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Amenities and infrastructure recommendations

Amenities and Infrastructure Recommendation #1: Construct drainage improvements to reduce flood risk on and around the Broadway Cultural Corridor.

- Flood risk is a primary obstacle to achieving the Broadway Cultural Corridor vision. Much of
 the land adjacent to Broadway, in an arc from Carnahan Street south through Lion's Field is
 in the 100 year floodplain, posing hazards to life and property, and limiting the potential for
 redevelopment. Flooding in this area also impacts quality of life for neighborhood residents, as
 a hazard to some residences, and limiting transportation options during and after some large
 storm events.
- Previous plans such as the Midtown Brackenridge TIRZ Plan (2011) identified this flooding issue
 and potential solutions. Since then, the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) and City of San
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 adjacent to Broadway Street, eliminated several options that are not feasible, and identified a
 more promising alternative that involves a combination of grey and green infrastructure.
- Although structural flood risk reduction solutions cannot eliminate flood risk, they can
 substantially reduce it. This project would likely reduce enough flood risk that most areas
 adjacent to Broadway, between Carnahan and Lion's Field would no longer be part of the
 100 year floodplain, thereby enabling them to redevelop towards achieving the Broadway
 Cultural Corridor vision.
- The Vision for the Broadway Cultural Corridor draws on a recent history of plan making and
 public involvement. The recommendations related to Broadway, found in several sections of
 this plan, are complementary parts that should all be implemented in order to make the others
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Introduction

In the future, as more people live, work, and play in Midtown, quality of life should improve with better public spaces, better infrastructure, and more opportunities for people to make connections.

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Amenities and Infrastructure Recommendation #2: Restore ecological functions of and improve public access to Midtown's waterways.

- Midtown is home to the headwaters of the San Antonio River and San Pedro Springs Creek,
 priceless elements of our city's landscape and culture. Martinez Creek is within a few blocks
 of St. Ann's Neighborhood, to the west. San Antonio has demonstrated success in restoring
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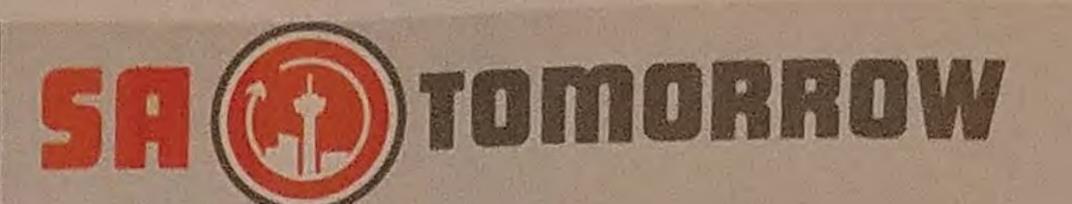
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Midtown Area Regional Center Plan

Introduction

Both of the catalytic project concepts for the Midtown Regional Center Plan are located next to San Pedro Avenue. They each show one scenario of what future development could look like in this area, how it could serve the community and complement the greater vision for improving quality of life in Midtown.

The locations were selected because of their proximity to local amenities such as Downtown and San Pedro Springs Park, their adjacency to a potential high quality, frequent, and reliable transit service that VIA is considering, and the interesting challenges and opportunities they each present pedestrians, development should integrate new buildings with existing structures, and businesses shall become a greater asset to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Catalytic Project #1 - San Pedro Gateway

The San Pedro gateway site is comprised of two blocks straddling San Pedro Avenue, north of I-35. The current mix of uses includes vacant parcels, drive through dining, gas station, legal firm, a bar, and residential. At the time of the digital design charrette conducted for this site, the block on the east side of San Pedro Avenue included a large vacant lot. Since then, the property was sold and construction has commenced on a gas station and convenience store. There is a historic landmark building on the eastern block.

Both blocks present interesting design challenges. The block west of San Pedro Avenue is narrow, which would make it difficult to include a primary use serving many people, along with parking, in a format that is pedestrian-friendly and sensitive to adjacent neighborhood areas primarily zoned for multifamily housing in 5 Points Neighborhood.

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The vision for San Pedro Gateway is to support Midtown's need for more housing in areas with transportation choices and opportunity, in a design that reflects some historical building forms from the surrounding area. As discussed in other plan sections, not all blocks on all mixed-use corridors will be able to support a successful concentration of retail businesses, and not all properties in areas designated in the future land use map for high density need to have the highest density and largest buildings.

