

MEETING SUMMARY

Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Planning Team Meeting #8

Meeting Date: October 9, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Port San Antonio, Marketing Conference Room

Attendees:

John Anderson, JBSA

Jerry Jones, Springvale

Peter Onofre, New Life Christian Center

Brian Mast, SARA

Christine Vina, VIA

Joey Cipriano III, Thompson Neighborhood Association

Rudy Lopez, Thompson N.A.

Andy Diaz, P.A.C.E.

Dan Ferris, Port San Antonio

Gabriel Gonzales, JBSA

Amber Lamm, JBSA

Katie Merry, JBSA

Raul Olvera, District 4

Lauren Simcic, TCI

Isaac Bernal, Economic Development

Meeting Objective

The purpose of Planning Team Meeting #8 was to discuss mobility within the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center and have the Planning Team participate in an exercise identifying frequent route origins and destinations within the plan area.

Meeting Format

Kevin Tilbury, Cambridge Systematics, presented a PowerPoint that defined mobility, provided a general overview of the existing roadway network within the Plan area, and issues and opportunities that were discussed at a prior mobility summit that was attended by staff from Planning Department, TCI Department, VIA, TxDOT, JBSA, and Port San Antonio. Lauren Simcic, TCI, presented to the Planning Team the overall process of how mobility projects are identified, implemented and maintained. The PowerPoint included exhibits that illustrated: motor vehicle traffic volumes; locations of existing sidewalks; existing VIA transit routes; rating of bicycle routes based on traffic stress levels; existing regional system for trails; bicycle and pedestrian crash history; daily truck volumes; motor vehicle crash history; planned roadway, bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects/plans. After the presentation, the Planning Team participated in an activity that involved identifying different modal routes by their locations of origin and destination.

Modal Routes Activity - Recap

The following items were discussed and/or identified during the meeting:

- Blue Skies Tower has shuttles that run regularly from the facility to HEB and to Walmart. There are also scheduled trips to other destinations within and beyond the Regional Center plan area.
- Some of the older communities that include a significant amount of elderly residents may not necessarily use bike paths/lanes even if bike paths/lanes were available due to weather and conditions that result in residents choosing to not ride bicycles.
- Port San Antonio has a vision for a transit center to be located west of their planned “Innovation

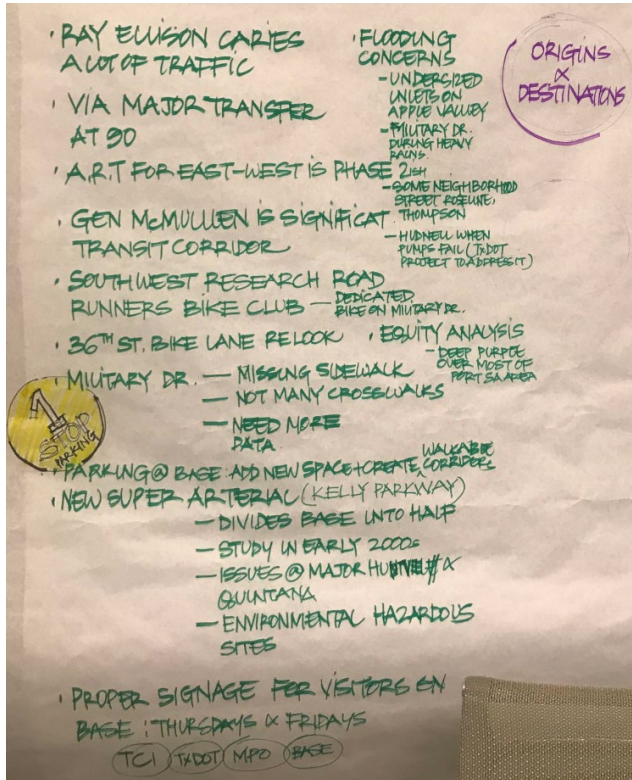


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- Port San Antonio is open to the idea of trail connectivity through Port’s property, particularly around the “Innovation Hub” as it would help further the Port’s redevelopment plans for at Port San Antonio.
- The SWRI-Roadrunner Bike Club rides along Military Drive and the Leon Creek Trail. The bike clubs sometimes has rides that involve as many as 16 to 30 cyclists and they ride once or twice a week. Their route includes riding through Port San Antonio.
- There was a north-south connector roadway identified in one of the exhibits that runs through Lackland AFB and was identified as a secondary arterial. Based on JBSA’s comment regarding previous discussions about the road, Planning will be following up with TCI on how to address the roadway being identified on the City’s Major Thoroughfare Plan.
- The Planning Team asked about how jointly funded projects, such as between TxDOT and the City, are coordinated. There were questions specifically about Military Drive and when or how funding of future phases that are identified as part of the Lackland Corridor Gateway Project would occur.
- Kelly Parkway, a Super Arterial identified on the City’s Major Thoroughfare Plan, was discussed, with questions about the roadway alignment and location. Planning Team members mentioned that certain segments of the roadway had very specific alignments identified in previous TxDOT studies that were completed in the 1990s.
- Planning and JBSA will coordinate regarding reference and discussion of the runway in the plan so that the plan clearly identifies the runway being owned by the US Government, exemption of the runway, and its operation, including the join use agreement between JBSA and the Port Authority.
- Ray Ellison Blvd. carries a large volume of traffic.
- VIA clarified that the East-West A.R.T. shown in the PowerPoint will be part of a future phase, perhaps as part of Phase 2.
- General McMullen is currently a significantly used transit corridor for pedestrians despite the existing sidewalk conditions. It is also a transit corridor for VIA lines, and auto.
- Military Drive is missing sidewalks for a majority of the roadway. There are limited crosswalks along Military Drive.
- A comment was made regarding parking at the base, connectivity of the base to surrounding areas, and identified the desire to create more walkable corridors.
- Graduations at Lackland AFB occur on Thursdays and Fridays. It would be helpful to have proper signage for visitors on base identifying typical modal routes.
- Cycling stress level along 36th Street needs to be reevaluated due to reconstruction of 36th/Wagner (south of Billy Mitchell Blvd.) to include a protected bike lane south of Billy Mitchell Blvd. that was not reflected in the stress rating presented during the meeting.
- A comment was made regarding an interest in having a bus service with drop off/stops at Lackland AFB’s main gates for graduation days.
- There was expressed interest in connecting any proposed trail way systems to Pearsall Park, with a possible route to go through the Thompson NA community and Port San Antonio.



Below is a wall graphic that captures comments made and items discussed during the meeting.



Below are photos of the maps from the mobility activity.



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The discussion regarding mobility will continue during Planning Team Meeting #10. Prior to the next mobility meeting, infrastructure and amenities will be discussed during Planning Team Meeting #9, which will provide the opportunity for any mobility related items that are identified during Meeting #9 to be incorporated into mobility. It will also allow for adequate time to produce additional material to present to the Planning Team, and to coordinate with TCI, TxDOT, VIA, if needed.



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Planning Team Meeting #9: Monday, November 4, 2019, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Planning Team Meeting #10: Tuesday, December 10, 2019, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Meeting summaries and presentations will be available on the sub area plan website:

<https://portsanantonio.sacomplan.com/>

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