

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting: UTSA Area/Medical Center Area Community Meeting #2

Date: January 29, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Location: Phil Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center Gathering Hall

MEETING OVERVIEW

The City of San Antonio Planning Department hosted the second UTSA Area/Medical Center Area Community Meeting with the following main objectives:

- Provide information on both the UTSA Area & Medical Center Area planning processes; and
- Obtain public input to inform both the UTSA Area & Medical Center Area Plan draft policies and recommendations.

Approximately 40 stakeholders attended the meeting to offer their ideas and perspectives. Community input from this meeting, along with additional feedback from the UTSA Area Planning Team, local stakeholders, the community, and focus groups will be used to draft the plan framework map as well as other elements of the UTSA Area Plan.

Meeting Format

The meeting consisted of an open house gallery of activities that provided information and invited attendees to share their perspectives and priorities with the Planning Department. The meeting activities and results are described below.

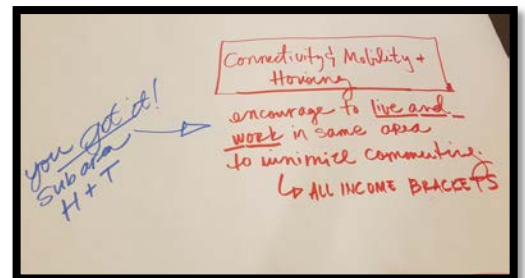
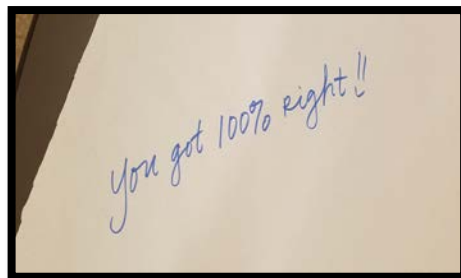
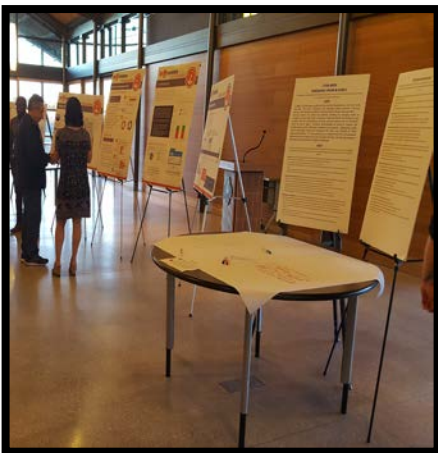
Resources and General Information

A table was provided with copies of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan Executive Summary, website and social media cards and printed materials on SA Tomorrow Area Planning and the UTSA Plan Area.

Community Vision

The draft UTSA Area vision and goals were displayed for participants to review and wall graphic paper was placed out on a table for participants to write comments upon with markers.

Result: Overall, participants supported the vision and goals as written.

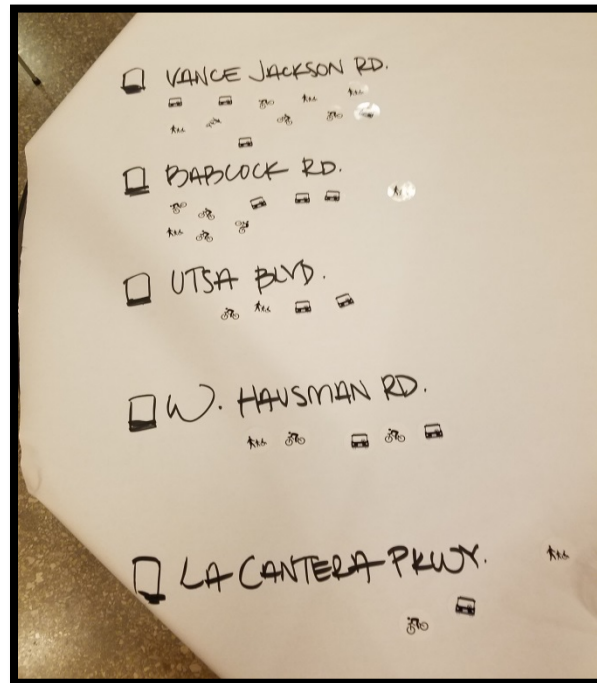
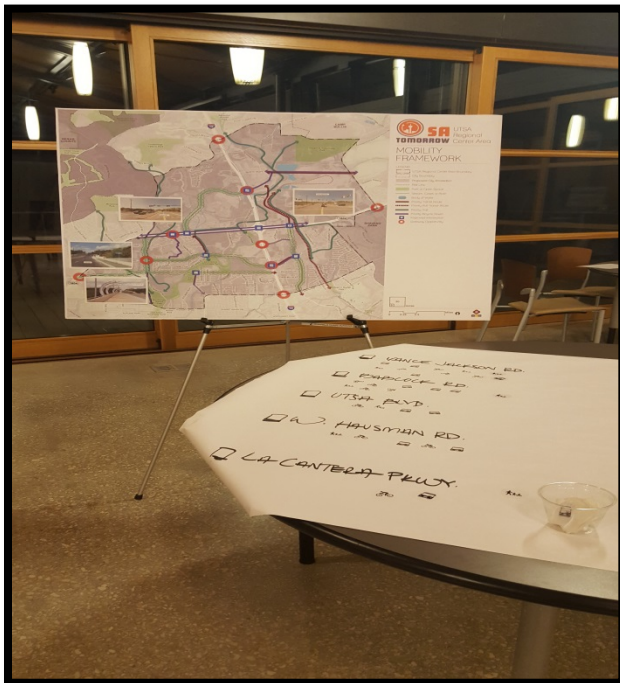
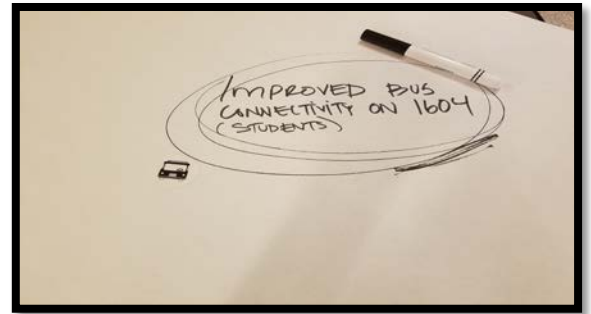