The vision for San Pedro Gateway reflects these realities, primarily offering housing for people that would want to stay in this area in both multifamily and townhome formats, while contributing to a population base that can support a high quality transit station and concentrations of retail businesses a few blocks away adjacent to San Pedro Avenue between Poplar and Evergreen Streets. The vision includes street facing uses on almost all portions of the site, primarily oriented to San Pedro Avenue. Design principles for each

block also include housing that faces Howard Street and Jackson Street, avoiding blank walls, exposed parking structures, and expansive service and delivery areas facing existing and potential future residential uses across those streets.

The concept for the lot between San Pedro Avenue and Jackson Street demonstrates how structured parking can be fit on the interior of a narrow lot, and that new development adjacent to San Pedro Avenue should not turn its back to the neighborhood or relegate Jackson Street to being a place with less people and fewer eyes on the street. Finally, the concept illustrates how new development in this area on the west side of San Pedro should be less dense and smaller scaled than new development on the east side of San Pedro, offering a reasonable transition to the 5 Points neighborhood.

The concept buildings are large, but are comprised of smaller parts that vary within a single block. Some of these parts mimic the proportions of historic two story residential buildings in 5 Points and Tobin Hill. The concept simultaneously signals a transition to downtown.

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The vision for San Pedro gateway also offered the opportunity to consider what the San Pedro Avenue streetscape could look like in the future. The concept has not been studied for engineering feasibility, and is but one conceivable outcome; however it shows how a combination of wider sidewalks, street trees, and other amenities such as lighting or benches could make San Pedro Avenue a more enjoyable place for area residents to spend time outdoors, or a more enjoyable place to pass through on foot.

Achieving the vision for San Pedro Avenue, and several other mixed-use corridors in Midtown, would benefit from Unified Development Code amendments requiring new development to dedicate space for widening sidewalks, along with giving new development credit towards landscaping requirements for street tree planting.

This concept is meant to be responsive to many area residents who have described regularly using San Pedro Avenue on foot, typically to use buses or area restaurants and services. High quality transit service, a transformative street project, and new development paired with improved regulations can make this area work better for them and make it more useful for future generations.

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edro VIA site is much larger than the San Pedro site, and despite being only several blocks away, a unique set of challenges and opportunities for . Existing uses are primarily related to VIA's bus ince, office, and employee parking needs. There gas station, drive through restaurants, and drive alcohol sales. San Pedro Springs Creek enters the the north, flowing above ground before entering ground facility, then reemerging above ground Fredericksburg Road. Surrounding the site, to the an Pedro Springs Park, to the west a collection of mily homes and duplexes, to the south a mix of and industrial services, and to the east San Antonio and a mix of uses that includes a bar, Esperanza and Justice Center, a gas station convenience store rive through restaurant, among others.

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of phases over decades, the catalytic site concept presented here only addresses portions of the site, primarily around the site perimeter, where redevelopment is more conceivable.

Vision for San Pedro Gateway

The concept presented here would support a vibrant pedestrian streetscape on San Pedro Avenue, with a mix of uses that would generate foot track at varying times of day. Such a mix would include housing in diverse formats for diverse users, some ground floor retail and dining opportunities, a priority community use such as a senior center, and some priority retail use such as a grocery. Some of the housing should be for low and moderate income households.

A public plaza at the terminus of Evergreen Street would be a focal point and gathering place for the long street segment between Laurel and Myrtle Streets, while also helping to define a connection to the vibrant street scene at Main Avenue and Evergreen Street a few blocks to the east.

Offices and classrooms could also be accommodated here.
Although San Antonio College has substantial growth opportunity within its existing campus, some future expansion could be absorbed near San Pedro Avenue. Complementary education opportunities could include vocational training linked to VIA fleet maintenance,

