

MEETING SUMMARY

Texas A&M San Antonio Regional Center Planning Team WebEx (Mobility Recommendations)

Meeting Date: October 1, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: WebEx Virtual Call

Attendees:

Art Herrera, VIA

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Meeting Objectives:

The purpose of the Planning Team Meeting was to recap the previous Mobility Planning Team Meetings, from October 9, 2019 and December 10, 2019, to understand how the Mobility Recommendations were developed. A brief tutorial of the website section and the draft recommendations was also provided by the Project Manager.

Meeting Format

The meeting began with staff introductions and a review of the project timeline and planning team meeting schedule. Then, the team was guided to the consider.it website where the Housing and Economic Development recommendations were available for comment. The majority of the meeting was focused on the Mobility meetings recap and the draft recommendations on the sub area website. The meeting ended with an opportunity to ask additional questions, and as a follow up, the project manager will provide links to the sub area website as well as the consider.it website.

Project Schedule

The revised project schedule includes additional meetings to revisit more detailed draft plan sections such as Mobility, Amenities and Public Spaces, and Focus Areas and Transformative Projects. 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 plat forms, 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.

Housing and Economic Development

The Project Manager asked the group if there were any follow up questions to the previous Planning Team Meeting discussion on Housing and Economic Development. There being no questions, the Project Manager guided the team to the consider.it website. Consider.it is an online platform that allows for users to comment and “agree” or “disagree” with the draft recommendations being proposed for the plan area. The team was shown how to use the slider to indicate whether they agree or disagree with any of the recommendations and how to add comments. The purpose of the comment functionality is to encourage civil discourse and community conversations. The draft Housing and Economic Development Recommendations on the consider.it page can be found here: <https://texasam.consider.it/>

Mobility Discussions Recap

Following no questions from the group, the project manager summarized the first Mobility discussion, from Planning Team Meeting #8 held in October 2019. The team had participated in several mapping exercises focused on cycling and micromobility; motor vehicles and freight; and people, pedestrians, and transit. The project manager went over some of the major takeaways from those exercises, which include: The area is in transition with the current rural state and the growth of the university as well as the master planned Vida San Antonio Development. The team had also noted that there are opportunities for a more extensive trail network that emphasizes green streets and LID, and a West to East connection across the plan boundary is vital, as Mauermann Road is the only West to East connection through the plan boundary.

Planning Team Meeting #10 was the second Mobility discussion and was held on December 10, 2019. The project manager explained that the meeting was used to revisit and discuss any topics that may have been missed during Planning Team Meeting #8. During Planning Team Meeting #10, the team was asked to identify any missed linkages, and identified University Way and Loop 410 through Chavaneaux Road that could be linked to Palo Alto College. Bike Infrastructure was also discussed. During that meeting, the team also identified that a major advantage is that much of the existing right of way is developed and provides an opportunity for sound development. The team had also identified freight opportunities along Palo Alto Road into Lone Star Pass.

Complete Planning Team Meeting summaries to all Planning Team meetings can be found within the documents library on the sub area website: <https://texasam.sacomplan.com/documents/>

Draft Mobility Recommendations

The team was then briefed on the Mobility Recommendations. The Project Manager described each recommendation and explained the rationale behind them and some of the strategies associated with implementing the recommendations. The material was not entirely described in detail, as the full section is long and available for review on the sub area website. 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



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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 Mobility section. (Menu > Draft Plan > Plan Framework). The team was notified that additional sections will be added leading up to future planning team meetings. The full section, along with the associated recommendations can be found on the sub area’s website:

<https://texasam.sacomplan.com/plan-framework/mobility-framework/>

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 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 Amenities and Public Spaces section, the week of October 28th.

Meeting summaries and presentations will be available on the sub area plan website, inside documents library: <https://texasam.sacomplan.com/>

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