

OPEN HOUSE MEETING SUMMARY

Near Northeast (NNE) Community Area Community Meeting #1

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Pre-K 4 SA Eastside Education Center, 5230 Eisenhower Rd., SATX 78218
Attendees: 52 members of the public + Planning Staff and Consultant Team

City of San Antonio (COSA) Staff & Consultant Team

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Chris Ryerson, AICP, COSA Planning Administrator	Priscilla Rosales-Pena, AICP, COSA Planning Manager
Dave Powell, COSA Senior Planner	Marco Hinojosa, AICP, MIG Project Manager
Zack Magallanez, COSA Senior Planner	Gretchen Roufs, AMS

Meeting Purpose & Objectives

This was the first of four community meetings for the Near Northeast (NNE) Community Area Plan. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Inform the NNE community about the plan’s purpose and development process; and
- Begin gathering input on what the NNE community views as the area’s biggest strengths, challenges, and opportunities.

Feedback received from this meeting will be used to determine key priorities for the NNE area and develop a “big picture” vision and set of goals that will guide the plan’s recommendations for land use, mobility, economic development, housing, and amenities & public space.

Meeting Format & Summary

The meeting was organized as an open house with five stations designed to convey information and gather feedback. The stations were:

1. Project Background & NNE Existing Conditions
2. Visioning Board Station
3. “Big Idea” Station
4. Survey Station
5. TXDOT Information Station

After a brief introductory presentation from the COSA Project Manager, attendees were encouraged to visit each station at their own pace. The content of the presentation and stations are described on the following pages.

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION *[Copy of presentation attached at end of this document]*

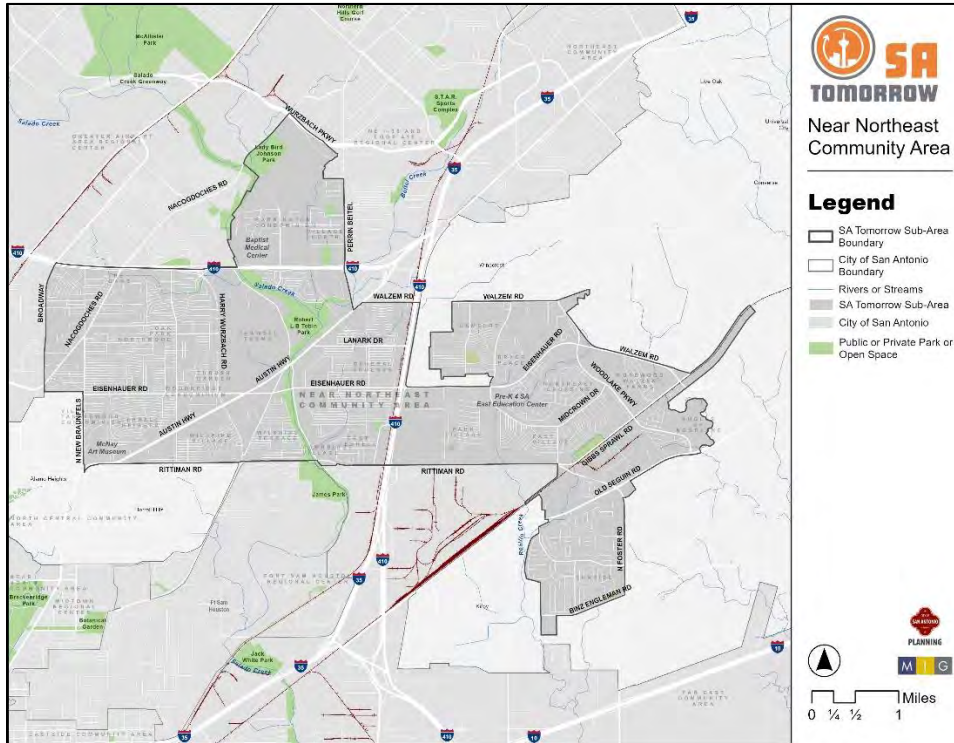
The COSA Project Manager welcomed attendees, introduced COSA and consultant staff managing the NNE Area Plan project, explained the purpose of the meeting, provided background information on the NNE planning process, and described the various stations and how to provide feedback. Key points from the presentation:

- **SA Tomorrow Initiative & Comprehensive Plan:** San Antonio and Bexar County are growing; the population of Bexar County is expected to grow by 1.1 million residents between 2010-2040. The 2014 “SA Tomorrow” initiative was the City’s approach to proactively planning for new growth. SA Tomorrow resulted in 3 interconnected plans – the Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Plan, and Sustainability Plan.
- **Comprehensive (Comp) Plan:** The Comp Plan is the City’s overarching policy guide for a range of topics – from land use, mobility, economic development, natural and historic resources, the military, housing, etc. A key implementation strategy in the Comp Plan is the development of Sub-Area Plans for each part of the City.
- **Sub-Area Plans (the NNE Community Area Plan is a Sub-Area Plan):** These plans cover the same topics as the Comp Plan, but at a much greater level of detail. The NNE Community Area Plan is one of thirty Sub-Area Plans. The five specific areas of focus for Sub-Area Plans are: Land Use, Mobility, Economic Development, Housing, and Amenities & Public Space. Sub-Area plans will be used to guide the City’s policy, program, and funding decisions in the coming years.
- **Near Northeast Plan Boundary** *[See plan boundary map in presentation attached to this document]:* Roughly, the NNE plan includes the area bounded by Wurzbach Pkwy., Perrin Beitel Rd., Walzem Rd., Foster Rd., Binz-Engleman Rd., Rittiman Rd., North New Braunfels Ave., Broadway, and Loop 410. Other major corridors in the plan area include Austin Highway, Gibbs-Sprawl Rd., and Eisenhower Rd. Major institutions include NE Baptist Hospital, McNay Art Museum, Los Patios, and several public and private schools. Overlaps City Council Districts 2 and 10.
- **How the Near Northeast Plan is Organized:** Plan development is driven by the community’s “big picture” vision and goals for the area. Plan content will be organized into five main topic sections - land use, mobility, economic development, housing, and amenities & public space. Each section will include recommendations and specific implementation strategies for program, policy, or funding outcomes that will contribute to realization of the “big picture” vision and goals. The plan will also contain maps and graphics to help illustrate information and how urban design elements can be applied to specific areas.
- **Plan Development Timeline:** Timeline is approximately 2.5 years from kick-off to City Council adoption. Development includes 12 Planning Team Meetings and 4 Community Meetings. The Planning Team acts as the steering committee throughout plan development and is composed of NNE-area neighborhood representatives, property and business owners, employers, institutions, non-profit organizations, and other relevant stakeholder groups.
- **Explanation of Vision and Goals:** The first step in drafting the NNE Plan is to determine the community’s vision for the future. The plan’s guiding vision statement should be aspirational and long-term (about 10-15 years out). The plan’s guiding goals are more defined outcomes that support realization of the vision and inform plan recommendations.
- **Developing Vision and Goals:** The community was asked 4 questions to help determine vision and goals:
 - What do you like about the NNE area?
 - What is missing from the NNE area?
 - What would you change about the NNE area?
 - What is your “big idea” for the NNE area?
- **Next Steps:** Next Community Meeting scheduled for Fall 2025. Visit the plan website for plan updates and engagement events: <https://nearnortheast.sacomplan.com/>

STATION 1: Project Background & Near Northeast Existing Conditions

This station consisted of a series of boards and maps that provided general background about the SA Tomorrow Sub-Area planning process and more specific information on demographics and existing conditions in the Near Northeast plan area.

Near Northeast Community Area Project Boundary Map



SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan Background Board

SA TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

THE CHALLENGE: EXPECTED GROWTH

Bejar County is expected to add up to 1.1 million new residents between 2010 and 2040. If we're not properly prepared for this growth, the impacts could have significant consequences. To respond to the expected growth, three SA Tomorrow Plans were adopted:

- Comprehensive Plan:** Addresses land use, urban design, and municipal services to coordinate City resources and coordinate programs to promote sustainable, protected growth and provide more choices for current and future residents.
- Accessibility Plan:** Focuses on increasing levels of accessibility (economic, environmental, and social) which is critical for both the community and the mission government to achieve the overall vision of a sustainable San Antonio.
- Multimodal Transportation Plan:** Is for all modes of transportation, including cars, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians. It communicates the City's transportation strategy and vision, as a tool to make transportation priorities to best meet community goals.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Vision and Guiding Principles established in the Comprehensive Plan set a decision making framework to guide the growth and evolution of the City of San Antonio through 2040.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION

**SA TOMORROW
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
VISION FOR 2040**

"Our aspiration is to create a vibrant, equitable, and sustainable city that is a model for the world. We envision a city that is a leader in innovation, economic growth, and social justice. We envision a city that is a leader in sustainability, environmental stewardship, and cultural heritage. We envision a city that is a leader in community engagement, transparency, and accountability. We envision a city that is a leader in resilience, preparedness, and recovery. We envision a city that is a leader in quality of life, well-being, and happiness. We envision a city that is a leader in progress, achievement, and excellence."

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Growth and City Form
2. Transportation and Connectivity
3. Housing
4. Jobs and Economic Competitiveness
5. Community Health and Wellness
6. Public Facilities and community Safety
7. Natural Resources & Environmental Sustainability
8. Historic Preservation and Cultural Heritage
9. Military

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOPICS

In addition to setting a Vision and set of Guiding Principles, the Comprehensive Plan also discusses specific topics and sets goals for the entire City. The nine topics of the plan are:

1. Growth and City Form
2. Transportation and Connectivity
3. Housing
4. Jobs and Economic Competitiveness
5. Community Health and Wellness
6. Public Facilities and community Safety
7. Natural Resources & Environmental Sustainability
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STATION 1: Project Background (continued)

Sub-Area Planning Board


SUB-AREA PLANNING

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The SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan addresses wide ranging and interconnected citywide issues. As a long range vision for San Antonio, the Comprehensive Plan provides strategic direction for decision making and community investment.

Part of the implementation process of the Comprehensive Plan are Sub-Area plans for 13 Regional Centers and 17 Community Areas that collectively cover the entire city of San Antonio.

In total there are 30 Sub-Areas that together cover all of San Antonio and Planning Department develops six at a time over five phases.



WHAT IS A SUB-AREA PLAN?

Sub-Area plans provide a greater level of detail for a specific area and allow stakeholders the opportunity to give input for their part of the City. The Topics of the plan are:

- LAND USE**
A key goal of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is creating a land use map for the entire city that reflects the community's desired pattern of development
- MOBILITY**
This section discusses strategies and improvements that could improve getting around in the area
- HOUSING**
This section complements the Land Use section with specific strategies for housing in the areas
- Community Amenities & Public Space**
This section discusses future projects and policies for creating place where people have access to basic infrastructure, the outdoors, and cultural assets
- Economic Development**
This section discusses specific strategies for supporting businesses and connecting people to jobs

HOW IS THE PLAN ORGANIZED?

All Sub-Area Plans include a vision statement describes the desired state of a place in the future. With community support, an effective vision can influence decisions and inspire action to move toward that idealized future.

Goals further describe the outcomes that will support the realization of the vision. These, in turn, are supported by more specific strategies and actions that will implement the bigger-picture vision and goals. These strategies will involve specific proposed projects, programs, policies, and other means of achieving the community vision.


Vision and Goals
Covers the whole Sub-area

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Recommendations
Specific to each topic

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Strategies
List of ways to achieve the recommendations



Sub-Area Planning Board

SUB-AREA PLANNING

SUB-AREA PLAN PROJECT STAGES

The Sub-Area Planning process broadly happens in four stages. To begin, an analysis of existing conditions and the development of a vision and goals sets a platform for the plan. Next a more specific look at issues in the Sub-Area is included in Plan Development phase. Topic based recommendations and ideas for implementations are then set. Finally a draft Plan is prepared and made available for Public Review before the adoption process.


