

# **PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting: Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Regional Center Plan Community Open House

**Date:** Februrary 19, 2019 **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Location:** Northwest Vista College, Lago Vista Room

**Attendees:** 70 Community Members, Planning Team Representatives, Councilman Brockhouse (D6),

Northwest Vista College Staff, Planning Department Staff

# **Meeting Purpose**

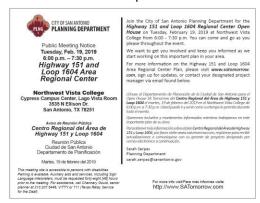
The City of San Antonio Planning Department held a public meeting on February 19, 2019 to gather feedback from people who live, work, go to school, or otherwise have a stake in the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan. This meeting was designed to:

- (1) **Provide information about the planning process to the public** through a formal presentation, Q&A session, and various materials distributed or displayed.
- (2) **Gather public feedback and priorities** through a "Vision and Goals Questionnaire" and a wall graphic to educate Planning Department staff on the assets, challenges and opportunities in the plan area.

### Invites to Meeting

In order to ensure attendance at this public meeting, the Planning Department advertised the meeting through several outlets including

- Flyers and emails distributed to local institutions, employers, and neighborhood associations
- Post cards delivered to every residential address along postal routes intersecting the plan area boundary
- Social Media posts to Nextdoor and Facebook





Post Card

Meeting Flyer

# **Meeting Format**

The meeting was designed to have more of an open house format with several stations for the public to learn about the planning process, and provide input to Planning Staff. Planning staff also gave a brief presentation about the planning process, and then allowed time for a question and answer period, which also included remarks by District 6 Councilman Greg Brockhouse. The presentation, Q&A period, and remarks by the Councilman filled the majority of the meeting time.

#### Information Station and Info Boards

Seven informational boards were provided to show the planning area boundary, the 30 other planning areas across the city, an overview of the process, and some existing conditions research about the area. The meeting also featured an information table with copies of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan, Multimodal Transportation Plan, and Sustainability Plan, as well as the existing conditions atlas, and several other handouts about the planning process.

Boards and other materials provided at the meeting are available in the Document Library on the plan website: <a href="https://highway151.sacompplan.com">https://highway151.sacompplan.com</a>





Meeting attendees viewing boards and meeting materials provided at information stations

#### Questionnaire Stations

Since a key purpose of this meeting was to promote and gather responses to the Vision and Goals Questionnaire, five iPad stations were provided for residents to complete the survey online (in English and Spanish). Paper copies of surveys were also available in English and Spanish. Five residents completed paper surveys and handed them back at the meeting, and one resident returned a paper survey to the District 6 field office. Approximately 30 responses to the survey were gathered at this meeting, with 114 responses gathered total (113 English, 1 Spanish).

A report summarizing the results of all 114 responses to the questionnaire is available in the Document Library on the plan website: https://highway151.sacompplan.com



A meeting attendee completes the Vision and Goals Questionnaire.



A Paper Version of the Questionnaire was also available.



#### Visioning Wall Graphic

In addition to the online and paper questionnaire, Planning Department staff also facilitated a wall graphic discussion of the priorities, challenges, vision, and goals for the area. The graphic asked four questions – mimicking the questions asked on the Vision and Goal Questionnaire. The written feedback to each of those questions is transcribed below. Many of the points listed were notes taken by Planning Department Staff during the Q&A session after the presentation.

## (1) What do you like most about this area?

- Development of medical facilities + Northwest Vista have been great amenities for this part of San Antonio
- Trees + Natural Areas
- Good location close to everything we need on a daily basis
- Convenient Hospitals (Christus Santa Rosa)
- Small shopping areas
- Not overly industrialized
- The relative distance from a major highway or thoroughfare where sounds from constant traffic echoes throughout the night

## (2) What is missing from the area?

- We need more parks + protected natural areas that reflect the rural character
- Post office
- Police sub-station
- Eco-friendly structures or energy efficient buildings be made from the current businesses (if possible). Maybe solar panels or green roofs.
- Will smart lights be introduced into the local area? If so, which service provider will the city turn to? Amazon web services Charter AT&T

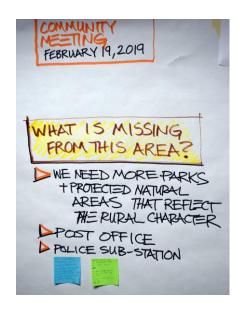
#### (3) What about the community would you want to be different?