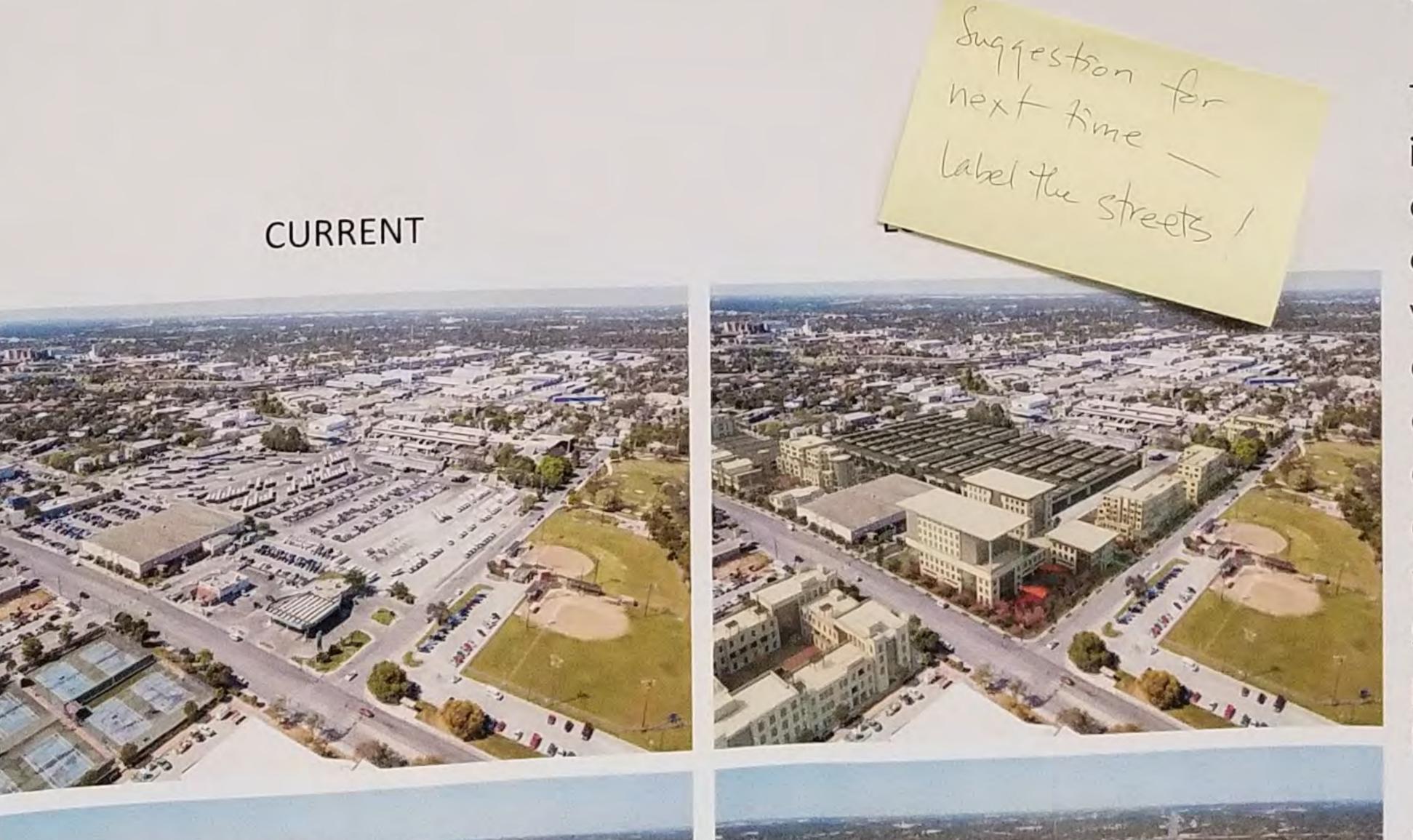
student housing, or satellite classes for other schools that do not have a presence in the area, such as Texas Tech University. Shared parking facilities to efficiently serve the new users and existing local community users could be accommodated on this site in a way that does not compromise a comfortable and enjoyable environment on San Pedro Avenue.

Turning to the northern perimeter adjacent to Myrtle Street, housing would face and define an edge to San Pedro Springs Park across the street. The lowest intensity uses would be located on Flores, across from existing residential areas. Next to where San Pedro Springs Creek enters the site, new development would be set back from the creek sufficiently to provide for sunlight, trees, and green stormwater infrastructure, but would be partially oriented to the publicly accessible Creekside improvements such as a trail, benches, and light; signaling a potential future when the Creek would be daylighted and accessible to the public all the way from its springs to the 5 Points neighborhood.

When redeveloping areas near San Pedro Avenue, Cypress Street, or Fredericksburg Road, opportunities to incorporate water features into public spaces should not be missed. San Antonio River Authority has identified potential locations throughout this area where surface water detention facilities could be installed to improve water quality in San Pedro Springs Creek.

The process for developing this concept revealed the importance of design to mitigate noise and light, and to account for VIA's site circulation needs, while offering service and delivery areas for San Pedro-oriented development without compromising the San Pedro Avenue pedestrian environment. Dwellings and their windows could not be oriented to the site's interior where VIA operations would continue. Buildings would have to include features for dampening outdoor noise. Extending Jackson Street north from Laurel Street to Myrtle Street would accommodate some combination of service deliveries, VIA circulation, and potentially a bike route if it would be relevant to the larger bicycle network.