- 1 Analysis & Visioning**
Existing conditions; existing plans review; vision and goals; focus areas and corridors; Community Meeting #1
- 2 Plan Development**
Develop plan elements; focus areas and key corridors; transformative projects; Community Meeting #2 and #3
- 3 Recommendations & Implementation**
Action and phasing strategies; draft Plan elements; Community Meeting #4
- 4 Documentation & Adoption**
Public Hearings, adoption, final summary and ePlan

PHASE 4: SCHEDULE OF PLANNING TEAM MEETING

The development of the plan will happen during a series of Planning Team and Community Meetings, where participants and staff discuss the topics of the plan and review draft content together. In total four Community Meetings and 11 Planning Team Meetings are planned to take place over an 18-month to 2-year period.

TIMELINE OF PLANNING TEAM AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS [07/10/2024]

Planning Team Meeting 1 (July 11th, 2024)	Orientation SubArea Planning Overview Vision and Goals
Community Meeting 1 (TBD)	
Planning Team Meeting 2 (TBD)	Introduction to Land Use Confirm Vision & Goals
Planning Team Meeting 3 (TBD)	Introduction to Mobility
Planning Team Meeting 4 (TBD)	Introduction to Housing & Economic Development
Planning Team Meeting 5 (TBD)	Introduction to Community Amenities & Public Space
Planning Team Meeting 6 (TBD)	Introduction to Focus Areas
Community Meeting 2 (TBD)	
Planning Team Meeting 7 (TBD)	Land Use Focus Areas
Planning Team Meeting 8 (TBD)	Mobility Focus Areas
Planning Team Meeting 9 (TBD)	Housing & Economic Development Focus Areas
Digital Design Charrette (DDC) (TBD)	
Community Meeting 3 (TBD)	Community Amenities & Public Space Focus Areas DDC
Planning Team Meeting 10 (TBD)	Plan Priorities & Implementation
Community Meeting 4 (TBD)	
Planning Team Meeting 11 (TBD)	Public Draft Review



STATION 1: Project Background (continued)

Near Northeast Community Area QuickFacts Boards

Near Northeast Community Area Existing Conditions Atlas QuickFacts

PEOPLE

76,000: 2023 Population
 31,000: Households
 ~10,300 residents since 2010
 2.44 persons per household (+)
 26.5 years old: Median age (+)
 26% of the population: Children (19 and younger)(-)
 16% of the population: Seniors (65+)(+)
 49% of population: Hispanic (+)
 \$83,844: Average Household Income (+)
 41% of population: Earned Associate's, Bachelor's or Graduate/Professional Degree (+)

HOUSING

54% of housing inventory: Single-family detached and attached units (-)
 32% of housing inventory: Multifamily housing with 5+ units (+)
 49% of housing units: Owner-occupied (-)
 14% of homeowners with a mortgage: Housing costs greater than 30% of household income
 \$212,917: Average home sale price
 52% of renter households: Rent greater than 30% of household income (+)
 \$1,139: Average rental rate for an apartment/month (+)

ECONOMICS

24,900: Jobs in the Plan Area
 Retail Trade: Plan Area's largest employment sector (16% of total jobs in the Plan Area)
 Northeast Baptist Hospital: Largest employer
 51% of employment: Jobs with below average earnings of less than \$40,000 (+)
 94% of employees in the Plan Area: Do not live in the Plan Area
 72% of workers in the Plan Area: Commute less than 10 miles

LAND USE

After 1940: Majority of residential development
 Single-family residential: Dominant use (>50%)
 7%: Multi-family residential
 9%: Commercial use
 4%: Industrial use
 5%: Institutional use
 1%: Open space
 Less than 1%: Agricultural use
 6%: Vacant

TRANSPORTATION

Over 140,000 average daily traffic: Interstate 410 (2022)
 Frequent, Skip, Metro Cross-Town, Express: VIA Bus Routes: Services
 "Generally Adequate": Sidewalks and connectivity
 "Poor Condition": Pavement condition
 "Limited": Bicycle network

AMENITIES & PUBLIC SPACE

22%: Plan Area residents with walkable access to a supermarket (+)
 49%: Plan Area residents with adequate healthcare access via transit (+)
 23%: Plan Area residents with adequate walkable access to a park (+)

(+) = Higher than citywide (-) = Lower than citywide (Comparison included where data is provided)

PLAN AREA LOCATOR MAP

DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Near Northeast Diversity Index Score: 86
 Measured from 0 to 100, the Diversity Index represents the likelihood that two random persons in the same area belong to different race or ethnic groups. A higher Diversity Index Score indicates a geography is more diverse. The city has a diversity index of 94 and the Metropolitan Statistical Area has a Diversity Index of 83. This indicates that the Near Northeast Community Area is more diverse than the region as a whole.

Equity Atlas
 The City's Office of Equity created an Equity Atlas and Matrix, which establishes a composite 0-10 "Equity Score" tool that combines individual scores assigned to relative concentrations of ethnicity/race (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color - or BIPOC) and median household income. Higher Equity Scores (8+) represent areas that have the highest concentrations of both BIPOC and lower income households across the city (top 20%). There are no residential areas with a High Equity Score in the Near Northeast Community Area.

SA TOMORROW
 Near Northeast Community Area

Legend

- SA Tomorrow Sub-Area
- Interstate
- City of San Antonio
- Neighborhood
- Public or Private Park or Green Space
- SA Tomorrow Sub-Area
- City of San Antonio

Near Northeast Community Area Food Access Board

SA TOMORROW

Near Northeast Community Area Food Access

- High Equity Score Areas*
- Supermarkets
- 10-Minute Walking Distance to a Supermarket
- Residential Area Beyond 10-Minute Walking Distance to a Supermarket
- SA Tomorrow Sub-Area
- Rivers or Streams
- Public Parks
- City of San Antonio

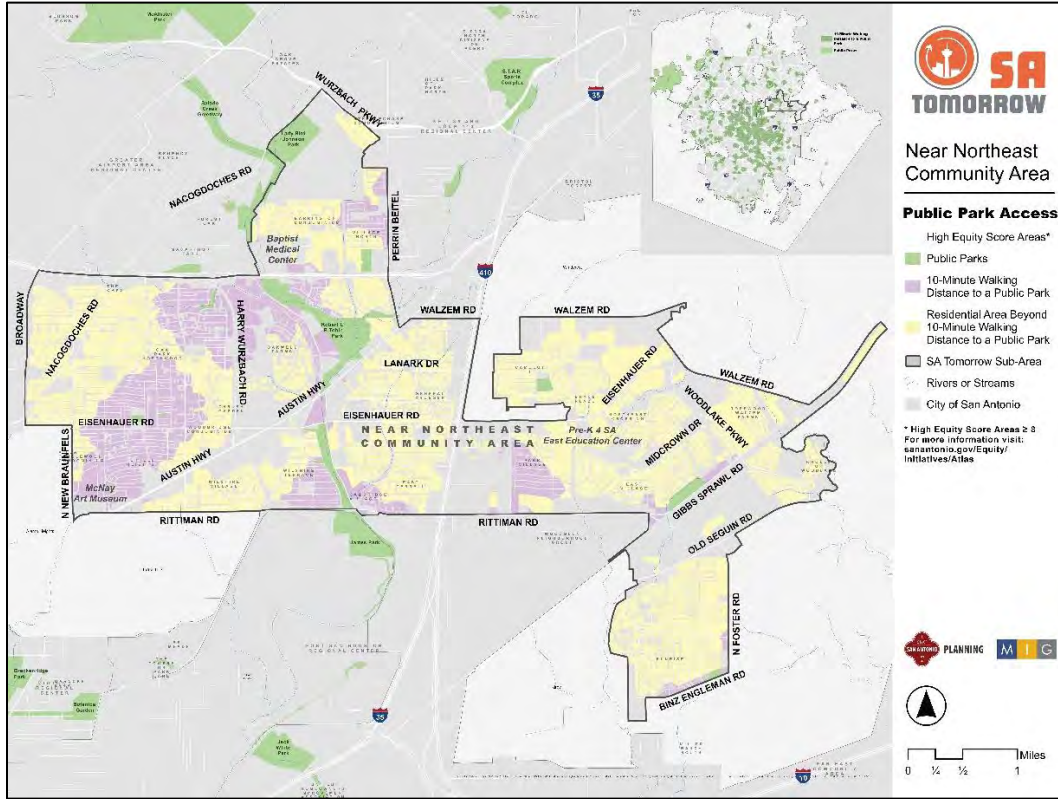
* High Equity Score Areas ≥ 8
 For more information visit: sanantonio.gov/Equity/Initiatives/Atlas

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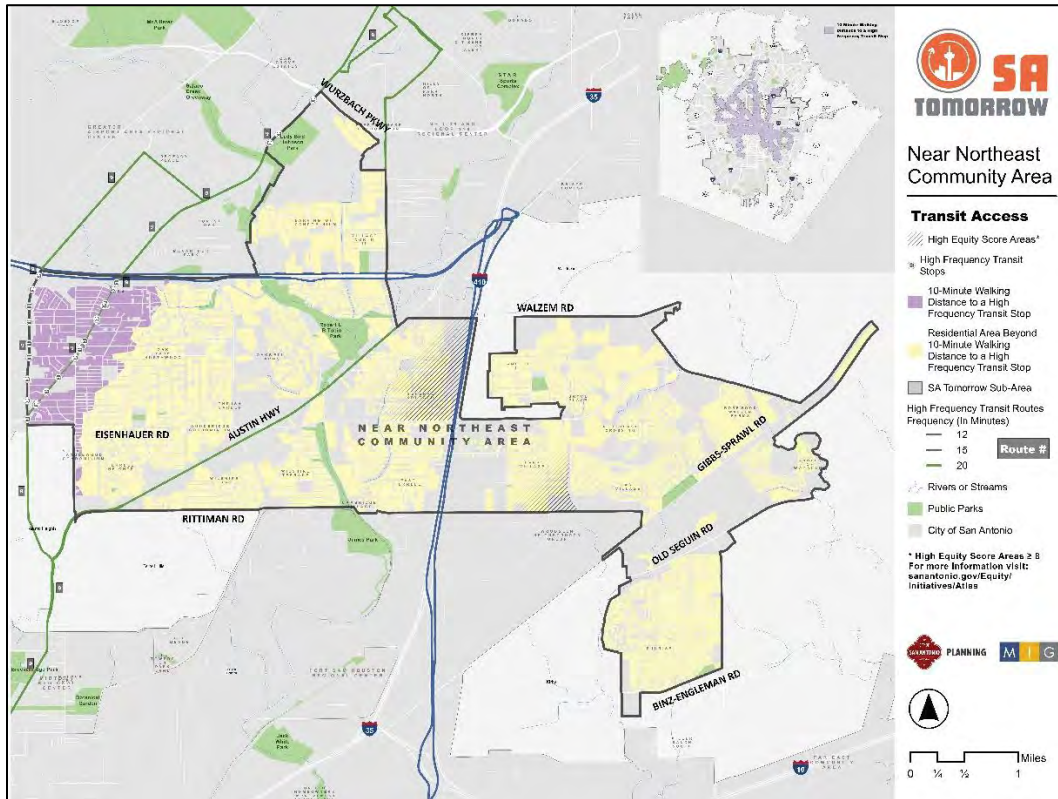
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STATION 1: Project Background (continued)

