



SA Tomorrow Sub-Area Planning

UTSA Area Regional Center Plan

DRAFT Vision & Goals

The draft vision & goals were developed from the results of the activities from Planning Team meeting #2 and Community Meeting #1.

DRAFT Vision:

In 2040, the UTSA Area continues to be a premier destination to live, learn, work, and play. The area's institutions and corporate entities promote a thriving, diverse, and innovative economic environment that attracts jobs and talent. Housing options are varied and plentiful, meeting the changing needs of residents at every stage of life. A dynamic University district is connected to and engaged with the surrounding community, and educational and civic amenities serve the entire region. Corridors accommodate all forms of mobility and provide access to the UTSA Area's amenities and resources. High-quality public transit encourages movement throughout the area, and connects to other regional destinations. The area stands out as a region known for environmental sustainability, with a focus on its various parks and trails, and new development that respects and enhances the region's waterways.

DRAFT Goals:

Housing Goal: Support diverse, affordable and abundant housing options that meet the needs of current and future residents of the UTSA Area.

Revised Housing Goal: Support diverse, affordable and abundant housing options with an emphasis on mixed-use development that is safe, comfortable and attractive for current and future residents of the UTSA Area.

Encourage development of a variety of housing types, sizes, costs, and densities. Encourage mixed-use development with connections to existing residential areas, employment, recreational amenities, transit, and retail. Encourage housing quality that reflects the economic diversity of those working and studying in the UTSA Area and encourage density to maintain the work-live-play-study environment and to minimize commute times.

Neighborhood Character Goal: Maintain the character and appeal of existing residential neighborhoods within the UTSA Area.

Revised Neighborhood Character Goal: Maintain and enhance the character and appeal of established residential neighborhoods within the UTSA Area with attractive streetscapes and compatible development and design.

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Recognize existing neighborhoods and residential subdivisions as areas that provide stability to the area. Encourage residential design that reflects the unique character, climate, and culture of San Antonio so that sustainable, energy-efficient planning, design and lifecycle costs are championed and incentivized in design criteria. Protect the character by discouraging commercial and high-density encroachment within the neighborhoods. Utilize appropriate buffers between existing residential neighborhoods and new higher-density development

Connectivity and Mobility Goal: Provide enhanced connectivity within the UTSA Area, with options for mobility beyond the automobile.

Revised Connectivity and Mobility Goal: Provide enhanced connectivity within the UTSA Area, with options for mobility beyond the automobile while addressing congestion management and travel efficiency throughout the area for current modes and uses.

Promote safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle facilities in appropriate locations to meet existing and future demand. Improve connectivity and walkability between trails, parks, recreational areas, transit facilities, and surrounding neighborhoods. Encourage transit as a mode of choice for residents and employees in the area by supporting improvements to transit service and infrastructure. Ensuring that vehicular traffic flows as smoothly as possible within the existing roadway network and traffic signal system.

Recreation Goal: Provide a variety of gathering places, parks, recreational, and entertainment opportunities for all ages.

Revised Recreation Goal: Provide a variety of gathering places, parks, recreation, and entertainment opportunities for all ages that are accessible and connected.

Incorporate different types of park and recreation opportunities such as creating a public amenity or civic space within the community. Assess recreational facility needs and consider new facilities, improvements and/or additions that serve the entire community.

Natural Resources Goal: Protect sensitive natural resources while allowing for growth and development.

Apply innovative and environmentally sensitive development practices such as LID. Review the UDC to ensure that the development code supports enhancements to protect our aquifer and creekways. Encourage development that provides appropriate access to and interaction with the UTSA Area's natural features.

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Public Facilities and Infrastructure Goal: Provide first-rate public services, utilities, and infrastructure that accommodate expected levels of growth, safeguard public health and security, and enhance quality of life.

Carefully plan and coordinate new development to ensure sufficient utility and infrastructure capacities. Ensure that public service facilities are evenly distributed and located at sites that are easily accessible. Infrastructure in the UTSA area should support high-quality urban design that supports the area's key features and assets.

Jobs and Economic Development Goal: Accommodate and aid in the expansion, development and retention of an array of businesses, tourism, and entertainment options in order to provide job opportunities and improved quality of life that meets the needs for a growing diverse community.

Revised Jobs and Economic Development Goal: Support the expansion, development and retention of an array of businesses, tourism, and entertainment options in order to provide job opportunities and improved quality of life that meets the needs for a growing diverse community.

Create a business-friendly environment that supports small and local businesses, continues to attract larger corporations and institutions, and encourages innovation and creative partnerships. Provide economic and employment opportunities that retain graduates from UTSA.

Compatibility with Camp Bullis Goal: Promote and encourage compatible land uses in close proximity to Camp Bullis.

Protect Camp Bullis and its missions by limiting the encroachment of incompatible uses. Implement and enforce development standards that mitigate both the impact of military operations on surrounding properties, and the impact of surrounding development on the military installation.

UTSA as a Local Amenity: Protect and enhance the UTSA campus' unique qualities, which combine University life with local culture and amenities for both businesses and residents.

Maintain the UTSA campus as a focal point of the community. Celebrate UTSA's unique character and culture through public art, placemaking, and creative projects. Build on the character of the neighborhoods that surround the University, while aiming to strengthen the contribution the campus makes to the UTSA Area community as a whole.

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Gateway Goal: Protect and enhance gateway points and corridors.

Preserve and enhance the IH-10 corridor through appropriate urban design. Encourage compatible land use patterns that create community focal points throughout the corridor. Review and update as appropriate the current UDC standards on gateway corridor overlays. Retain the distinct visual character of the area by encouraging the protection of unique features and views and incorporating them as key amenities of future development.

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