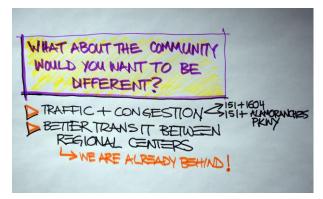
- Traffic + Congestion (151 & 1604 and 151 & Alamo Ranch Pkwy)
- Better transit between regional centers "We are already behind!"

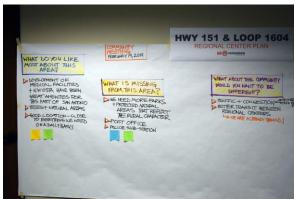
# (4) What is your vision or "big idea" for the area?

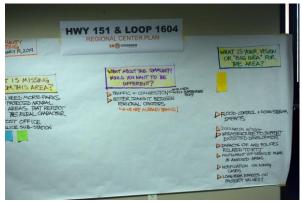
- Flood control + downstream impacts
- Coordination with TX DOT
- Infrastructure to Support Expected Development
- Impacts of and Policies related to ETJ (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)
- Fulfillment of service plans in annexed areas
- Notification on zoning cases
- Long term effects on property values? (*Planning Dept Note: conversation was in regards to Data Center development*)
- Joint Base Lackland is a key stakeholder. What are their current missions? Will the future base grow? More trips on 151? More jets over Westover Hills? Coordinate with the 502d Community Initiatives Team.

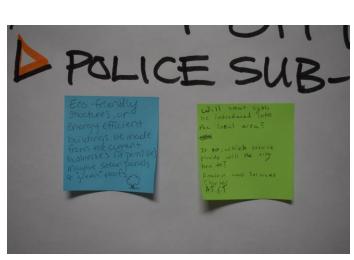


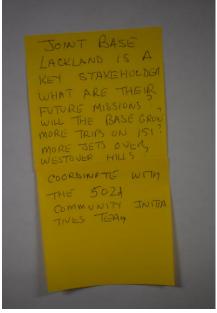












Public feedback gathered at the wall graphic station, all comments and sticky notes transcribed above.



#### Presentation

Planning department staff delivered a 10-minute overview presentation about the planning process to develop the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan. It included an introduction to why the Planning Department is undertaking planning in this way, information about what a Regional Center is, and how sub-area plans will be developed for all areas of the city over the next 5 years. The presentation also included information about the planning process, which is in the beginning phases now and is anticipated to be adopted by City Council in 2020.

After the presentation, attendees asked questions to Planning Department Staff and Councilman Brockhouse for approximately 1 hour. Much of these topics of conversation are documented on the wall graphic (Planning Department Staff took notes during the conversation). Topics included how data centers have impacted the area, residents' concerns over higher density development, residents' preference for more transit services, questions regarding annexation, and major concerns around traffic congestion and how residents would hope to see this plan coordinate with the State Department of Transportation (TX DOT).

The full PowerPoint Presentation delivered at this meeting is available in the Document Library on the plan website: <a href="https://highway151.sacompplan.com">https://highway151.sacompplan.com</a>





Attendees ask questions of District 6 Councilman Brockhouse and Planning Department Staff

#### Next Steps for Highway 151 and Loop 1604

The input received from this meeting and from the Vision and Goals Questionnaire will be used to develop a set of vision and goals for the plan. This will be developed in coordination with the Planning Team Members for the Plan Area, and will be presented for public comment at the next public meeting. The next public meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019 at Northwest Vista College from 6:30-7pm.

The Existing Conditions Atlas, further information about subsequent public meetings, and other documents, boards, and materials from this community meeting and planning team meetings can be found in the Document Library on our plan website: <a href="https://highway151.sacompplan.com">https://highway151.sacompplan.com</a>

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