Near Northeast Community Area Park Access

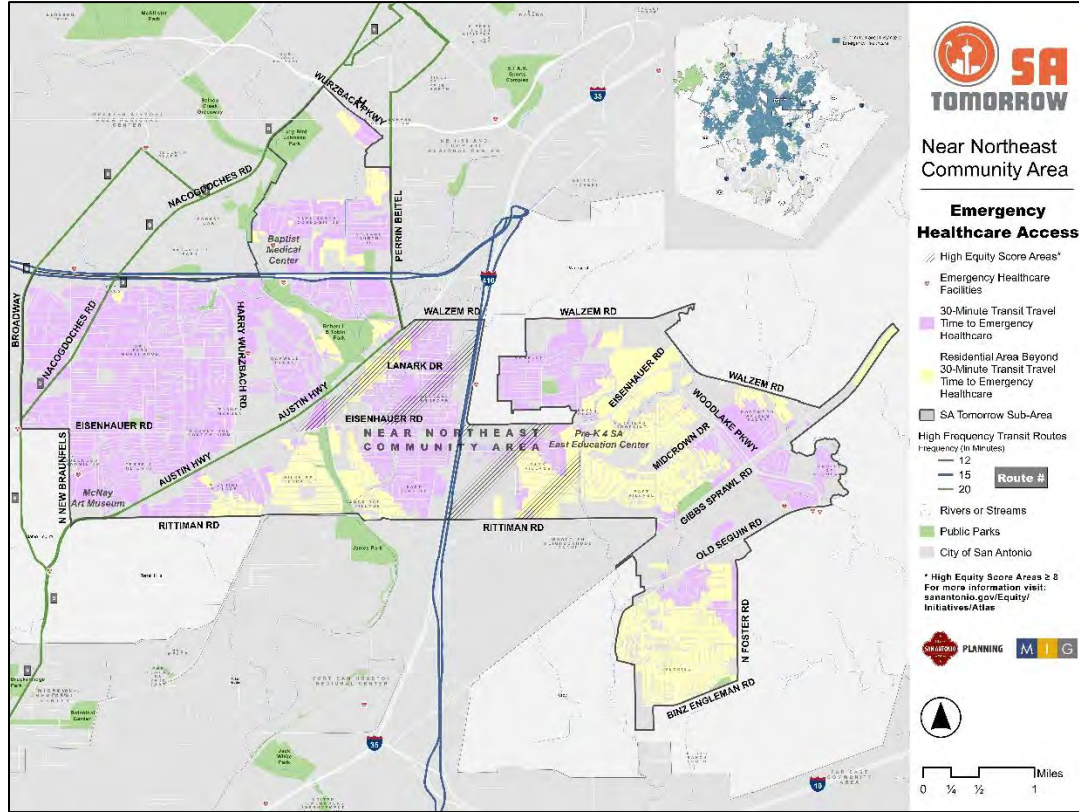


Near Northeast Community Area Transit Access



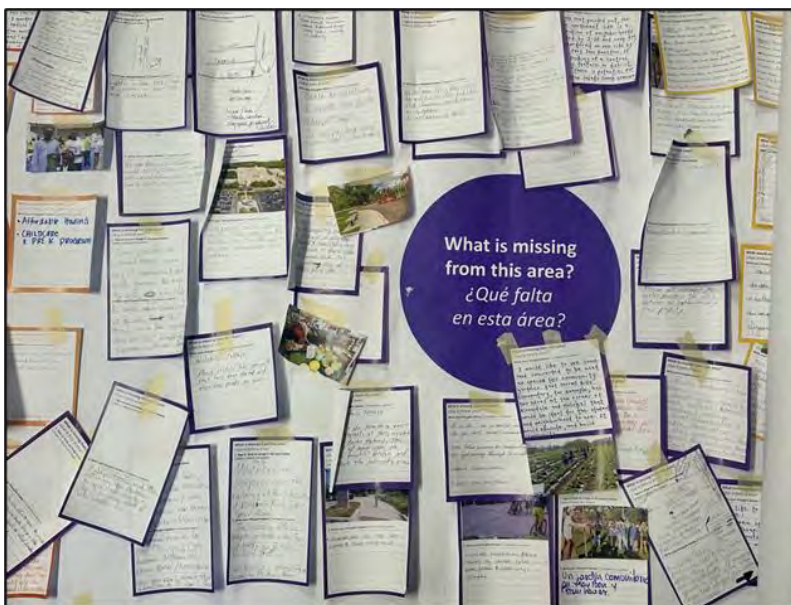
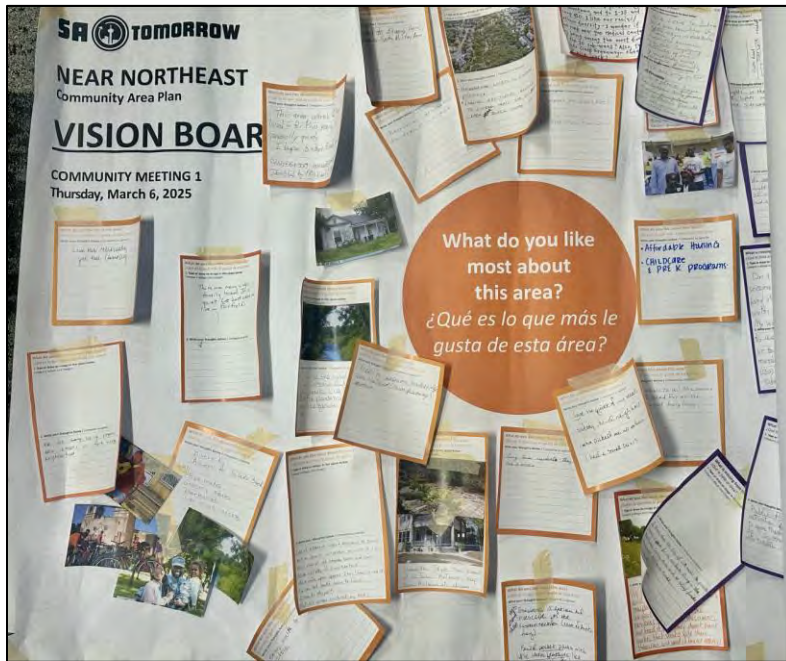
STATION 1: Project Background (continued)

Near Northeast Emergency Healthcare Access

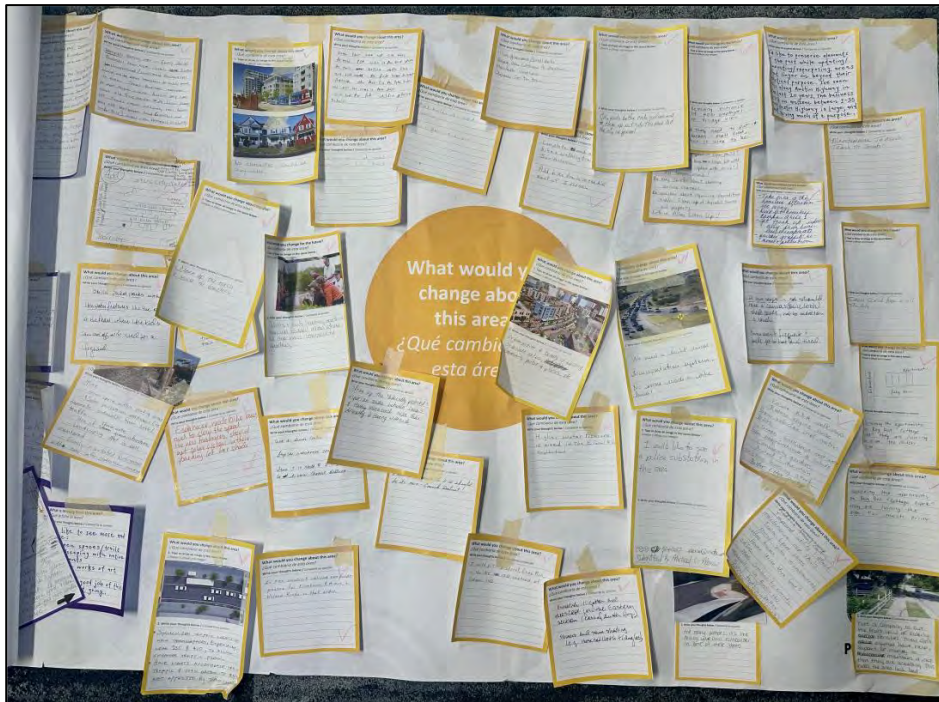


STATION 2: Visioning Board Station

The visioning station invited participants to write down and share what they like about the NNE area, what is missing from the NNE area, and what they would like to change about the NNE area. Stock images of development types, land uses, and amenities were provided to help participants illustrate their ideas. **Key themes from comments** included addition of green space, community gathering areas, and community/senior center; neighborhood and street maintenance; code compliance and improved aesthetics in public and private areas; revitalization of neighborhoods and commercial areas; addition of community-serving retail and services; infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists; railroad crossing improvements; homelessness and safety; improved lighting in neighborhoods and commercial areas [A transcription of all Visioning Board comments is attached at the end of this document.]



STATION 2: Visioning Board Station (continued)



STATION 3: Big Idea Station

The big idea station invited participants to write down and share their long-term, aspirational future vision for the NNE area.

[A transcription of all Big Idea comments is attached at the end of this document.]



STATION 4: Survey Station

The survey station provided another way for attendees to provide their responses to the questions posed at the Visioning and Big Idea stations - *what do you like about the NNE area, what is missing from the NNE area, what would you like to change about the NNE area, and is your “big idea” for the NNE area?* The survey station allowed attendees to answer these questions via an online survey hosted on the NNE project website (<https://nearnortheast.sacomplan.com>) or by hardcopy. The survey closed on Friday, March 14, 2025. [A compilation of survey responses is attached at the end of this document.]

STATION 5: Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)

Two representatives from TXDOT were available to provide information on the I-35 northeast expansion project (NEX) and answer attendee questions.

- The representatives passed out an “I-35 NEX Fact Sheet” that explained the project’s purpose, boundaries, and construction phases. The information provided on the Fact Sheet is available on the NEX project website: <https://www.txdot.gov/35nex>.
- The representatives also invited attendees to a TDXOT “Touch-a-Truck Event.” This is a family-oriented educational experience that provides children and adults the opportunity to get close to the machines crews use to build roads and bridges. The event takes place Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:00 AM to noon at 4342 I-35, San Antonio, TX 78218 (Google maps)/4342 N I-35 Frontage Road N, San Antonio, TX 78218 (Apple maps)



Next Steps

Staff will review feedback from the community meeting and the survey and develop a draft vision and goals for discussion with the NNE Planning Team. Planning Team Meeting #2 is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025. Community Meeting #2 will take place in fall of 2025.

Near Northeast Community Area Plan Information & Contact

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NNE Project Website: <https://nearnortheast.sacomplan.com/>

ATTACHMENTS

1. PowerPoint Presentation from Community Meeting
2. Transcription of Vision Board and Big Idea Board Comments (comments were transcribed as written; instances where handwriting or meaning was unclear have been noted)
3. Responses from online survey



Near Northeast Community Area Community Open House

Thursday, March 6, 2025

5:30-7:30 PM



Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
BevDe
Economic & Planning Systems, Inc.
Auxiliary Marketing Services
Hazard Planning and Development Services
Worldwide Language
424 City

Introductions



PLANNING

City of San Antonio Planning Department

- Heather Yost - Project Manager
- Chris Ryerson, AICP - Planning Administrator



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- Marco Hinojosa – Project Manager



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- Gretchen Roufs – Senior Project Associate

Traducción al español disponible en la mesa de registro

Open House Overview

Welcome! This is the **first of four** community meetings for the Near Northeast Community Area Plan

The **purpose** of tonight's meeting is to:

- Introduce you to the planning process
- Share your thoughts on the NNE's strengths, challenges, and opportunities
- Share your vision for the future of the NNE

Please visit the **information & input** stations (5:30 – 7:30 PM):

- Project Info, NNE Boards & Maps
- Visioning Board Station
- “Big Ideas” Station
- Survey Station