Even if the longer term vision of creek restoration, creek access and housing for people to live in near Flores Street proves elusive, implementing the primary concept would contribute to multiple Midtown goals, supporting access to nature and



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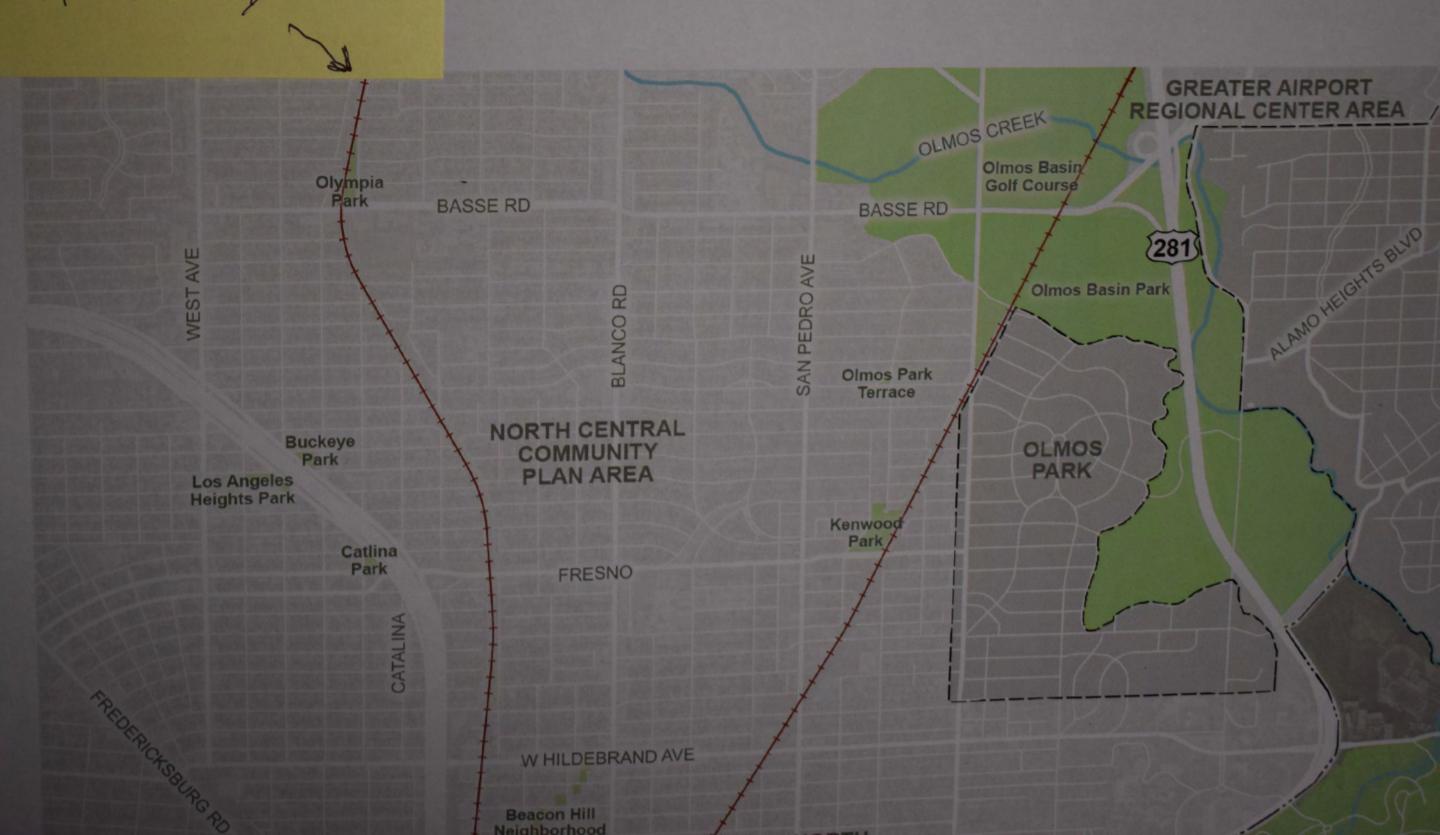
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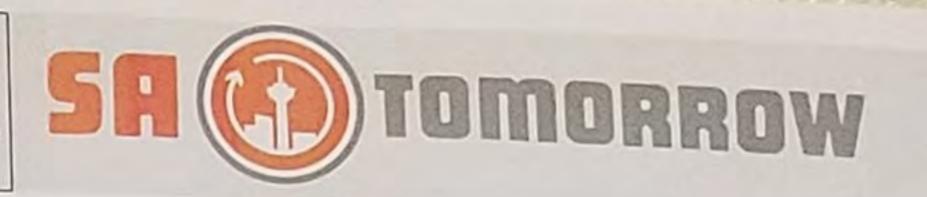
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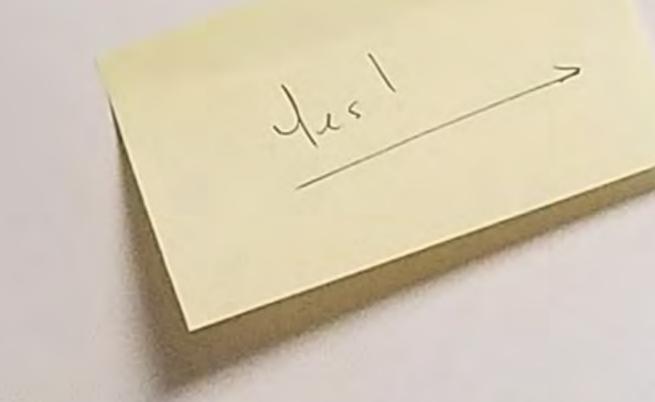
Midtown is a place of choices. It's rich in rivers, trees, and parks. A diverse mix of housing types, including small to large apartment buildings, supports a diverse population. There are new shopping and restaurant clusters, traditional Mexican-American eateries and fruterías, specialty hardware stores, multiple museums and colleges, and San Antonio's primary cluster of LGBTQ nightlife businesses. Midtown's employers include large organizations like Metropolitan Methodist Hospital, and locally owned business. Midtown's residents and visitors can participate in its cultural heritage while contributing to the area's future. Midtown's strong social fabric and cultural roots will maintain an eclectic identity for the area as it adapts to changing times.

