH-10 and Foster Intersection			
Streetscape Improvements Along Houston			

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- D2 Budget Townhall Thursday, August 24th Second Baptist Church at 6:30 PM
- Plan Sections Release Fall/Winter 2023
- Public Draft Winter 2023
- Mixer Winter 2023
- Community Meeting #4 Early 2024
- Planning Team Meeting #11 Early 2024

## **QUESTIONS?**

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