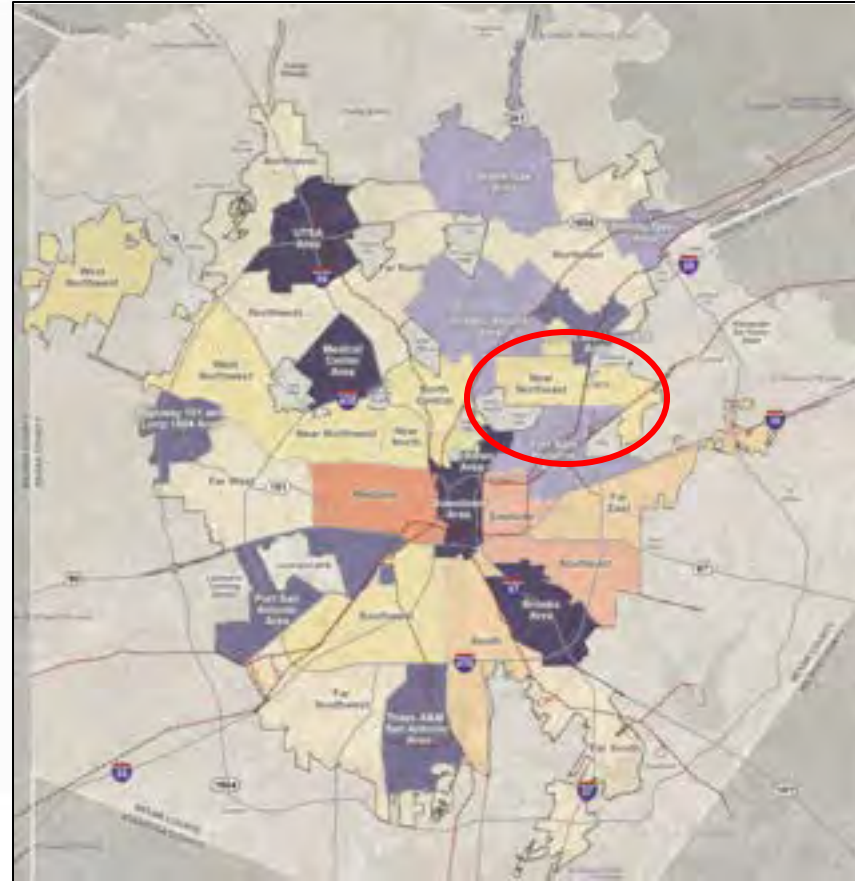
Proactive Planning: SA Tomorrow

- Bexar County population expected to increase by 1.1 million between 2010 - 2040
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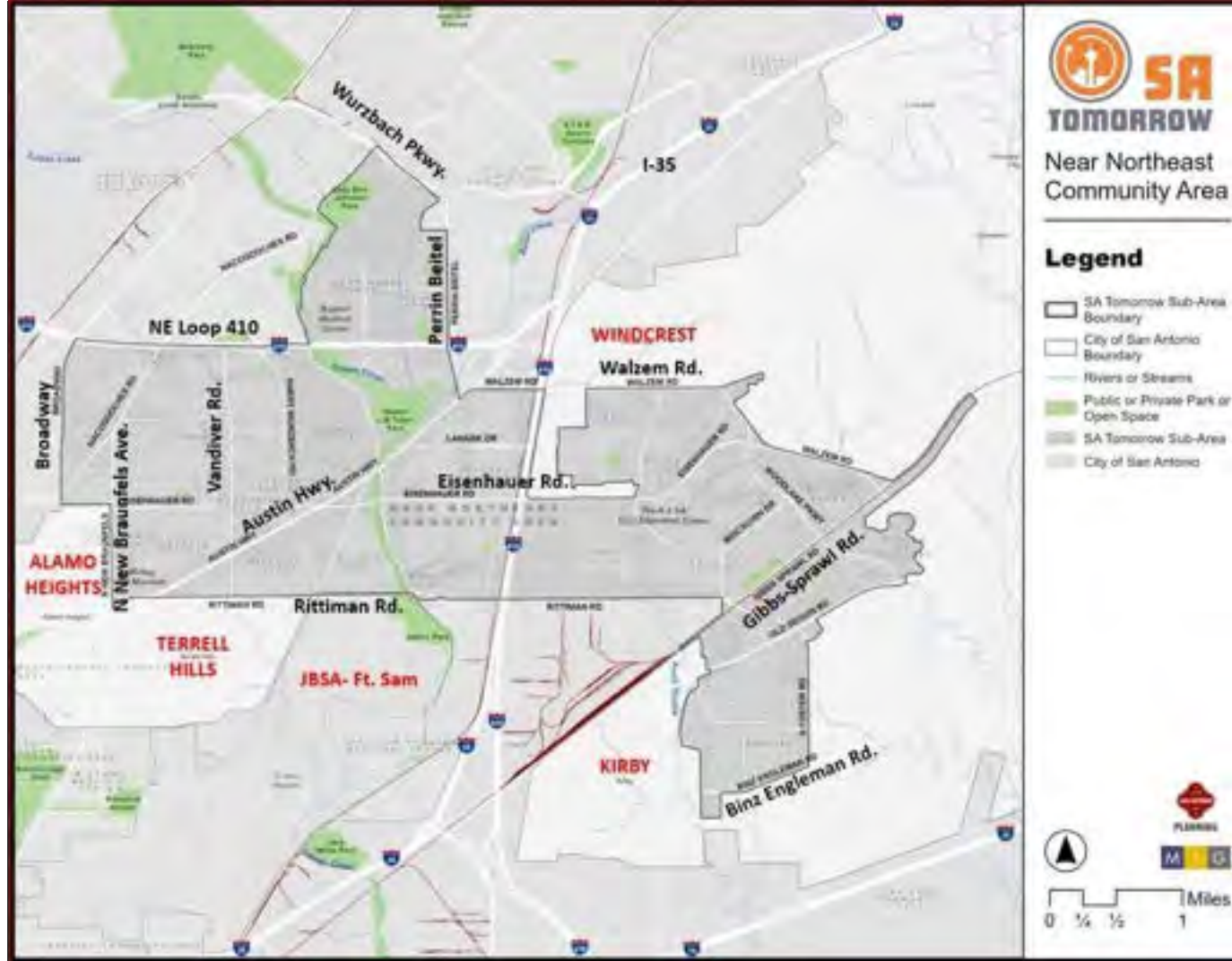


Sub-Area Plans: Near Northeast

- Key implementation strategy of the Comp Plan
- Cover many of the same topics as the Comp Plan, but at a greater level of detail
- Capture community's goals and priorities related to:
 - Land Use
 - Mobility
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - Amenities & Public Space
- Used to guide City's policy, program, and funding decisions over next 10 years
- 30 Sub-Areas Total



Near Northeast Community Area



How is the Plan Organized?

Example
Recommendations
from the Greater
Airport Area
Regional Center
Plan

Guiding Vision & Goals

Covers the whole Sub-Area



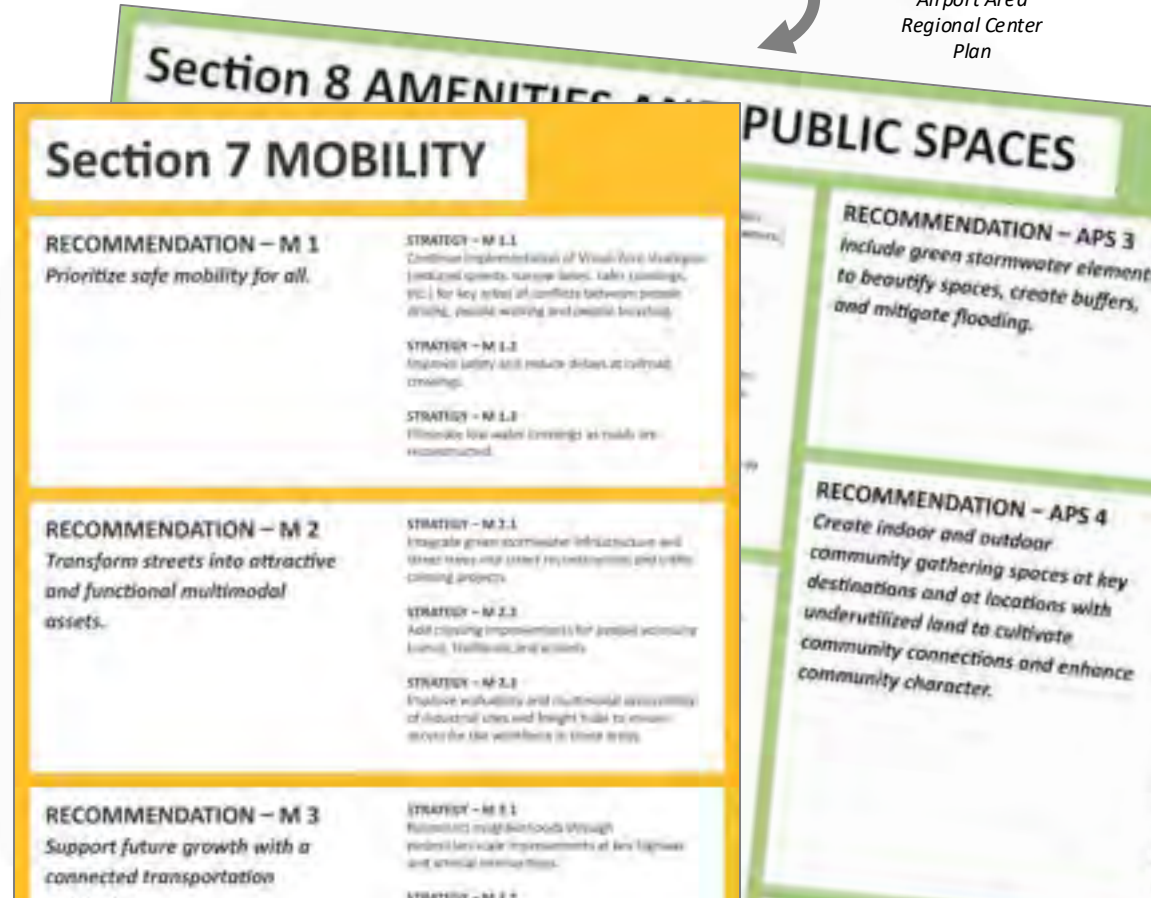
Recommendations

Ways each topic can contribute to achieving plan vision & goals



Strategies

Specific actions and outcomes to achieve recommended goal



Plan Development Timeline



Near NE Community Area Vision & Goals

The Vision & Goals are the foundation of the plan; they set general direction and guide discussion and decisions throughout process

Vision

Long-term, aspirational picture of what you want to achieve in the future (10-15 years)

Goals

Smaller, more defined outcomes that support realization of the vision

Developing Vision & Goals

We need your input tonight at Community Meeting #1!

- What do you like about the area?
- What is missing from the area?
- What would you change about the area?
- What is your BIG IDEA for the NNE area?