Challenges

The places and neighborhoods in Midtown mean different things Midtown has room to grow. It can become a place of even to different people. Midtown's transportation system is designed primarily for automobiles, but growing numbers need or want other convenient, reliable, and safe transportation options. Recent, new housing is not priced affordably for many people who already live here. Midtown is home to people and families with lifetimes of living room memories, and regional destinations like the museums and colleges that are important to all San Antonians. Midtown's places have unique identities, rooted in the landscape, buildings, and people. As Midtown continues building on its strengths, central challenges are to ensure that all people can participate in Midtown's future and improve quality of life, while maintaining the unique communities and cultures that comprise Midtown today.

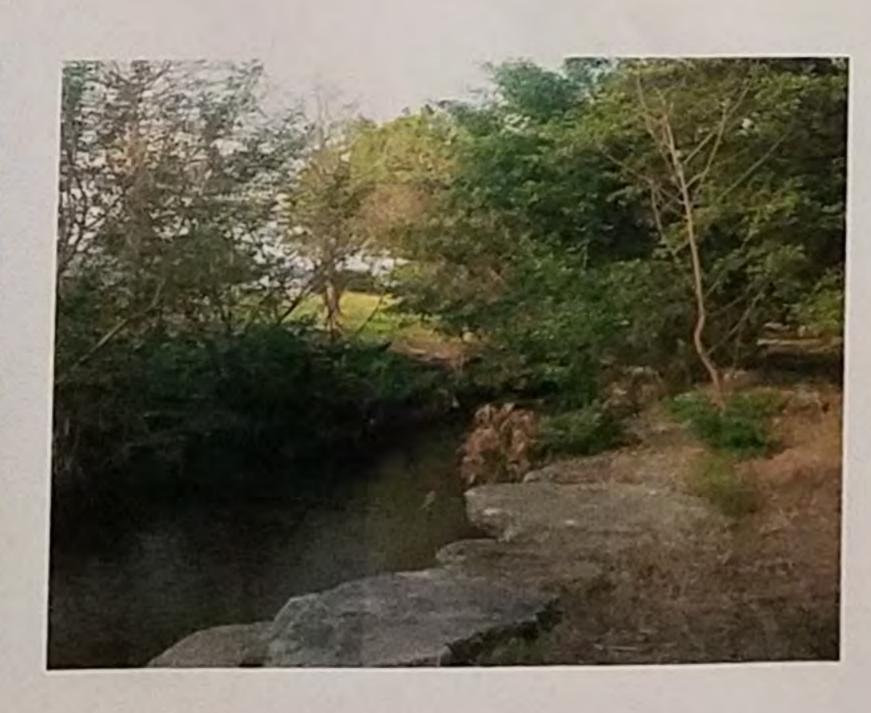
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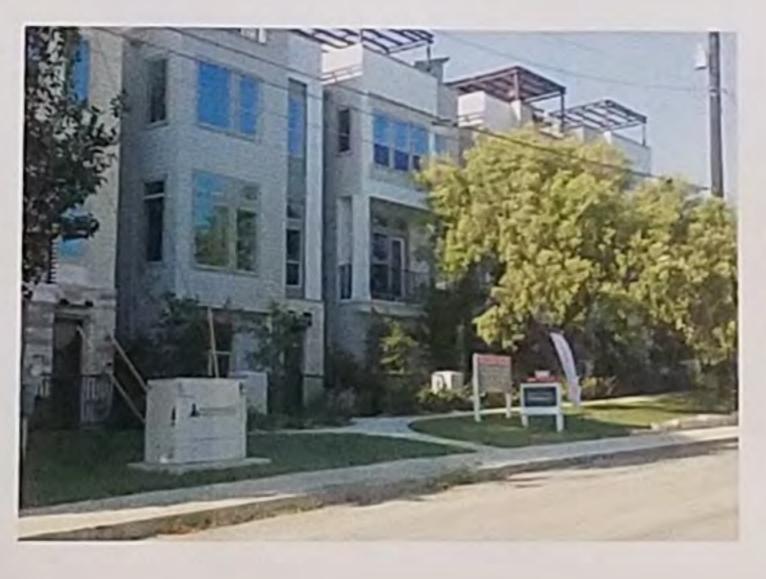
more choice, with more options to live, work, and play. Midtown has housing that is diverse and affordable. We have an opportunity to maintain that diversity and affordability, and to create more. Midtown also offers a diverse base of employment and educational opportunities to local and regional residents. San Antonio residents should have the choice to live in centers of opportunity, such as Midtown and other regional centers. The historic grid street pattern, future high capacity transit options, and momentum from 2017 transportation bond projects on Fred Road, St. Mary's Street, and Broadway Street mean that Midtown can have a truly multimodal transportation system that is convenient and safe, and that will help San Antonio be more sustainable and healthy.

