

MEETING SUMMARY

Texas A&M San Antonio Regional Center Virtual Check-In Summary

Meeting Date: August 13, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Location: WebEx Virtual Call

Attendees:

Christine Viña, VIA

Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Texas A&M-SA

Thad Rutherford, SouthStar Communities

Mirley Balasubramanya, Texas A&M-SA

Raul Olveda, District 4

Trevor Liddle, Texas A&M-SA

Krystin Ramirez, MIG

Ana Villareal, COSA PLNG

Iris Gonzales, COSA PLNG

Meeting Objectives:

The purpose of the Virtual Check-In was to update and check-in with planning team members since the last Planning Team Meeting in February (Planning Team Meeting #11). The virtual meeting format is in response to restrictions on in-person gatherings due to COVID-19. The meeting also provided an opportunity for Planning Team members to re-connect and become accustomed to the Web-Ex meeting format, as it will be utilized for the remainder of scheduled planning team meetings. The Project Manager also conducted a brief tutorial on accessing and reviewing the draft plan content on the sub area plan website.

Meeting Format

The meeting began with staff introductions and followed with an update to the revised plan schedule. The group was also asked to begin considerations for Plan Framework topics and ended with a virtual “walk-through” of the updated website with plan content, and how to provide feedback on the draft plan sections.

Revised Project Schedule

The revised project schedule has three added meetings, including the “check-in.” The additional meetings will re-visit mobility and the draft mobility section and recommendations, followed by a meeting to discuss the Amenities and Public Spaces Section, and Focus Areas and Transformative Projects section and recommendations. The following meetings will be to discuss the Plan Framework Map and the final meeting to review the public draft of the plan.

During the time between planning team meetings, Planning staff will conduct community outreach through virtual platforms, text-based surveys, online correspondence, and a series of Virtual Office Hours in which the Project Manager will be available for discussion related to the plan and the plan recommendations.

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The plan is tentatively scheduled for public draft release in February 2021, followed by a virtual community meeting tentatively scheduled for March 2021. The Administrative Draft and the Public Hearings for adoption are tentatively scheduled for June or August 2021.

Plan Framework

The Project Manager introduced the concept of the Plan Framework Map. The Plan Framework map identifies and shows the interrelatedness of key physical concepts and strategies in the plan. These include priority focus areas, mixed-use corridors, recommended streetscape improvements, enhanced trail connections, pedestrian crossings, gateway opportunities and priority mobility routes. The team was asked to begin to consider identifying and prioritizing items that should appear on the plan framework. The group was shown an example of the plan framework map from the Medical Center Area Regional Center Plan. The project manager stressed a major component of the Medical Center Area Plan was transportation, and therefore most of the map had highlighted recommended transportation related improvements. The group was asked to consider major themes in the Texas A&M-SA Area Regional Center, and how they could be visually represented on the Plan Framework Map.

Website Walk-Through

The project manager displayed the sub-area website: <https://texasam.sacompplan.com> and navigated through the homepage to show the team how to access the draft plan content and leave feedback. The team was also directed to the “Documents Library” where all previous planning team meeting presentations and summaries are available for review.

The plan content can be accessed by clicking the Menu tab at the top right-hand corner of the homepage, then clicking on “Draft Plan” which displays a drop-down menu with links to different plan chapters. The draft Development sections are available by clicking the “Plan Framework Tab”, which loads a new page with tabs to access the Housing and Economic Development sections. (Menu > Draft Plan > Plan Framework). The team was notified that additional sections will be added leading up to future planning team meetings.

The purpose of making the sections available online is to allow the public and the planning team to review plan content in pieces, rather than posting the entire plan and requesting feedback. The goal is to gather more detailed feedback on the sections. The team members were shown the bottom of the page that allows users to provide feedback. The project manager also encouraged the team members to provide feedback directly through email. Following no further questions, the team was briefed on the next steps, and encouraged to contact the Project Manager with any follow-up questions.

NEXT STEPS: Planning staff is continuing to draft plan sections and will post to the website when available for review. Staff is also exploring ways to collect plan feedback through virtual platforms, including text-based surveys. The next Planning Team meeting will be to review the draft mobility recommendations, during the week of September 23rd.

Meeting summaries and presentations will be available on the sub area plan website: <https://texasam.sacompplan.com/>



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