

PLANNING TEAM MEETING #7 SUMMARY

South Community Area

Meeting Date: February 27th, 2023
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Stinson Municipal Airport, 8535 Mission Rd

Planning Team Attendees

Margie Pena (Harlandale-McCollum NA)	Yolanda Diaz
Sara Beesley (Audubon Center)	John Gonzales
Rebecca Boysen (WHO)	Olga Martinez
Jen Osborne	Brianna Anzaldua (Southside First)
David Arciniega (Parks)	Karla Vasquez (ArchSA)
Christine Jacobs (NPS)	Maricela Diaz-Wells (VIA)
Karen Bishop (SARA)	Cecilia Mendiola
Mike Sidoric	

Planning Staff & Consultant Team

Krystin Ramirez, Project Manager (MIG)	Chris Ryerson, Planning Administrator (CoSA)
Saul Vazquez, Sr. Project Associate (MIG)	Debora Gonzalez, Project Manager (CoSA)

Meeting Objectives:

The purpose of the seventh Planning Team Meeting was to discuss Focus Areas and Amenities & Public Spaces. This was the first of two Planning Team meetings dedicated to these topics.

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 our consultant Krystin Ramirez did an overview of Amenities and Public Space Elements and revisited Equity Maps developed for the South Community Area showing food, employment, and park access. During the final portion of the meeting, staff guided group discussions on each of the individual Focus Areas and provided an overview of the Neighborhood Profile and Priorities.

Amenities & Public Space Elements Discussion

Krystin Ramirez opened this section by showing the Future Land Use and Mobility Maps and provided an overview of previous discussions and how stakeholders could start thinking about Amenities and Public Space element recommendations and placement. Major takeaways from the group discussion include:

- To remember that “parks” can mean different things to different people (playground, trail/trailhead, open space, etc.); consider WHO will utilize it and what amenities are most needed for that group?

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- Why are we talking about new parks when current ones are unused?
 - At SA Five Diamonds [part of Stinson Park] the gates are often closed, limiting access to the park and the only dedicated parking area for all of Stinson Park.
 - There are some scary street crossings to access Stinson/SA Five Diamonds Park that should be improved.
- How do we define trailheads?
 - Just access to the trail or do they provide more amenities, such as bathrooms, parking, etc.
- Wayfinding/Signage: more signs are not necessarily helpful... Downtown can be very confusing.
 - What is often more helpful is Ambassadors who can provide assistance (like Centro or some of the SA Trail Ambassadors).

Focus Areas Discussions

Major takeaway comments from the stakeholders' group discussion on each Focus Area include:

Near Roosevelt Ave and Riverside Dr.

- The current bridge is not safe for pedestrians or bicyclists.
- Public Works is working with TxDOT on a separate pedestrian/bike bridge at Riverside on the west side of the auto bridge.
- This location would be an ideal place to apply to concepts of the [Trail-Oriented Development Place Type](#)
- This is an ideal place for a Gateway entrance and parking access for the River Walk Mission Reach Trail – since this is the one place where Roosevelt is close enough to the trail.
- Ped crossings and lighting should also be improved, keeping the nearby bus stops in mind.
- General Principle: Provide more neighborhood access to the River Walk Mission Reach Trail.

Near Roosevelt Ave and E. Southcross

- Safe crosswalks are needed in every direction.
- Especially at Bustillos Drive/Padre Drive intersection – San Jose Apartments, future Lifshutz mixed-use/apartments, Las Palmas, and Family Hair Salon, local school bus stop.
- The Bond Project might take some parking along Roosevelt that business have been using on TxDOT right-of-way.

Roosevelt Ave South of Mission Marquee

- From Mission Road to the next traffic Light (Bonner) the road still always floods (even though it is on a hill...).

Roosevelt south of Loop 410

- TxDOT is working on Project in Villa Coronado area (Loop 410 to Mission del Lago) to improve pedestrian safety: possible sidewalks; three crosswalks (1 traffic signal and two Z-Crossings/flashing Ped lights).
- Along FM 1937 south of TJX distribution Warehouse 300 more homes are planned.
- Further south... between Martinez Losoya Road and Loop 1604 a possible new grocery is planned?



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- Behind the TJX Distribution Warehouse – a large park is planned connecting to trails and Cassin Lake.

Pleasanton and S Flores

- Could be a gateway opportunity to explore – opening to the Southside
- Some type of public art, perhaps tied to the historic nature of the Toudouze Building
- Possibility of utilizing the drainage culvert for a trail connecting to SA River Mission Reach; for the stretch between S. Flores and Pleasanton it could be on street level along the dead end on Mildred Street; and along the drainage it could connect to SAISD Sports Complex/Luther Burbank High School.

