

## PLANNING TEAM MEETING #6 SUMMARY

### South Community Area

**Meeting Date:** January 23th, 2023  
**Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Stinson Municipal Airport, 8535 Mission Rd

#### Planning Team Attendees

Brianna Anzaldua (Southside First)	Brady Alexander
Gabriela Cadena (Southside First)	Jane Henry (MSJNA)
Rosanna Castoreno (Southside First)	John Gonzales
Mike Sidoric	Theresa A. Ybanez (MSJNA)
Cecilia Mendiola	Maricela Diaz-Wells
Pete Ortiz, Jr.	Chris Villa (District 3)
Morris Martin (Aviation)	Rosa Guia

#### Planning Staff & Consultant Team

Krystin Ramirez, Project Manager (MIG)	Chris Ryerson, Planning Administrator (CoSA)
Hanna Santiago, (CS)	Debora Gonzalez, Project Manager (CoSA)

#### Meeting Objectives:

The purpose of the sixth Planning Team Meeting was to focus on Mobility assets, needs, and challenges for the South Community Area and to start prioritizing mobility opportunities. This is the first of two Planning Team meetings dedicated to mobility issues.

#### Meeting Format

The meeting began with a round of staff introductions and a recap of the plan timeline. We then went over the meeting objectives and revisited the potential Focus Areas which will be discussed in more detail in Planning Team meeting #7. Next, our consultant Hannah Santiago from Cambridge Systematics (CS) discussed Mobility Goals, Assets and Challenges and facilitated a group discussion that included prioritizing mobility opportunities.

#### Mobility Challenges Discussion

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

- Reduce speed limits in neighborhoods to 25 MPH from 30 MHP (will require State legislative changes)
- Curtailing speeding vehicles and racing must be prioritized, largest issue of safety

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- Car Clubs and Street Racing needs to be distinguished Speed bumps are ineffective
- Holistic approach to improvements: make existing streets safer and have arterials that can provide pedestrian and bike traffic access and protection
  - Look to the Floyd Curl Green Street in the Medical Center for inspiration and a good example of how to transform streets
- Increase access from Neighborhoods to the San Antonio River Trail
- East-West connectivity across the area is lacking
- Railroad tracks/crossings should be evaluated/improved at S Presa Street and E Southcross, and on Military Drive just west of S Presa Street
- Overflow parking on the streets turns streets into one-way roads, Planning Members are concerned that this doesn't slow down vehicles and there needs to be more enforcement mechanisms (ticketing, etc.)
- Roosevelt from E Harding Blvd to March Avenue can badly flood and not drain for many hours
- Roosevelt south of 410 from Villa Coronado to Mission del Lago, TJ Max distribution center, etc. is one of the worst roads for safety in the area – no safety islands, no lighting (problem is it is a State [US] Highway, so hard to make progress on desired changes; and speed limit signs are only advisory)

### Prioritizing Mobility Opportunities Discussion

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

- Need connectivity across Presa and Hot Wells
- Military and Presa railroad tracks - need overpass for traffic to flow over the tracks
- Train impediment limits moving people and constrains moving goods
- Option to have railroad tracks to be used at night and establish commuter rail that could use tracks during the day
- S Flores Street between Southcross and VFW Blvd [turns into E White Ave from Mission Road to S Flores Street] - crashes have occurred due to poor lighting
- On Roosevelt crosswalk improvements to be added and approved bond already, but lag in development allows problems to continue
- Enforcement of vehicles not using lights during evening
- Poor lighting on Southcross
- Need general connectivity from West to East side of the plan boundaries Presa & Southcross tracks need underpass to help traffic move & to help people walk or bike cross under with a separate sidewalk next to the new underpass safely

### General Mobility Feedback:

- Focus on East-West connections
- Reference San Marcos for adding biking to streets
- Ped/Bike Bridge at Roosevelt and Riverside is from 2017 Bond Project
- Riding VIA bus - concern for safety isn't when you ride the bus, but while you are waiting
- Concern about stray dogs



**Next Steps**

- **Planning Team Meeting #7: Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023;** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Stinson Municipal Airport Conference Room: 8535 Mission Road
- **Design Charrette: Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023;** 5 pm to 8 pm  
Stinson Municipal Airport Conference Room: 8535 Mission Road

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

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