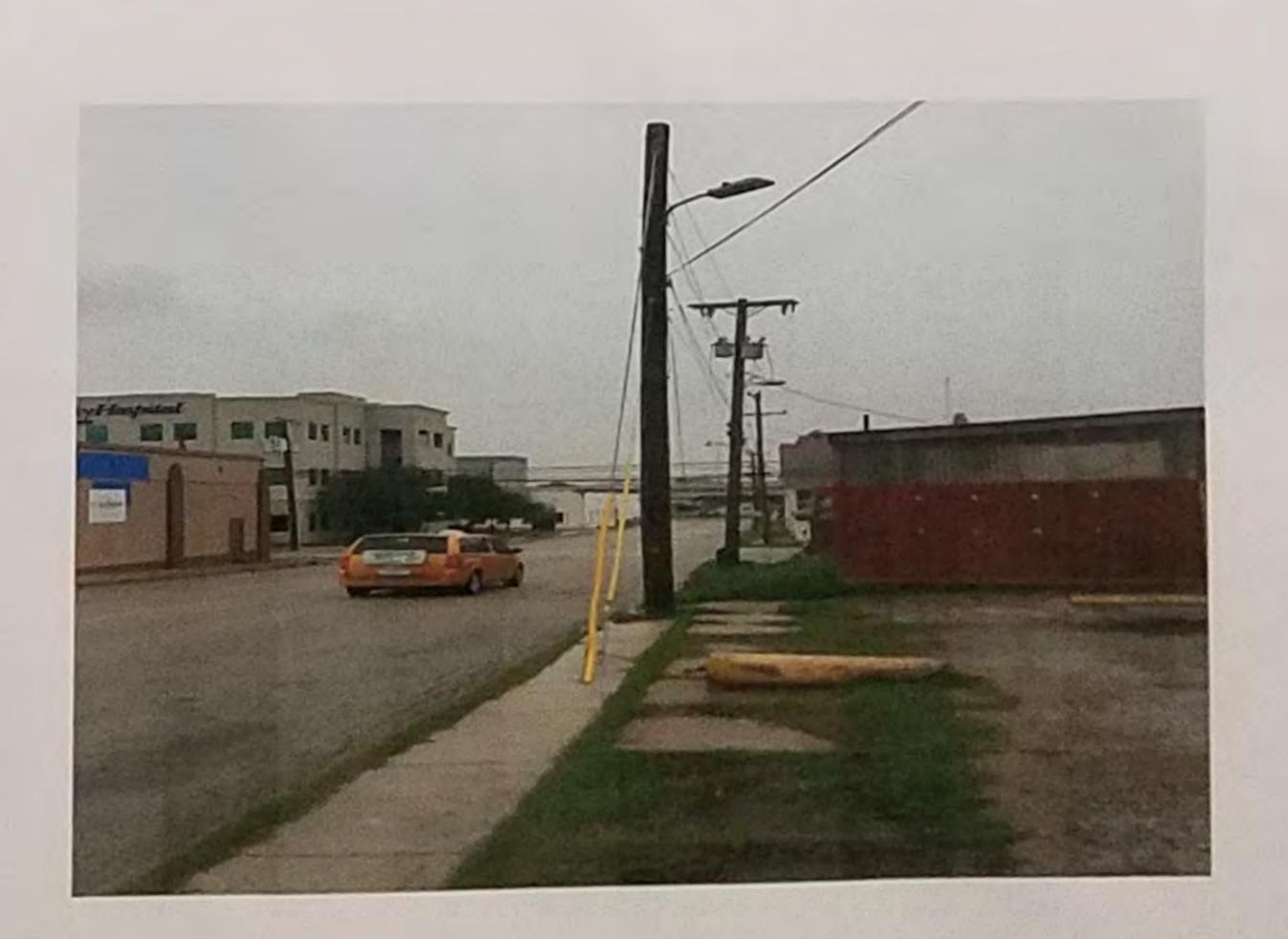


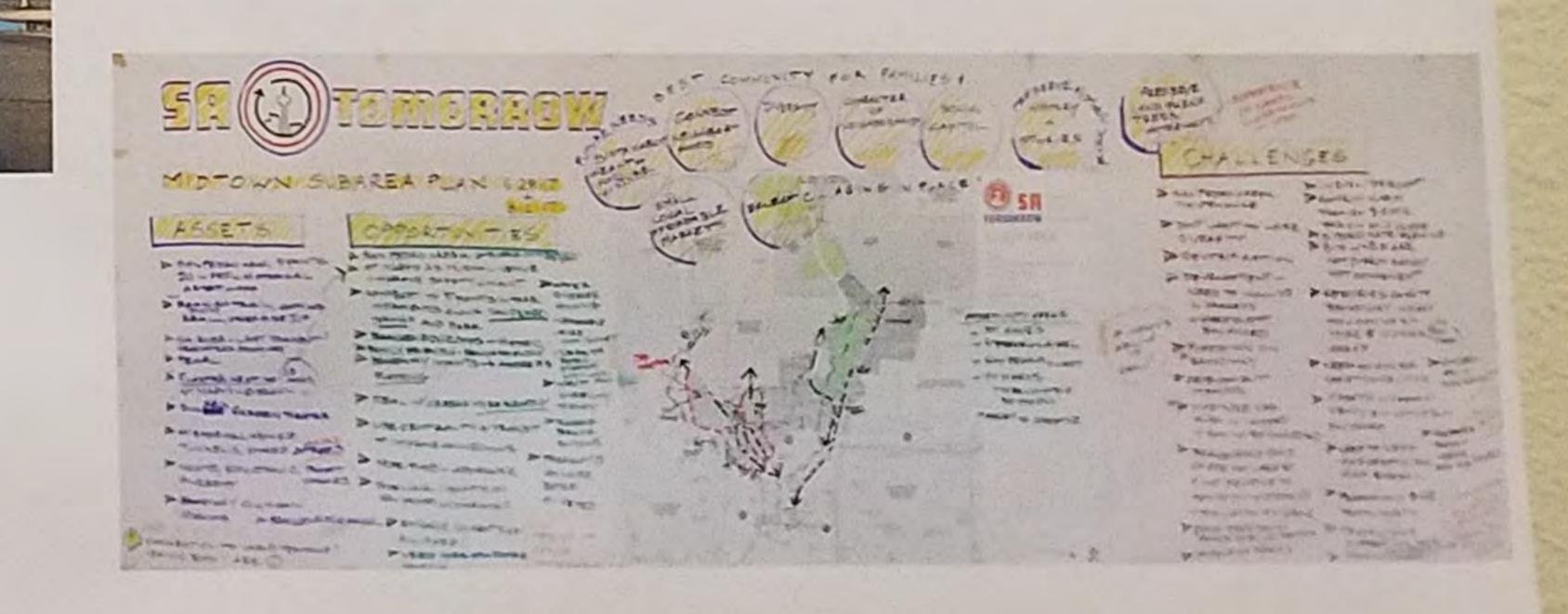








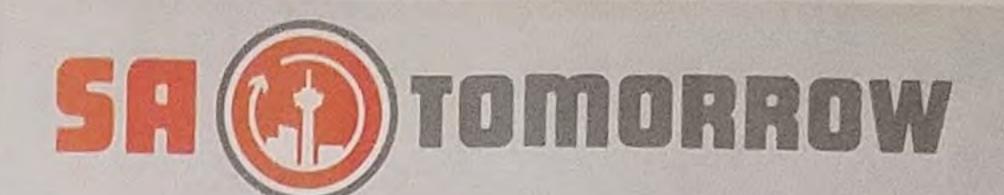




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A history of the Midtown area

San Antonio's history is deeply rooted and woven with Midtown. Native Americans used areas near the San Antonio River for at least 12,000 years prior to European exploration, and were present when Spanish explorers and settlers began arriving in the 16th and 17th centuries. San Antonio's earliest permanent settlement, a presidio and mission, were probably founded in 1718 near San Pedro springs, though the exact location is unknown. When the settlement was moved farther south in the 1720s, the springs continued to provide water to the new community. In the 1720s and 1730s the Spanish constructed acequias to carry water south from San Pedro Springs and the San Antonio River for irrigation and household use. Several acequias including the famous Acequia Madre travelled through Midtown.