Mobility: System Priorities

The draft mobility framework was displayed with associated photos of the framework’s primary transportation corridors. Participants were invited to assign a mode (bike, transit, pedestrian) priority to each of the corridors.

Results:

Corridor	Priority Indicated by Participants
Vance Jackson Road	Transit, Pedestrian
Babcock Road	Bike, Transit
UTSA Blvd	Transit
West Hausman Road	Transit, Bike
La Cantera Parkway	Transit, Pedestrian, Bike
Loop 1604	Transit



Focus Areas and Mixed Use Corridors

A map and photographs of the focus areas and mixed use corridors as well as the Planning Team’s comments on the intended future purpose, character, and building heights for each area were displayed. Participants were invited to write and discuss their intentions for the future purpose, character, and building heights for each of the draft focus areas and mixed use corridors.

Results: Eight focus area cards were completed.

Focus Area #1: Beckmann Quarry

- Purpose:** Concurred with Planning Team assessment
- Character:** Concurred with Planning Team assessment
- Building Height:** 1-3 stories

Focus Areas #1 & #2: Beckmann Quarry & Tradesman Quarry & industrial park

Purpose: Mixed use with green space, bike paths and trails to reduce traffic

Character: A place with walking and biking trails where people can easily get around without cars to alleviate congestion.

Building Height: 2-3 stories

Mixed use sustainable developments with green space to ease congestion.

Focus Area #2: Tradesman Quarry & industrial park

Purpose: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

Character: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

A new Finance or Business District

Building Height: 5-11 stories (no limit)

Focus Area #3: UTSA Blvd & Vance Jackson (from Babcock to Loop 1604)

Purpose: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

Character: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

Building Range: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

Focus Areas #3 & #4: UTSA Blvd & Vance Jackson & West Hausman and Babcock

Purpose: More sidewalks, trails & paths for bikes as well as shopping of residents of the area

Character: More connected to the other area, through the use of bike paths and sidewalks

Building Height: 2-3 stories

Focus Area #4: West Hausman and Babcock (From Loop 1604 to IH-10 West)

Purpose: Mixed use –Transit Oriented Development

Character: Walkable with access to UTSA activities

Building Height: 2-4 stories

Focus Area #4: West Hausman and Babcock (From Loop 1604 to IH-10 West)

Purpose: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

Character: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

Building Height: Concurred with Planning Team assessment

One participant provided feedback without identifying a focus area.

Purpose: To include more separate bicycle paths and walk/jog paths from vehicle traffic

Character: More green, park areas

Building Height: 2-3 stories

SA TOMORROW FOCUS AREAS/MIXED USE CORRIDOR

Sub-Area: UTSA Area
Focus Area/Mixed Use Corridor: 1 + 2

1. In the next five to fifteen years, the **purpose** of this area should be to to hit the idea of mixed use - green space, bike trails etc to reduce traffic as much as possible

2. In the next five to fifteen years the **character** of this area will be to see it as a place where people can easily get around (w/out their cars - alleviate congestion) walking + biking trails

3. In the next five to fifteen years, the **shortest** new buildings in this area should be 2 stories tall, and the **tallest** buildings should be 3 stories high.
Sustainable development, green space and ease up on the congestion + hopefully this will be helped by creating more mixed use developments

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Sub-Area: UTSA Area
Focus Area/Mixed Use Corridor: Hausman & Babcock

1. In the next five to fifteen years, the **purpose** of this area should be to Mixed Use - TOD (Transit Oriented Development)

2. In the next five to fifteen years the **character** of this area will be Walkable & Access to UTSA Activities

3. In the next five to fifteen years, the **shortest** new buildings in this area should be 2 stories tall, and the **tallest** buildings should be 4 stories high.

Housing

Participants were invited to review information on area demographic and economic characteristics, area housing and transportation costs, and a comparison of area incomes to area dwelling rental costs. Participants were then invited to review images of a range of dwelling types, and identify which types of dwellings would be appropriate in neighborhoods and which would be appropriate in mixed use corridors and focus areas.

Result: Duplexes, triplexes, four-plexes, courtyard apartments, bungalow courts, townhomes, multiplexes and live/work options were indicated as appropriate for neighborhoods. On mixed use corridors and in focus areas, the courtyard apartments, bungalow courts, townhomes, multiplexes and live/work options were indicated as most appropriate.



Next Steps

The City Planning Department will use public input from Community Meeting #2, along with input generated from intercepts, focus groups, interviews, and the UTSA Area Planning Team, to develop recommended policies for the UTSA Area Plan. The third Community Meeting will be held in 2018.

Objectives for this meeting:

- Review draft plan recommendations;
- Obtain public feedback on draft plan recommendations; and
- Provide more information on how the UTSA Area Plan is being created and further opportunities to get involved.

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