See display of initial ideas from Planning Team and online surveys received so far for inspiration



Next Steps

Friday, March 14: Online Survey Closes

- Please encourage your friends, neighbors, and colleagues to complete the survey

April – September 2025

- Planning Team reviews community input; drafts initial vision and goals; starts identifying themes, driving topics

September 2025: Community Meeting #2

- Draft vision and goals presented to community for review and comment

Contact Information

For questions or more information, please contact:

- Heather Yost, Project Manager
Heather.Yost@sanantonio.gov

Project Website & Link to Survey:

- NearNortheast.SACompPlan.com



Near Northeast Community Meeting #1 Visioning & Big Idea Station Responses

1. What do you like about the Near Northeast Community Area?

- More officers in patrol
- That its quiet
- I tend to find cheaper gas on this side of town. The new VA clinic is close to home. I love that we have a Pre-K 4 SA here and IDEA Walzem - I like that we have other school options besides the public schools.
- Took too long to start =(Need to do something about the homeless. They really trash area where they set up shop. More street work in General Krueger neighborhood; more public transportation.
- Affordable housing, childcare & PreK 4 SA programs
- Easy access to all the services that I need for all the activities of daily living. Live in NE Crossing.
- We have an area that had wildflowers and a neighbor complains and they cut it. We need information so the neighbors understand this area is needed and they don't have snakes that would bite them. These areas are needed for ecology. [pic of wildflowers attached]
- I like our area's proximity to downtown, and to I-35 and Loop 410. I like our racial/ethnic diversity - I wonder if we rank near the Medical Center as being among the most diverse of the 30 Sub-Areas? Also, the Salado Creek Greenway - nice work!
- The respect for kids and families. Love this. Feb 25 - Stop sign near school.
- Love the quiet of my street, safety, kind neighbors who picked me up when I had a small crisis.
- Long-term residents - they stay for awhile!
- [oops, sorry, wrong sheet] Establish irrigation and treescape for the eastern section (east of Austin Hwy); Build pocket parks with little water features like the one at Pearl, where kids can cool off without hiring a lifeguard.
- Neighborhood access to linear parkway. Provide additional access to linear trail via Walzem Creek and Black Swan Inn.
- Recreational opportunities for people of all ages
- Very convenient to shopping areas, schools, freeway system, military bases, etc.
- Access to museums, Brackenridge, Tobin Trailhead (linear greenway) downtown
- Character, style, You know it is San Antonio. Keep San Antonio its character.
- This area, which I've lived in for five years, is generally quiet. I hope it stays that way [name and contact info included]
- I love all the green areas in San Antonio and the bike trails I use them and after the pandemic I have seen the growth in their use.
- Lots of different roads and freeways to travel, not as much congestion as north of 410. Nice mix of old neighborhoods and new. Wide variety of architecture. More wide open spaces (ex - 1 house on large lot0. Larger set-backs house to house. Close to airport. Not all areas controlled by HOAs.
- Easy walk to grocery store
- Diversity; access to Salado Creekway; bus routes, grocery stores, pharmacies, auto repair - access
- There are many single-family homes. Its quiet (at least where we live in Fairfield)
- Love the relatively full tree canopy
- We are seeing progress - new streets on Park Village Neighborhood

2. What would you change about the Near Northeast Area?

- Terrible potholes - and I hate when they are [fit?] it looks tacky on the road - no care just slapped something there then it needs to be fixed soon after. Gibbs-Sprawl Rd & Castle Cross Dr is horrible, huge potholes to avoid, sometimes needing to creep into other lane. Not enough sidewalks.
- No one is taking care of the older neighborhood roads, it makes the area look bad. Homeless people at the street corners & their trash left behind. Graffiti is popping up all over, kids I know but the clean up needs to be faster.
- We have many complaints for the train - the new medians added on Midcrown.
- Luz(?) - Light sidewalks; keep the AT&T Center its history its our rodeo--and event center!!
- The many potholes. Its like driving your own rollercoaster on some these streets [pic with paved street and ADA ramp attached]
- Hire a company to cut the front yard of elderly families. They don't always have help, support, or money to maintain it, not that they are unwilling. This makes the area look bad. [Pic with trimmed yard attached]
- Maintenance to [much?] trash on streets
- To much trash here and all the city
- Removing the apartments on Ray Bon "Cottage Creek." They are ruining the area. Too much crime [drawing of corner of Eisenhower & Ray Bon with apartments]
- I'd like to preserve elements of the past while updating/renovating/repurposing areas that linger on beyond their practical purpose. I've seen this along the Austin Highway in the last 20 years. The business park on Walzem between I-35 and Austin Hwy is large, and not serving much of a purpose.
- Take care of the homeless situation - too many! Don't let homeless camps [acrete?]; Get trash up - [esplez?] ally from homeless encampments; quicker graffiti removal and prevention.
- Removing the apartments on Ray Bon "Cottage Creek." They are ruining the area. Too much crime.
- All bus stops in SA should have canvas (sailcloth) shade cover, not to mention a bench. Buses aren't frequent and people get so hot and tired.
- Ensure ADA walkways; reduce engine noise from vehicles and motor bikes; Green walkways east-west from neighborhoods to Salado; community gardens; protect and maintain existing housing stock; better litter pick-up.
- Reduce feral cats; improved utility and street maintenance - esp SAWS; fewer liquor stores; [more?] pubs, microbreweries, coffee houses; fewer drive-through food and coffee; more community events especially on Austin Hwy; slow traffic; better pedestrian safety crossings.
- I would like to see a police sub-station in this area [contact name, phone, and email on card]
- Establish irrigation and treescaping for the eastern section (east of Austin Hwy); flowers and some shading (e.g. those sailcloth triangles)
- Higher water pressure is needed in the the East Terrell Hills neighborhood
- We need a light mass transportation system. No more roads [or/on?] bike lanes!
- I would put my street, Cozy Run, in the NEISD instead of Judson ISD.
- Organization and beauty co-existing. Sidewalk cafes, community gather places, etc.
- City needs better code enforcement to clean up not only this area but the city in general.
- Removing entrance of HEB employees on Village View - they need to put it back on Fratt Road, how it used to be.

2. What would you change about the NNE Area (*continued*)

- Do not allow developers to over-build! (they want to buy a large lot with 1 house and replace with 10-12!) Its toooo much!; be very careful about allowing zoning changes; Be quicker about requiring demolition and/or clean-up of degraded homes and property. Enforce alley clean up!
- More green space/small parks; Bicycle paths/walkways for pedestrians; more/better stop lights; Overpass for the train!
- Complete and add to the walking trail around San Antonio. Add bike trails in the NE east of I-35 and 410.
- Potholes and add lighting. Light poles are out.
- Some places have no sidewalk; [hard to read handwriting]; the road have to many potholes after they fix the pothole a new one come in three days. We had to [?] children and park [?]
- Maintenance of trees hitting the light poles.
- Clean up the "federally protected" riparian area between Lowe's and Harry Wurzbach near their driveway at Harry Wurzbach.
- From I-10 N to D10 should be its own Council district!
- In time, construct railroad over/underpasses for Eisenhower, Rittiman, and Walzem Roads, in that order
- Need a senior center; stop the warehouse construction; from I-10 N to D10 should be its own council district.
- Adults and kids learning gardening. There are several areas where we can have a community gardens.
- No character; could be anywhere [pics of modern city scene and bungalows attached]
- Clean up trash; house the homeless
- There should be overpass so cars can get across tracks even when train is coming.
- Eisenhower needs bike lanes and to slow the speed. The new factories should get solar system in their parking lot for shade.
- Synchronized traffic lights on main thoroughfares. Especially near I-35 and 410, to allow smoother traffic flow; Have lights accommodate train traffic and turn green to traffic not affected by train closings.
- Homeless taking over in empty office/business that were closed. Empty unsupervised/surveillance business lots would invite other homeless to easily move in area. Small business incentives to keep them active. Austin Hwy area near old fire station #24, Lowe's parking lot, Salado creek crossing near Austin Hwy and Holbrook Road (overpass and underpass) area with homeless visibility.
- Add: Mini City Center (inspired by Sugarland Town Center, but with [?] streets AND discovery green in Houston. Local shops, no large big-box stores - possibly supported by an incubator for small/local businesses; community space/maker space [drawing with hotel, walkable streets, green space, local shops]
- Build pocket parks with little water features like the one at the Pearl, where little kids can cool off without need for a life guard.
- More green space within parking areas & safer pedestrian walkways (i.e. separate sidewalk from curb/traffic); use of stormwater green infrastructure; landscaping that is well-maintained; family-oriented businesses with easy, safer pedestrian access [picture with separated bike lanes, improved bus stop, landscaping attached]
- Lights on Austin Hwy between Walzem and Eisenhower. Many places have very low lights at night.
- Remove VFW on Austin Hwy has digital bright sign. Sign is low and make [driver?] loose side dividers and causes damage to cars driven. From Walzem to Lanark there have been accident, human casualties due to brief blindness caused by digital sign.

3. What is missing from the NNE Area?

- Walking trains [trails?]; a community garden
- Safety patrol - lots of break-ins and nothing is being done about it.
- There is nothing beautiful/artistic here. We need color, murals is something to enjoy like the Pearl. Some place family friendly, well-lit to walk around enjoy shops, food trucks, parks; beauty in both day and night. Just like you can walk around and see beauty at the Riverwalk. And major issue is that there is no school zone in front of IDEA Walzem. HUGE safety issue!!
- Overpass for the train @ Gibbs-Sprawl & Rittiman. That train is a menace.
- Green space and lakes [pic of water under fish bridge on riverwalk]
- Pleasant surroundings [pic of human-scale street w bike lanes, crosswalks, planted median with trees]
- Street lights and smooth roadways with proper white lines and yellow lines [pic of paved street with double yellow lines]
- Commuter train [pic of light rail train]
- Sport recreational area [pic of solar panel farm]
- Good public transportation [pic of improved bus waiting areas with landscaping & covered awnings]
- Resurfacing of the roads & making white lines for each lane; plant trees along the roadways; have owners clear their empty lots [pic of natural area attached]
- A commuter train, even just for a few stops (Alamo, Downtown, Airport) [pic of light rail]
- Public Art! [pic of mural]
- More sidewalks; parks w/ walking trails; beautification of area; a school zone in front of Walzem Elementary
- Public pool and splash pad, not just the one in UC
- Roads that look like this [pic of freshly paved road]; free of garbage and potholes
- School zone in front of IDEA Walzem; graffiti is not being cleaned up fast enough [pic of 20 MPH school zone]
- Murals, beautiful walking areas with lights just like this [pic of murals, landscaping, lights along creek/river]
- Would love to see beautiful art pieces around the area [pic of outdoor sculpture]
- More of these areas [pic of elevated hiking trail] near to each neighborhood with pedestrian and bike access to these areas.
- Mobility - pedestrian safety, sidewalks? - Northwood/Oak Park neighborhood
- Wilshire Terrace: Please get WalMart to better maintain the area between our neighborhood and their property
- Family restaurants and brew pubs; small green spaces to meet without homeless invading and trashing; green infrastructure to handle stormwater; alley greening/maintenance; Austin Hwy business association; small local manufacturing for economy and jobs.
- I'd like to see more and more: green spaces, trails; landscaping with native plants; public works of art; SA does a good job of this, let's keep it going.
- Full-service hotel; green space used for farmers market, outdoor classes, concerts (should have covers to protect against heat). This space could be easily transformed (think Discovery Green in Houston or Hermann Park's Hippy Hill Area; Skills center - possibly partner with NEISD for CTE courses, community courses, aftercare. Classes in sewing, cooking, basic mechanics, coding, piano, gymnastics, etc. This center likely sits in or next to green space, They work together and independently. Ex- community garden in green space & then classes that use food from garden in skills center. Gardening plots - community garden 1) neighbors can rent plots and take their food home or share with others 2) neighbors can secure fruit and

veggies from community garden for low to no cost 3) program to teach gardening for community members.

