



# Fort Sam Houston Regional Center Planning Team

Meeting #6

February 16, 2023

Zoom

5:30 – 7:30 PM



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# Ft Sam Houston Regional Center Project Team



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# Timeline of Meetings

**PT Meeting 1 (Apr. 26, 2022)**

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

**Community Meeting 1 (June 16, 2022)**

**PT Meeting 2 (July 21, 2022)**

Confirm Vision & Goals; Land Utilization Analysis; Focus Area ID

**PT Meeting 3 (Aug. 18, 2022)**

Land Use (Housing & Economic Development Lens) (1/2)

**PT Meeting 4 (Sep. 22, 2022)**

Housing & Economic Development (Based on Land Use) (1/2)

**Community Meeting 2 (Nov. 10, 2022)**

**PT Meeting 5 (Dec. 15, 2022)**

Land Use (2/2), Housing and Economic Development (2/2)

**Meeting 6 (Feb. 16, 2023)**

Mobility (1/2)

**PT Meeting 7 (March 16, 2023)**

Focus Areas, Amenities & Public Space (1/2)

**Digital Design Charrette (April 13, 2023)**

**Community Meeting 3 (May 2023)**

**PT Meeting 8 (June 2023)**

Mobility (2/2), Review DDC, Amenities & Public Space (2/2)

**PT Meeting 9 (July 2023)**

Review of Maps; Plan Framework (1/2), N'hood Profiles & Priorities

**PT Meeting 10 (August 2023)**

Plan Framework (2/2), Implementation Review

**Community Meeting 4 (December 2023)**

**PT Meeting 11 (January 2024)**

Public Draft Review & Final Revisions, Process Feedback

# Meeting Objectives

## 1. Mobility Overview

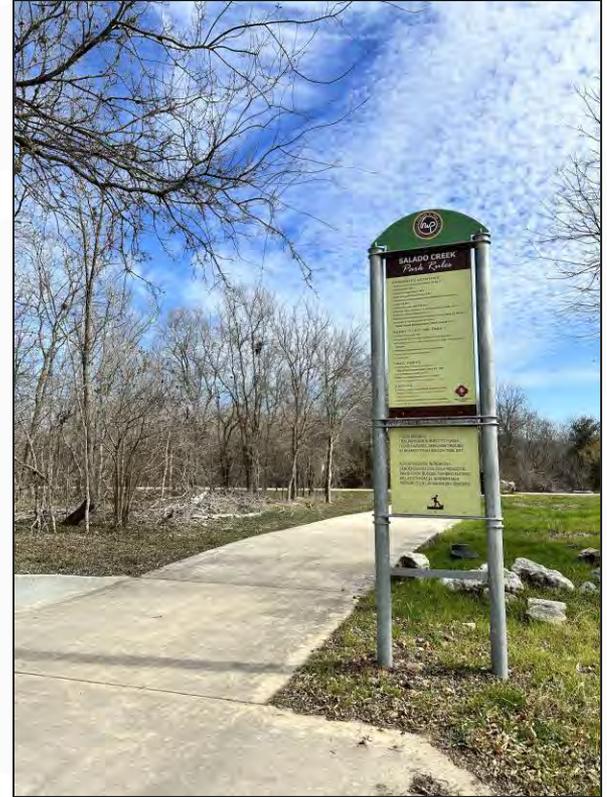
Vision, Assets, and Challenges

## 2. Define Mobility Needs

Identify the most pressing problems for moving people & goods

## 3. Prioritize Mobility Opportunities

Envisioning the streets of the future



*Salado Creek Greenway Trail*

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Mobility Overview

# Ft. Sam Houston Area Regional Center Vision

The Fort Sam Houston Area Regional Center is a high-quality place to live, work, learn, and play with safe and distinct neighborhoods **connected to and well-integrated with** the military base, AT&T Center, and vibrant employment areas. This mosaic of San Antonio's past, present and future is **woven together with a robust trail and greenway system providing local and regional transportation and recreation opportunities; a well-connected network of shaded roadways and streets that are well-maintained; and walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly mixed-use districts that serve local residents during non-event times and visitors during events.**

# Goals – Mobility Related

Improve existing **connections** and create new connections and crossings that are truly **multimodal**, **aesthetically pleasing** and provide **stormwater benefits**.