South Presa Corridor

- Comments for a Boutique Hotel and/or tie into Hot Wells.
- The railroad is a barrier between S Presa and the SA River the whole way.
- This limits development opportunities in some cases because of limitations on ingress/egress
- Currently no sidewalks on S Presa mostly on the South portion, along the stretch sidewalk is missing on some blocks. 2017 Bond project will provide corridor improvements and pedestrian enhancements along S. Presa St. between Mitchell St. and S.E. Military Dr. to add sidewalks, bike lanes, and traffic signal improvements on: 1) Riverside Dr. / Hot Wells Blvd., 2) Southcross Blvd., 3) Fair Ave.

Mural Notes – Please find mural notes images included below.

Next Steps

- Digital Design Charrette – March 29th, 2023
Stinson Municipal Airport Conference Room: 8535 Mission Road
- Community Meeting #3 - TBD, week of April 17th, 2023

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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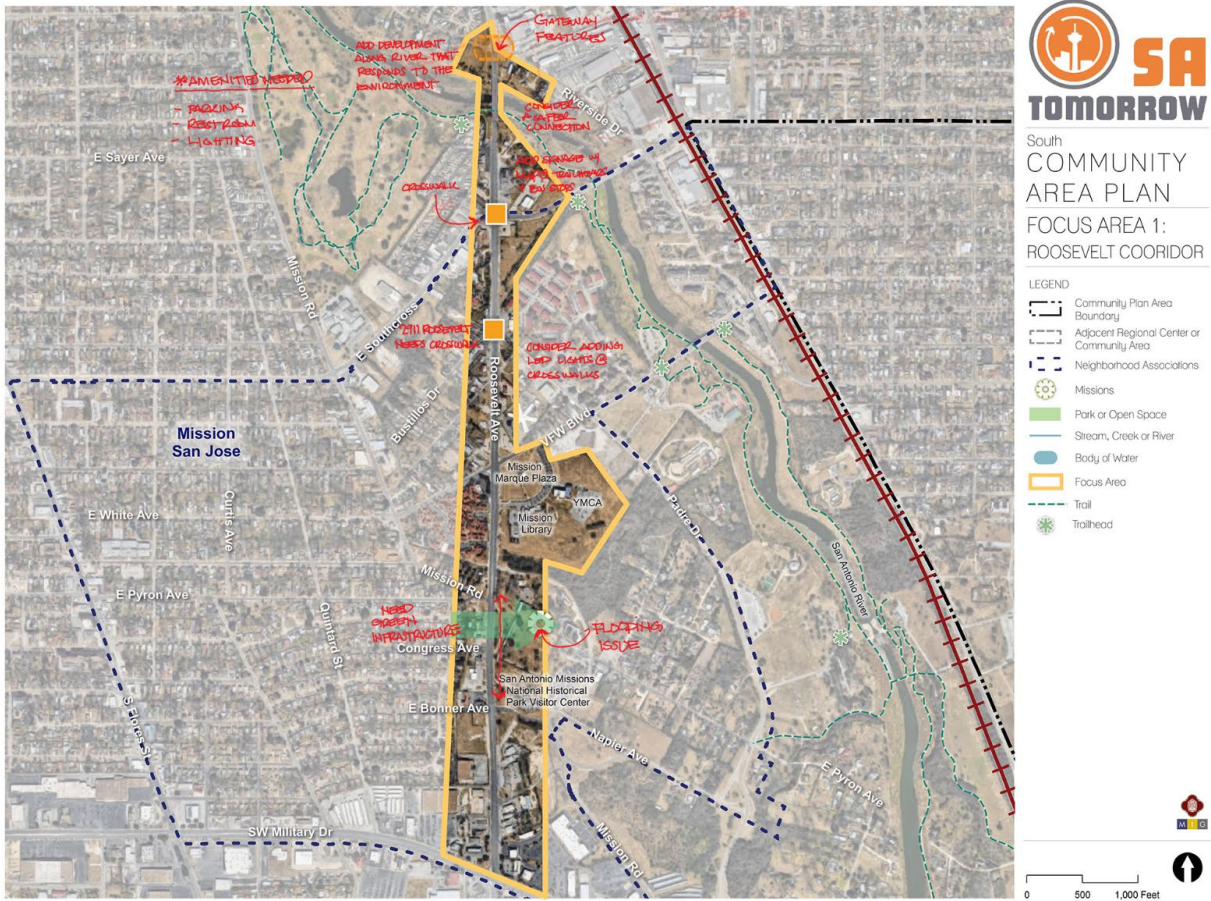
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Mural Notes

ROOSEVELT CORRIDOR



PLEASANTON & SOUTH FLORES



SOUTH PRESA CORRIDOR