3. What is missing from the NNE Area (*continued*)

- Ray Bon and Eisenhower - there is a triangle of land that can be a community garden or basketball court for kids to play; tiny home communities.
- Un jardin comonidaro su Ray Bon y Eisenhower
- As Ms. Yost pointed out, the near NE site is a collection of neighborhoods divided by I-35 and Loop 410 and bordered by on one side by JBSA Ft Sam Houston. It seems lacking a central unifying feature or district, though there is potential. For example, the Salado Creek Greenway.
- More trees, more sidewalks, local pools, parks, farmers markets
- I would like to see some land converted to be used as spaces for community gardens. East Terrell Hills Elementary, for example, has two acres at the corner of Bloomdale and Molokai that would be ideal for the student and neighborhood to use. I would educate and build community. [pic of community garden attached]
- Need more lanes behind Alamo Heights Junior School on N New Braunfels for after school pick-up. It causes major congestion! More simple yield signs instead of stop signs or traffic lights. Do not waste millions of dollars on useless art projects, especially modern art metal sculptures which have no meaning or value! Need more parks and dog parks. Many roads need repairing! Need adequate water pressure! Need more enforcement of city codes for alley clean-up unkept homes & yards. Need more sidewalks; replace old water lines; need more street lights in neighborhoods.
- We need more police patrol without having to be called (police visibility). Code compliance needs to enforce all city ordinances. We need work on our streets.
- Speed bumps near schools; police presence
- A senior center! Or a multi-gen center for both youth and seniors!!; SAPD police presence in community, not just passing by for a call; improved animal control; a visit from the Mayor!!
- Encourage pedestrian & bike traffic by lower speed limits near parks & greenways to 20 MPH
- Neighborhood bus stops need shade & trash receptacles
- Wilshire Terrace: please do something about the vagrants at Harry Wurzbach and Austin Hwy. They set up house under the new beautiful bridge and trash the surrounding areas.
- Aldi food stores
- Provide access to linear park greenway by completing pedestrian walkway (serving as an alleyway) behind WalMart & Lowe's (Austin Hwy) across Harry Wurzbach to behind HEB to Holbrook Road/Salado Creek. This could be a walkway with sidewalks, trees, park, etc.
- Create an opportunity to update homefronts to support safety (i.e. for the house itself, for the "look" of the community)
- A community center. There should be a place where different groups could hold a meeting or activity.
- Shade cover at bus stop [drawing of HEB at Nacogdoches w/ Camellia & Hillside] Pocket park w shade, benches, playspace for young children.
- Solar panels on the parking lot. You'll have energy for the building and the cars won't be an oven when people finish working.
- Wilshire Terrace: Please install the sidewalks that have been started and pave the roads as well.
- We really need an overpass over the railroad at the intersection at Rittiman, Gibbs-Sprawl Road. The crossing affects people on both sides. Trains constantly go through, blocking traffic [contact info included]

3. What is missing from the NNE Area (*continued*)

- Lights in the Park Village and lights on Fratt Road and sidewalk [drawing of Fratt Road, Park Village, and sidewalk]
- We are missing a traffic light at Rittiman and Thornwood. Its hard getting out of our neighborhood at 7 AM and 5 PM.
- On a periodic or seasonal basis, some kind of unpleasant odor wafts through the area. My wife, who likes to walk, even encouraged us to wear face masks on a few occasions [contact info included]
- Public pool and other activities for children to give them things to do so they don't get into trouble.
- More green space and parks [pic of park with bench]
- This area is looking forward to the construction of the community center on Midcrown near Eisenhauer. Senior citizens center is needed such as the one at Thousand Oaks between Wetmore and Perrin Beitel/Nacogdoches [contact info included]
- We love San Antonio. We are newbies 1.5 years after 43 years in North Dallas/Plano. Love the museums and arts. Enjoying activities of our grandkids and people friendly. We are very active seniors. We plan to have San Antonio our final forever home fun place. We welcome growth for all comers {names included}
- I think the city of SA needs to provide more support for the residents living in Northeast Crossing area such as relief funds, homeowner assistance funds, Sincerely [name included]

4. What is your 'BIG IDEA' for the NNE Area?

- We need sidewalks in all NE
- Community gardens; water conservation; bike lanes
- To have green spaces within walking distances, an active community enjoying the benefits of well-being by using the linear trails; green spaces & parks
- Sidewalks in ALL neighborhoods (especially the poor ones)
- [participant drew picture that includes a free vet, dog gym, and bed car (bcar) that drives around your house while you sleep, hammack, and an attachment for your dog.
- Bury the power lines & establish a parallel graywater system (while the digging happens)
- [participant drew picture of a dog named Otis]
- My big ideas for the future are having more lights, new restaurants and stores, and more officers surveilling the area, in the Park Village neighborhood.

**Near Northeast Community Area Plan
Survey #1 Responses**

1. What do you like most about the NNE Area?

- Variety of development types, coupled with open/green spaces sprinkled throughout.
- I liked it because it was close to my work on FT Sam Houston, and that it was low in crime but now that I retired and the crime rate has gone way up to include shootings, neither of these are true anymore.
- Convenient access to Airport and major highways. It is not gated and there are no architectural controls.
- Close to highways
- Close to freeway, close to airport
- Far enough from downtown action.
- Convenience to many areas,, ft Sam, airport, downtown, etc.
- I dont really like this area. I've lived on other sides of town that I like much better.
- The part of the area that I live in is convenient to all my favorite places such as Central Market, Natural Grocers, Tobin Park trailhead, Brackenridge Park, the Pearl, etc.
- familiarity — have not lived more than 10 miles away my whole life. also, seems like there is much less traffic here than n some other parts ot town
- Close to the airport, various restaurants, proximity to major freeway
- Close to highways, airport
- Close to highways, military bases, restaurants, hospitals, and airport.
- Access to airport & highways; neighborhoods, parks, schools
- Affordable housing
- Close to IH35
- Location close to things
- Julia Semmes Library
- Grocery shopping options
- I have recycling available and that's important to me.
- Close to highways
- Close to airport.
- Close to the airport.
- Greenspace access, easy highway and airport access, diverse shopping & dining options.
- Interstate access and quiet area, close to airport
- My neighborhood and it's proximity to 78209 (shopping, medical, dental, entertainment)
- older, established neighborhoods with long time residents
- nothing
- Inner city location with easy access to stores, bus routes, Salado Creekway with an option to use the backroads or the freeways to travel about town. It is a mixed community with affordable housing tucked in between Alamo Heights and Terrell Hills.
- Parks
- Heavy greenery
- I feel neutral about it.
- Accessibility to roads & rest of city
- Wurzbach Parkway and Austin Hwy
- Able to easily access expressways.

- The trees, close to downtown, The Pearl, The Quarry
- Its location. It has easy access to downtown, Pearl, the Quarry and the Airport. Accessing 410 is easy to go to med center or to Austin. The neighborhoods are established and have character.
- HEB closeby.
- The PreK4SA East Center and its staff are commendable. However, I have reservations about the overall area due to the concerning high crime rate. This situation makes me feel uneasy about engaging in outdoor activities such as walking/running-78218
- There is a lot of tree canopy (in my neighborhood at least) and I can walk to 3 parks (1 private) and restaurants and stores easily. Easy access to public transportation
- Older houses with character and a mostly connected street grid (west of 410) that allows for easy navigation on bike or foot. Lots of neighborhood businesses
- I like that there are no/very few gated communities. The area is all very connected and allows people to explore and take pride in their whole neighborhood, not just their home.
- Ability to easily drive around the area without getting on highways.
- Easy of access to I35 and 410. Revitalized portion of Austin Hwy running from Eisenhower to Mount Calvary by Target. This offers shopping opportunities we lost when Windsor Park mall closed.
- Convenience to practically everything.
- I love that this area has a strong community and good schools. I love that there are local shops and restaurants that are easy to walk to in many parts of the neighborhood.
- The parks and amenities for kids
- I like the older homes and different types of homes. I like living near major stores and as well as many restaurants to dine in dine in
- Location and classic charm.
- Easy access to everything. Airport, stores, hospital and highways
- Easy access to IH35, close to downtown and the Forum shopping
- Close to IH35, easy access to downtown and 1604
- Central Location; close to airport easy access to 410 & 35
- I like the shopping centers near Austin Highway. I often go over that way to shop specifically at Target because the Target in my neighborhood closed down. I also appreciate the mature trees with canopies, lots of green spaces and parks in that area.
- Trees and quietness.
- I can get downtown without getting on the expressways. Convenient to HEB & Walmart. Small strip centers where I can shop. My neighborhood.
- Convenience and connectivity to greater San Antonio, downtown and I-35
- good access to heart of san antonio and generally low crime (in my area)
- Old charming neighborhoods.
- Easy access to highway
- Convenience
- Proximity to downtown; Diversity of population; Potential.
- I have enjoyed living in the area for many reasons bur lately it seems like crime is catching up. And I believe is because there is no police patrol, unless they are called. What ever happen to being pro-active.
- Easy excess to I35 stores, like HEB, WALMART, HOME DEPOT, LOWES etc.
- Proximity to downtown and close to amenities
- Close to highways so everything is fairly a short drive, and proximity to downtown.

- Midcentury architecture
- The trees and greenery. All the influx of buildings have made it uglier.
- Easy highway access, close to downtown
- Easy access to highway and downtown
- Central Location...Ability to avoid traffic on freeways through Austin Highway, but can still use the freeways when needed. Access to Harry Wurzbach and Wurzbach Parkway is also really nice.
- As development on Broadway grows, being somewhat close is really nice and fun. It is also far enough though, so it doesn't get too busy.
- traffic is not as congested as the northwest area
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- Proximity to highways, Wurzbach Pkwy, hospital, public transportation and Salado Creek Greenway Systems. Diversity of local businesses and large chains. Established neighborhoods.
- Easy access to HEB, Central Market, etc
- Trees, neighbors, HEB, safe streets, proximity to culture and travel
- It's very close to shopping area, military bases etc.
- I love this area because of the amount of schools nearby: Roosevelt HS, Ed White, Krueger, Camelot, Walzem, Park Village. This means a lot of activated spaces thanks to the kids in the area. This area has good parks, I wish it were more walkable.
- That District 10 has a conservative representative.
- Connectivity to other parts of the city. The businesses that are there.
- Easy access to services
- Easy access to some shops & highway
- This community in boasts cultural diversity and a strong sense of community. With parks like McAllister Park, convenient highway access, quality schools, and various local amenities, it offers a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere for residents.
- Oak park Northwood. I have lived here all my life.
- Easy access to the various highways.
- Convenience
- Easy access to many different routes and freeways. Close to airport. Less traffic congestion.
- Roads and residential areas are laid out so that they form distinct smaller community areas. Its not just one huge sprawling urban crush
- Roads and residential areas are laid out so that they form distinct smaller community areas.

2. What is missing from the NNE Area?

- New, attractive retail/businesses that are exclusive to the Northeast area (think Top Golf, etc.)
- Businesses that are attractive, movie theaters, restaurants including upscale restaurants, like in the stone oak area, not these hole in the wall restaurants that are falling apart from the outside that make our area look trashy.
- More police patrols
- Code compliance making sure yards are not ridiculously overgrown. Control of trash dumping and homeless people setting up camps in the greenbelt. Code compliance making sure houses & fences are not falling apart. Maintained roads. Lighting
- More Police patrols in the area, and definitely more lights in our streets. Some streets could really use speed bumps.

2. What is missing from the NNE Area (continued)

- I agree with the neighborhood patrols and not just speed traps! Actually driving around and engaging. I DO NOT want more speed bumps!
- Speed bumps, police patrols for violence and loud music, more attractive businesses, homes that are not rundown
- More parks and outdoor spaces.
- We are competing with the up and coming downtown, ikea/Forum area and even the West side. We need an influx of attraction-higher class restaurants and entertainment
- Upgraded roads and accessible parks. Good jobs for professionals. Updated, clean retail centers. Bike lanes, community centers, city pools and walking trails..
- Shops, supermarket, entertainment, upscale stores, lifestyle centers
- We need more restaurants, not just fast food.
- Speed Bumps on Hibiscus falls street.
- safe pedestrian movement
- I agree and more bike lanes
- Code compliance making sure yards are not ridiculously overgrown. Control of trash dumping and homeless people setting up camps in the greenbelt. Code compliance making sure houses & fences are not falling apart. Maintained roads. Lighting
- Better businesses, cleaner streets
- Bigger selection of dine-in eating options versus fast food.
- GOOD HOAs. The ones that exist now are only looking to make money and don't care about the people who are paying their dues.
- Proper animal control. There are SO many stray animals in the area. Also, there are so many trains that block roads for 15-30 minutes at a time which can be a safety hazard for emergency vehicles, as well as wasting normal people's time.
- Hospital.
- Additional SAPD presence and patrols, maintained bike lanes and pedestrian walkways, consistent pavement remediation including additional stop signs and lights to promote safer transportation.
- Movie Theater, nice grocery store, Restaurants
- Speed bumps on our street..lots of children in the neighborhood
- more great space. more walkable pathways
- I think you meant green space.
- More walkable pathways (that may or may not mean sidewalks but probably does). More lighted pathways. A gathering space/community center would be wonderful, similar to the city sponsored Senior Centers.
- Funding to help small businesses do "facelifts" that make their property more secure and beautiful. I see this for San Antonio based small businesses, not chains. Programming for youth and young adults in the community.
- More green space. More Walkable Pathways
- police patrols for vandals, violence, etc.
- police, clean restaurants, a feeling of safety
- In Wilshire Village there are no parks within a 10 minute walking distance nor safe, dedicated bike lanes or walking trails that lead to other parks including Salado Creekway. No breweries, live music or events along Austin Hwy.