Provide more **greenways, trails**, and recreational amenities throughout the Regional Center and connecting to nearby areas.

Improve **comfort, safety**, and **aesthetics** throughout the Regional Center with trees, other urban greening, and integration of sustainable infrastructure.



# Overview of Mobility Assets & Challenges

## *ASSETS*

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- Existing & planned VIA transit services
- Small network of recreational trails along Salado Creek Greenway
- Goods movement supported by easy access to major interstates

## *CHALLENGES*

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- Barriers limiting connectivity, including highways and Fort Sam Houston
- Few sidewalks and protected bike lanes challenge connectivity

# What We've Been Hearing

## *Mobility Themes (Ft. Sam Houston Area)*

Improving existing connections to be multimodal, aesthetically pleasing and safe

Managing congestion caused by special events, railroad crossings, and construction

Improved walkability for those on Base, especially to amenities in the area

Multimodal access to special events

Better access to existing parks and trails

Flooding issues causes trains to block Holbrook Road

E Houston improvements through VIA Advanced Rapid Transit

Opportunity for transit to support land use

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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**

# Ranking Exercise

1) Capacity on roadways and bridges for vehicles

2) Providing more transit options

3) Aging population

4) Providing more comfortable spaces for walking and biking

5) Aging and deteriorating roads and bridges

6) Handling more trucks

7) Safe travel

8) Intro. of self-driving vehicles

9) Money to maintain and improve the transportation system

10) Increasing traffic/congestion delays

11) Rising household transportation costs

12) Protecting cultural, historic and natural resources

13) Providing connections between modes

14) Bouncing back from extreme weather events

15) Increase in electric and alternative fuel vehicles

16) Other

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Prioritizing Mobility Opportunities



# Opportunities for Mobility Investments

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

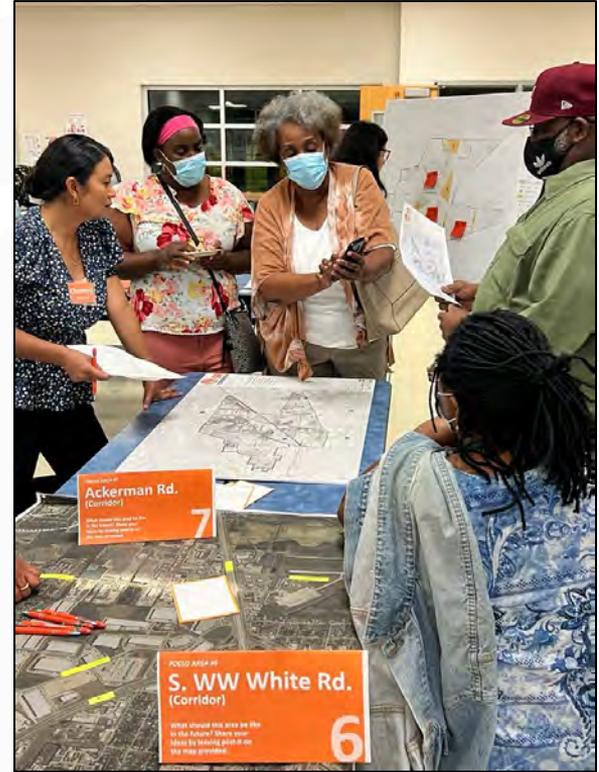
Funding directed towards local governments with the latest transportation bill passed by congress

## ***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



*Ft. Sam Regional Center, Community Meeting #2, November 10, 2022*

# Prioritizing Areas of Opportunity

## ***READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION***

Which areas align with funding priorities of those delivering projects?

## ***EQUITY***

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

## ***PROVIDE ACCESS***

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

## ***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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SAFETY*

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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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Next Steps



# Next Steps

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

- Thurs., MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> – Planning Team Meeting, 3-5 PM via Zoom
- Thurs., APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> - Digital Design Workshop
- Week of MAY 15<sup>th</sup> – Community Meeting #3
- Week of JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> – Planning Team Meeting #8

## ***QUESTIONS?***

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The logo features the letters 'SA' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. To its right is a circular icon with an orange border containing a white silhouette of a city skyline with a prominent tower. Further right, the word 'TOMORROW' is written in a bold, grey, sans-serif font. Below 'TOMORROW', the words 'sub area planning' are written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.

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