

Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Planning Team Meeting #10

Meeting Date: December 10, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Port San Antonio, Marketing Conference Room

Attendees:

Jerry Jones, Springvale Brian Mast, SARA Peter Onofre, New Life Christian Center Joey Cipriano III, Thompson Neighborhood Association Rudy Lopez, Thompson N.A. John Anderson, JBSA Gabriel Gonzales, JBSA Amber Lamm, JBSA Katie Merry, JBSA Lauren Simcic, TCI Kevin Tillbury, Cambridge Systematics Hannah Santiago, Cambridge Systematics Jay Renkens, MIG Krystin Ramirez, MIG Chris Ryerson, Planning Channary Gould, Planning

Meeting Objective

The purpose of Planning Team Meeting #10 was to continue discussing mobility for the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan and gather input from the Planning Team regarding the mobility framework that was prepared as a working draft for review. Mobility was last discussed with the Planning Team during Planning Team Meeting #8. A draft street typology and mobility framework exhibit were prepared based on previous feedback gathered from agencies, other City departments, and the Planning Team.

Meeting Format

The meeting began with staff introductions and followed with a summary of Planning Team Meeting #8. After the overview of the previous mobility discussion, the team was introduced to the draft street typology and mobility framework. Following the presentation and discussion, the team participated in a map exercise to identify key linkages and correct any important origins or destinations the team missed during Planning Team Meeting #8. The Planning Team was also asked to identify any potential changes for modal priorities that were presented in the mobility framework exhibit/map.

Mobility Discussion

Kevin Tillbury, with Cambridge Systematics presented to the Planning Team a recap of the Planning Team's input from Planning Team Meeting #8 and how the feedback, along with previous input for other agencies and departments has helped shape the working draft mobility framework and proposed street typology for the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center. Kevin talked about modal types and the importance of applying street typology to determine the street design and emphasis of modal types for streets in order to help with safety. He pointed out that the street typology being presented is different from the traditional street hierarchical approach that is organized by function and role, which results in a one-size-fits-all style that ignores modal types. The proposed hybrid approach of looking at street function and character areas helps identify the emphasis options with an emphasis scale between moving vehicles and moving peoples and places.



Kevin identified three specific areas for the Planning Team to discuss and provide input.

Medina Base Road – Medina Base Road is a secondary arterial and it was presented as an example of a currently rural two-lane road for the segment that is east of Holm Road. It is proposed to be identified as a "Suburban Residential Secondary Arterial" when applying the hybrid street typology method. Some example images were presented to demonstrate conceptual street design for this proposed street type. The team discussed the existing road conditions and how it differs between Medina Base Road west and east of Holm Road. There was also discussion about opportunities for street design east of Holm Road and how to integrate it into future opportunities with the "Old Pearsall" Focus Area.

Cupples Road – Cupples Road is a secondary arterial and it was presented as a roadway that could possibly be considered for a "road diet". Cupples Road currently includes 4 lanes without a median. Examples were presented to the Planning Team showing re-striping options that reduces four lanes to three with center left turn lanes, adding bike lanes and/or offer on-street parking, or wider sidewalks. The road diet concept was presented for discussion for Cupples Road because the concept is usually suitable for roads experiencing less than 20,000 vehicles per day and previous cases where road diets have been implemented have experienced enhanced safety and capacity. The Planning Team, in reviewing some of the sample pictures, express concern that the building scales are not compatible with the character of Cupples Road. Cost to implement some of the elements for a road diet was discussed with the idea of possibly phasing some of the items with low cost improvements being implemented first and as future development or growth occurs, then other elements could be implemented.

Military Drive – Military Drive is a Primary Arterial on the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan. It is proposed as a "Mixed Use Employment/Civic Primary Areterial" street type, which places greater emphasis on automobiles. There was discussion about the segment of Military Drive southeast of where it intersects with Five Palms Drive possibly being able to have a different street design than north of Five Palms Drive due to the variety of different uses along that segment, including apartments, retail, and a few restaurants.

Mapping Exercise

Below are images of the maps that were presented to the Planning Team, with markups from the activity.

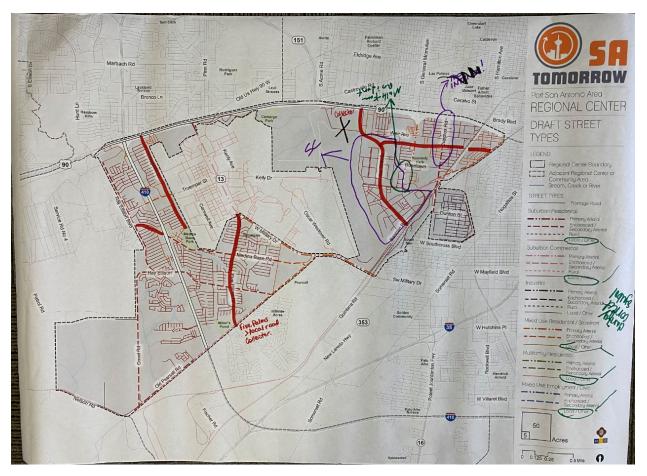


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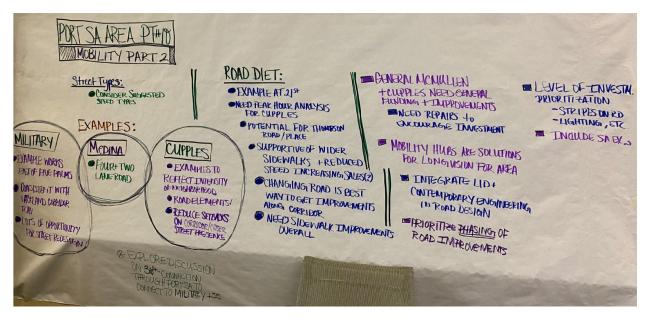




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Below is a wall graphic that captures comments provided during the meeting.



NEXT STEPS:



Planning staff will make revisions and finalize the street typology map and mobility framework based on input provided by the Planning Team and any additional input from agencies and departments. A working draft on mobility will ultimately be included as part of the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Sub Area Plan document.

Planning Team Meeting #11: Digital Design Charrette

Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Board Meeting Room at Port San Antonio, 907 Billy Mitchell Blvd. Ste 110

Meeting summaries and presentations will be available on the sub area plan website: <u>https://portsanantonio.sacompplan.com/</u>

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