2. What is missing from the NNE Area (continued)

- Parks within 10 minute walking distance from Wilshire Village, safe and dedicated bike lanes pedestrian walkways, appealing bus stops, landscaped/well maintained commercial areas, trash pickup b4 mowers mow, ADA compliant crosswalks
- Art, dance,
- Policing the homeless
- Walkability
- Classy, upscale businesses.
- Safety and controlled crime. Police presence and police response. Cleanliness. Decent restaurants instead of all fast food or unhealthy eating. Clean up of Austin Highway area!!
- Code compliance
- More police patrols. Code compliance for abandoned cars in front of homes (on the public street). Tow that trash!
- Sidewalks, drugstore, street lights
- Wendy's and pasive park. Hospital.
- I would like to see a library close by comparable to the mission library. I would like to see better playgrounds/pool and trails along with emergency posts. Upscale restraubts/bars and other places to bring the community together.
- The development of a community center in close proximity like the Mission Library. This center would provide residents with access to improved recreational facilities, including playgrounds, swimming pools, and trails.
- Greenway trails, bike lanes, more sidewalks and pedestrian crossing areas.
- Outside the residential, street-wise this area is missing aesthetics. There needs to be way more trees and native landscaping. Too many wide open expanses of asphalt and parking lots. Lots of ugly office parks, bland strip malls.
- Parks, community center, hiking
- Everything necessary for a good life except access to doctors. It is not a planned community. It's nothing.
- Road maintenance and police presence.
- More elevated dining. We are inundated with fast food. We could use better shopping options like a Huebner Oaks shopping center. We need a larger police presence due to large number of Homeless in the area.
- Green space/public pool - it would be nice to see a park open such as Lady Bird Johnson Park.
- Bike lanes, street lighting, homeless services for Austin Hwy area, wide sidewalks, street drainage
- We are missing sidewalks and good street lighting.
- A more robust police presence, petty crime is becoming excessive. A more uniform aesthetics appeal to streets, curbs and shrubs along major roads.
- Safety, police presence, street lighting. I hear gunshots EVERY DAY. Greenbelt frequent patrols. The last time I used it I was harassed by person who appeared to have mental issue. Code compliance too many overgrown trashy. Restaurants not fast food.
- Public or neighborhood swimming pools, high quality shopping, well maintained roads, TREES
- Public or neighborhood swimming pools, walking trails, easy access to parks and natural areas, well maintained roads

2. What is missing from the NNE Area (continued)

- Reasonable access across the railroad tracks!!! There's only 1 road that circumvents a railroad crossing and hundreds of cars go through there every day. It's in terrible condition full of potholes and is only a 2 lane road.
- Agree! It seems like every day I get stopped by a train that literally comes to a stop for 10-15 minutes and there's no road to go around it!
- Safety, pride in homes and lawns, trails and walking areasThe roads and sidewalks are terrible! Crime has increased there is no regulation on business signage and upkeep
- I would like a lot more parks and green spaces. We could also benefit from more bike lanes and pedestrian friendly streets. There's also constantly noisy train horns so it'd be nice to get it marked as a quiet zone, no more train horns blaring.
- Blvd and street cleanliness. There is a terrible litter problem.
- Sidewalks and safety areas for pedestrians.
- Reducing homeless mess on Austin highway, sufficient police presence to reduce gunshots. Austin Highway could be so much nicer with nicer businesses if the shoulders were improved as a separate bus and bike lane
- sidewalks and what there are, are extremely narrow (e.g. Nacogdoches) and not well maintained. Just try to walk/bike on the side of Nacogdoches!!
- sidewalks and small public parks
- Parks
- Control on rent of land for mobile home communities and apartments complexes
- Handicapped accessible sidewalks
- more parks; a central business district; a unique identity; community partnerships with public schools and vocal support for public school teachers and support staff
- Area feels trashy, high levels of homeless foot traffic on my street, litter, discarded grocery carts. Character creating businesses, art galleries, music venues, theatre
- Bookstore
- I feel most of it is not a walkable community. It would be nice to be able to go to the store without having to drive. Some areas need sidewalks.
- I feel like activities for children I have to drive to. Living in town, we walked to libraries, golf lessons, museums. I get that's part of suburban life but options like community centers etc would be great
- Things for children that are in walking distance. When I lived in town, I could walk to libraries, museums, sport lessons. I know it's the suburbs, but even a community center with educational, cultural, and physed options would be nice
- Good Road Design. Austin Highway and other roads need better pavement and road design. There have been a high number of near misses because right of way isn't clear (for visitors and residents)
- Improved safety features. Whether it's street lighting, increased patrol, or increased access to public services
- At least within the 410, I am surprised and disappointed there is no community center. At the very least a community gathering space would be really useful and better than the strip malls littered across Austin Highway. A place to eat, walk, \$ relax
- In the area between I35 and 1604 there seem to be fewer small community parks and bike/walking trails. These encourage outdoor activity.

2. What is missing from the NNE Area (continued)

- Newly paved roads/sidewalks/bike lanes. Litter clean up effort. Homeless population assistance/control. Police presence to deter reckless speeding and gun discharges. Better street lighting. Uniform business exterior and greener landscaping.
- Speed bumps, road maintenance
- Greywater use, buried power lines, cool places to meet, greenbelts for walking.
- More police visibility and code compliance to enforce city ordinances because the city overall looks like a dump after the city mgr. got close to 4 million dollars or more to clean the city. City leaders having talking about more police officers ?
- Walkable spaces please. There needs to be protections for pedestrians on major roads (Eisenhauer, Binz Englemann, Rittiman, Walzem, Harry Warzbach, Perrin Beitel, Nacogdoches). I want protected bike lanes that incorporate planters with native plants
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- Sidewalks on streets where people actually walk.
- A sense of happiness and life. Newness, a sense of economic strength and growth.
- More walkable areas in the community. More bike trails east on I-410 and bike lanes on roads
- Parks, sidewalks along Eisenhauer
- Animal Care Services, due to all the stray and roaming animals, we have a public health and safety crisis on our hands. Additional efforts toward sustainability and eco-friendly practices could also benefit the community.
- Restaurants other than Mexican.
- FM 78 needs to be paved again. More sit down restaurants. Better lighting on FM 78. More police patrol.
- A transformative idea like
- Nothing
- West of I-35 there are fewer small community parks, bike/walk trails; is there any community center in the area?
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3. What would you change about the NNE Area?

- Infrastructure improvements. Major thoroughfares such as Binz Engleman Rd. & Rittiman Rd. need serious attention. Additionally, business facades could be improved to appear more appealing.
- Get Code enforcement to actually do their job on both homeowners and businesses that have trash all around the outside of their property, overgrown grass, buildings and homes falling apart, get more sidewalks , lighting, improve parks, streets,
- Make area and city part of a full blown School voucher program to give freedom of choice in education to parents
- Streets need to be repaired. Lighting added. Control of trash, homeless people, and houses/fences that are falling apart
- First off the some streets need to be redone, some repaired. Control trash dumping in the area, homeless and panhandles in the area.thee city bringing homes and yards up to code, many need much cosmetic repairs on the exteriors, and fence replacement

3. What would you change about the NNE Area (continued)

- Better upkeep of roads and exteriors of buildings/homes, homeless individuals/camps, less loud music at night, speed bumps
- Initiate a neighborhood protest to have city do a needs assessment.
- More parks and outdoor spaces.
- Homelessness is increasing, needs to be addressed. Area is looking worn
- Incentives for new, nicer businesses to establish a presence here. More single family homes and fewer multifamily units being built. Add a large city park with pool, playground, dog park, walking trails, etc. And plenty of shade trees
- Better street scape, litter control, road maintenance, police patrols, homeless shelter
- Street conditions, better lighting.
- Desperate upkeep on Heather Pass road. Street has been so bad, it hasn't been fixed in over 15 years.
- Streets need to be repaired. Lighting added. Control of trash, homeless people, and houses/fences that are falling apart
- Better lighting
- As many others are stating, the streets need to be repaired, lighting is almost non-existent and should be added. I for one would love to see homeless shelters built so the homeless will no longer be homeless.
- More policing. Better animal control to pick up strays. Resolving the absurd train situation, where trains block road intersections for 15-30 minutes at a time.
- Make a tunnel beneath the railroad stop on Rittiman Rd & Gibbs Sprawl Rd.
- The train stop on Rittiman Rd.
- COSA Code & Building Permit cohesiveness to promote and provide well-planned communities proper SAPD patrols, rotating roadway renovations, installing solar-powered street lighting, adding safe pedestrian and bicycle lanes & aiding homeless souls.
- Homeless, lighting, road repairs, train crossings
- clean up trash, graffiti, homeless camps
- continue to repair the streets, help with the homeless population, bring in nicer businesses,
- Reduce noise, add greenspace and landscaping especially along walkways, improve placement and type of bus stops, ensure that there are alternatives for homeless in the area and enforce loitering laws.
- Street repair. Street clean up and landscaping. Funds to help home owners beautify, upgrade their homes
- Street lights, sidewalks
- Expand parks
- Better lane marking/stripping on roads, better street signs & numbers everywhere, better sidewalk maintenance
- Not sure.
- Add code compliance officers!!!! Wilshire Village (particularly E of Vandiver) is full of renters and/or owners who will not take care of their properties. My neighbor screwed 4 X 8 used plywood onto the fence in between us & it's not a violation???
- Make corporations (Target, Walmart, Lowe's) be accountable for their abandoned and stolen shopping carts. Make them put wheel locks on the shopping carts to keep them on their property.
- The unhoused population is getting out of control. The colony living under the new Austin Highway bridge at Harry Wurzbach was out of control. They were forced to move and just set up elsewhere in the area. We need more enforcement for squatters.

3. What would you change about the NNE Area (continued)

- I would like to see a library close by comparable to the mission library. I would like to see better playgrounds/pool and trails along with emergency posts. Upscale restaurants/bars and other places to bring the community together-78218
- There appears to be a high concentration of warehouses and homeless individuals in the vicinity. Some of the commercial buildings are out dated and falling apart. -78218
- less large business development. More green space. More public transit connectivity
- A way to get through Fort Sam! More trees, more parks and a swimming pool in the area. Wilshire Village is right next to commercial areas but with no access.
- Homeless along Austin Highway and I-35
- Add more bike lanes, slow automobile traffic, take control of Austin Highway away from the state, better connect the neighborhoods east of Salado Creek and South of 410 to the greenway
- Put a fence up along the Kingston drainage ditch running from Moana to Salado creek to keep the Homeless & kids out of the ditch and the tunnels starting at Eisenhower & Kingston. This suggestion came from our Safe police officer.
- Removal of motels on Austin Highway, general cleanup of businesses/area to create a safer space to walk/bike ride. Completing neighborhood sidewalks (Terrel Heights) as we are close to the school.
- Needs improved infrastructure in all areas, street improvements, sidewalk accessibility, public transportation, city parks
- Add some more community centers for various age groups.
- More police presence, streets need to be repaired, homeless and vagrants need to be addressed, clean up Austin Hwy.
- Fewer strip clubs. Better road repair. Access road in front of Tobin Park just repaired and has huge dips and uneven road.
- More trees, less trash. More single family homes, less multi-family, better maintained roads, better access across railroad tracks to ease traffic
- I would love to see lawns being maintained homes repaired and clean All the sidewalks are broken and unsafe and overgrown where are my tax\$\$ going?!
- Eisenhower needs repair from New Braunfels to Andover!
- I constantly hear fireworks and gunshots going off. I'd like more patrols of police to cut back on crime and make it safer to go out at night and in evenings. Also more bike lanes and green spaces and parks.
- Develop a litter abatement plan.
- An ordinance to remove old vehicles that will run again. Less car traffic or speed humps.
- Austin Highway needs to be improved. If we make the shoulders look good (bus and bike lanes), it will be more attractive to establish nicer businesses. Also need to improve the homeless situation
- Create a unique draw for area that draws in pride & responsibility for area, discouraging illicit activity, homeless settlements and antisocial behaviour. Can garbage cans be added along road, can there be a grocery cart collection program
- Traffic on the larger roads adjacent to the neighborhoods is not well controlled, so nowadays due to the population increase it's difficult and dangerous to enter those roads from the neighborhoods
- Probably add more lights to slow the traffic down.
- Repaving nearby Broadway and cross walks.

3. What would you change about the NNE Area (continued)

- Streets need to be fixed, some communities in the area like mobile homes, etc. raising their prices with the excuse of expenses they need more accountability from the city, idolize the abandoned structures around for shelters or something useful
- Add streetlights
- plant more trees; establish community gardens on the grounds of public schools; extend the SPARK park relationship with NEISD; organize some volunteer opportunities for clean-up and beautification.
- Put Austin Hwy back the way it WAS! Renovations made it so bad to drive south to HEB or Walmart that I AVOID it. The area between HEB and the Harry Wurzbach overpass is a NIGHTMARE, and between Lanark and Perrin-Beitel is dangerous due to dividers.
- More businesses and quality restaurants. Green area with splash pads for families to visit since it is hot most of the year. Make communities walkable to be able to go to stores without driving. Yes! more police patrol.
- Use of greenspace in medians and such.
- Move away from fast food and strip malls
- It feels like the city doesn't care about this area. People dump trash, dogs, and everything in between for some reason in our neighborhoods. I have seen my neighbors step up, but there's only so much we can do. We need the city to care
- Better roadway and traffic design. It should not be this dangerous to drive in a mostly residential neighborhood.
- Convert some of these empty strip malls into a community area. Whether it becomes a park, event venue, afterschool program, community garden, etc.
- Better planning of I34&Walzem commercial area to improve traffic flow. It's too bad that Roosevelt HS is squeezed into that commercial area rather than located in a more residential area.
- Repave neglected lower income neighborhoods like General Kruger and add sidewalks for ease of walkability especially near schools. Animal control for strays. Provide better sanitization efforts, streets and Parks are littered with trash constantly.
- Street maintenance for the love of God
- Address issues of rambling homeless folks under overpasses and around the Jim's at Perrin Beitel, roadways, etc. - they should get food and have a place to sleep.
- Also, specifically, I would love to see a pocket park at the lot across the street from the Oak Park HEB (Nacodoches near Cave), where people could take a lunch break or play w/ their little kids.
- I would concentrate on cleaning it up and add more police patrol.
- Less warehouses please! They contribute to poor streets. Walkable spaces please. I want to see more protections for pedestrians through protected crosswalks and shaded areas. Plant more native species. More lighting for later at night.
- Too many homeless people. I know this is a widespread problem.
- House those who need housing, invest in public spaces, get mental health resources to all who need it
- Make more walkable and bike friendly communities
- Leads business parks and the crime. When I 1st moved here, Eisenhower had more nature now it's all gone for business parks. It would have been better to convert to nice nature park for families
- Enforcing code compliance, clean up trash, repaved streets and sidewalks, enhance safety by increasing police presence, and expand ACS to include a satellite shelter with ACO's on this side of town - enforce and educate on responsible pet ownership!

3. What would you change about the NNE Area (continued)

- Need more code compliance officers.
- Police presence. Too many car break ins
- Security
- More home subdivisions and less apartments.
- Urban renewal for area bounded by Rittiman, Austin Hwy, Walzem, I-35. Better east-west flow of traffic across the I-35 corridor and railroads
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4. What is your vision or what are your “big ideas” for the NNE Area?

- Sports garner a lot of attention, so a community center for year-round activities could reduce crime and be an opportunity to generate revenue for the city.
- Look at Stone Oak area and get some ideas there with all the nice landscaping to include landscaping rocks and water fountains/features, parks with basketball courts and pools or some type of water feature, upscale restaurants, better shopping stores
- Clean area without lots of trash, homeless and houses that are falling apart. Maintained streets that don't have lots of potholes
- Well getting things fixed by the city like this new dangerous medians they have added recently in the community. A sidewalk connecting NEC to the Kardon park. Fixing the Gibbs Sprawl Rd. A faster plan in place with the railroad situation here.
- Remove the new dangerous medians medians here, a sidewalk connecting NEC to Kardon Park, a soon resolution to the railway here that causes so much traffic for so long. The train horn at all hours. Making this a safer community.
- We need a quieter neighborhood! Loud blaring train horns all hours of the night keeps people up!
- Agree about the medians! They installed new medians on Austin Hwy and made traffic MUCH more dangerous! PLEASE REMOVE THEM betw Harry Wurzbach and Perrin-Beitel.
- Better landscaping, curb appeal for businesses and homes, no homeless, no trash everywhere, no train horn in the middle of the night, no loud music from neighbors or cars, more speed bumps,
- More parks and outdoor spaces.
- Less warehouses and more family friendly higher end entertainment and eateries
- Make our side of town nice to live on. Being working class doesn't mean we have to live with terrible roads and crime. Raise the standard and give us nice stuff in our own neighborhood.
- Lifestyle destination
- Safer public transportation, mass public transportation into downtown (railways)
- Safe and secure for the future generation.
- No big ideas...just good infrastructure and basic municipal services.
- Community pool.
- Shelters for those who need them, public swimming pools with LOW fees for families, parks that actually have SAFE facilities for all.
- Build several community centers w/ splashpads, sports courts & free-/low-income after school enrichment programming, build bridge over Gibbs-Sprawl Railroad, add SAPD patrols & perform "clean sweeps" to manage litter, homelessness & Code Violations.
- No homeless, code enforcement, no more wear houses, less lower income homes

4. What is your vision or what are your “big ideas” for the NNE Area (continued)

- Warehouses
- clean up homeless camps; make parks and recreational areas safer and cleaner
- Vibrant commercial center that provides goods, entertainment and services to the residents and tourists; where families can feel safe to shop, walk, spend some time and use public transit. Maintained homes and commercial properties trees/landscapes
- Support an Austin Hwy business group, secure a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone to assist businesses especially smaller ones to repair properties. Assist homeowners with a more robust program for repairs especially for seniors, create a senior center.
- Picturesque. Walkable with green space and places to connect with community members. Space for young people to play, learn and commune. Space for small businesses.
- Crosscollabortaion primate sector with art and artists
- Better street appearance of buildings, more inviting & attractive, more landscaping that is not installed & then allowed to die
- Major employment centers.
- To look at the comments (mostly clean up, homeless, people not taking care of property, code compliance...) and actually DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! Why do only the rich get to have nice neighborhoods? :(
- The corporate stores on Austin Highway need to be better neighbors. Their trash and abandoned shopping carts are out of control in this area.
- More native landscaping and less boring large lawns. More trees and solar panels in parking lots.
- If they were to once again allow traffic through Fort Sam on Harry Wurzbach and N. New Braunfels it would be huge economically. Connecting Terrell Hills and Bel Meade to Mahncke Park and the Eastside. Would bring re-investment to the area.
- Re-route the train that stops traffic on Walzem, Eisenhower and Rittiman along I-35
- Convert Eisenhower Flea Market into a Peral like concept with housing, shopping, etc. and tie it to the Tobin Green belt along Salado creek. More access points to the Tobin trails along Salado creek are needed and clean up of homeless camps.
- General improvement noted in comment 3. More patrol to reduce theft would be helpful as well - I can recall at least 5 incidents within a 1-mile radius of theft.
- I envision improved roadways, wide sidewalks, a community green space with a pool and pedestrian sky bridges to cross over Austin highway better connecting these neighborhoods and allowing safer crossings for the high volume of pedestrian traffic.
- Affordable housing. Lower taxes
- Better crosswalks and sidewalks on Austin Highway and Rittiman Road as well as adequate lighting.
- Better planned improvements. Trees planted at Eisenhower and Harry Wurzbach were not cared for and most are dead now.
- Create a natural area with playground, walking trails and public pool that is well maintained. Streets and sidewalks kept in good repair. Noise ordinances in effect to minimize noisy neighborhood parties.
- I would love a dog park to be added to the area and more restaurants that are small businesses pet friendly patios to eat on! Maybe some hiking trails to be able to go out on on weekends to get in nature. We also need more spay neuter clinics.
- Needs an outdoor park with an ampitheater for arts and music.

4. What is your vision or what are your “big ideas” for the NNE Area (continued)

- Help older citizens with repairs on their homes. My hometown in Iowa gives low interest loans to people who cannot afford repairs.
- Transit oriented development along Austin Highway. More nice restaurants, retail and bars along Austin Highway. Improving the homeless situation
- Clear some areas within the neighborhoods for some small parks, add sidewalks, and widen existing ones off the major roads, and make more bike friendly!!
- Getting rid of the homeless and blight .
- Better streets, lower crime, safe areas, more help for mental health and handicaps, etc.
- Community gardening; keep working on the development of an identity; don't give up on attempts to bring members of our community together; stay unashamedly 'Blue' in these four shit years to which we are being subjected. I mean it— don't back down.
- Northeast Music Festival, cultural area or something cohesive that esthetically ties in to area
- Limit ADUs, we have a parking problem already. Prevent outsiders from buying houses and renting them. Require people to conceal their rolling bins. We didn't used to see trashcans till we got rolling bins, now it looks like a SLUM!.
- Green spaces with shade and splash pad for families to enjoy with basketball courts and skate parks like Lady Bird Johnson Park. Better entertainment options along Broadway other than bars and more local and unique businesses along the road.
- I personally would like to own a business in the area. Seeing potential in creative businesses, great restaurants and services and would like to be part of that.
- We aren't Broadway, We aren't Tobin Hill, We aren't Southtown. What we need is to improve our strengths - better landscaping and curb appeal, walkability, safe streets, and the ability to support the small businesses we do have and those to come.
- Be sure to preserve enough green spaces to make the area not feel congested and keep commercial districts of high quality.
- A light rail that starts at the top of Austin Hwy and ends downtown Broadway. Affordable Housing. Well maintained roads, sidewalks, bus stops and bike lanes. Well lit streets. Clean parks and streets.
- Better streets, please I'm begging
- Buried power lines, greywater irrigation pilot project, a few small hotels for visitors and/or homeless, and specialty stores/bars/food trucks. There are no fun places to go out at night that I know of around there, but more than plenty of offices.
- Again more police patrol without having to call.
- I want a maximization of green spaces. I want more pedestrian and bike infrastructure. We don't need our major roads to be seven lanes wide. Make the lanes smaller to incorporate more pedestrian safety. Rumble strips and table tops to slow folks down
- Medians do not make traffic safer. We're stuck with them on Austin Hwy but don't put them anywhere else.
- Hiking & Mountain bike parks in the green capped landfills
- Landscape, let speed/ speed bumps. A lot of the communities have 35 MPH speed limits which makes it impossible for kids and families to play. The increase in business parks increased spring in the communities
- Creating a more compassionate and connected community through empowering residents to be responsible pet owners and more considerate neighbors.
- Bike lanes, and more outside parks

4. What is your vision or what are your “big ideas” for the NNE Area (continued)

- The train on Rittiman road stops a lot. Things for youth to do. A tech center to be leisure but yet enhance learning. More shops and sit down restaurants. Enhance police patrol. Paved roads more lighting.
- Texposition
- Do NOT allow developers to buy a large piece of property with ONE house on it and demolish and/or replace it with 6 or more! DO NOT OVERBUILD!
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