Brackenridge and San Pedro Springs Parks were originally protected as open space in the latter half of the 1800s, and began taking the form and programming of what might now be recognized as parks around the turn of the century. Given its long and varied use by different cultures over millennia, Brackenridge Park has been called one of the most, if not the most culturally significant parks in the United States.

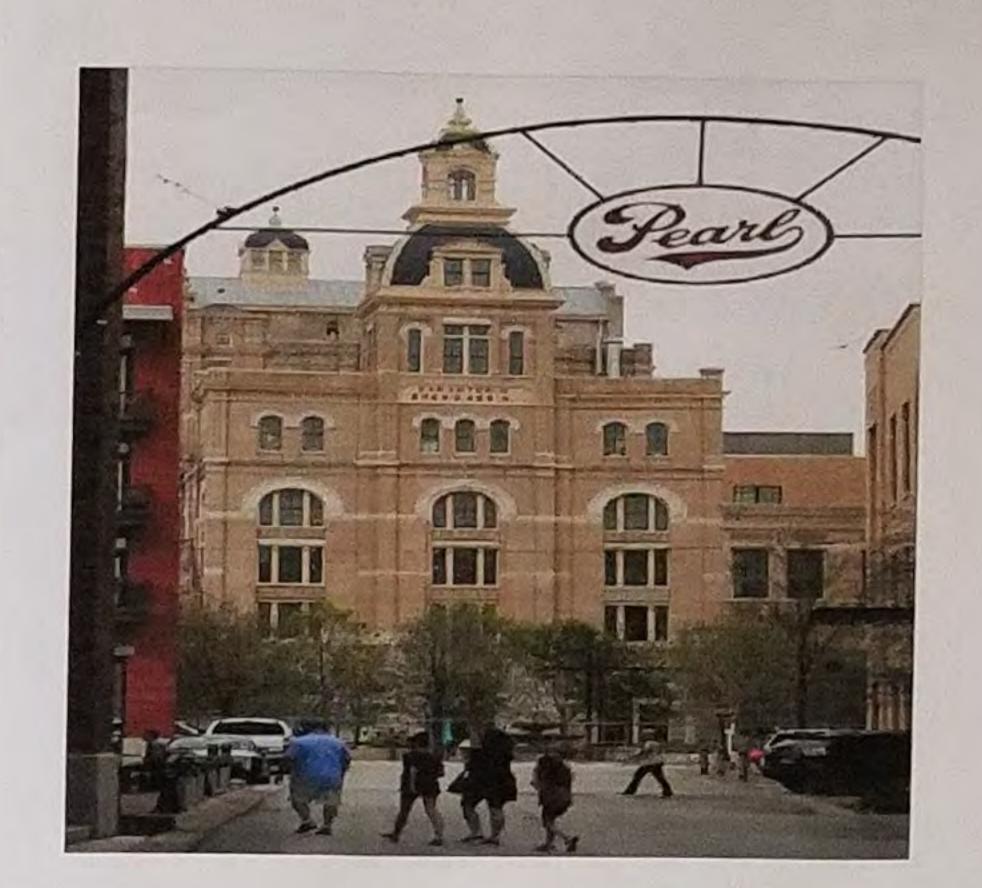
After European settlement, most Midtown areas were farmed and grazed until residential development began in the late 1800s with some of the first streetcar lines, although University of the Incarnate Word had been established in 1869. Subdivision and residential neighborhood construction moved into northern Midtown neighborhoods in the early 1900s, along with the construction of streetcar lines on many of the north-south oriented primary streets. Midtown's neighborhoods and some main streets exhibit craftsmen homes and Spanish colonial revival sty commercial buildings from the streetcar and post-streetcar eras. San Antonio's streetcar lines stopped operating by the middle 1930s.

Interstates 35 and 10 were built in the 1950s and 1960s, dividing neighborhoods and leading to disinvestment as the economics of transportation increasingly incentivized development farther afielld. San Antonio College moved its campus between San Pedro Springs Park and Main Ave in 1951, and Trinity University, adjacent to the Midtown Regional Center, moved to its present day campus in 1952. The three post-secondary schools have risen to national prominence and together serve around 30,000 students in and adjacent to Midtown.

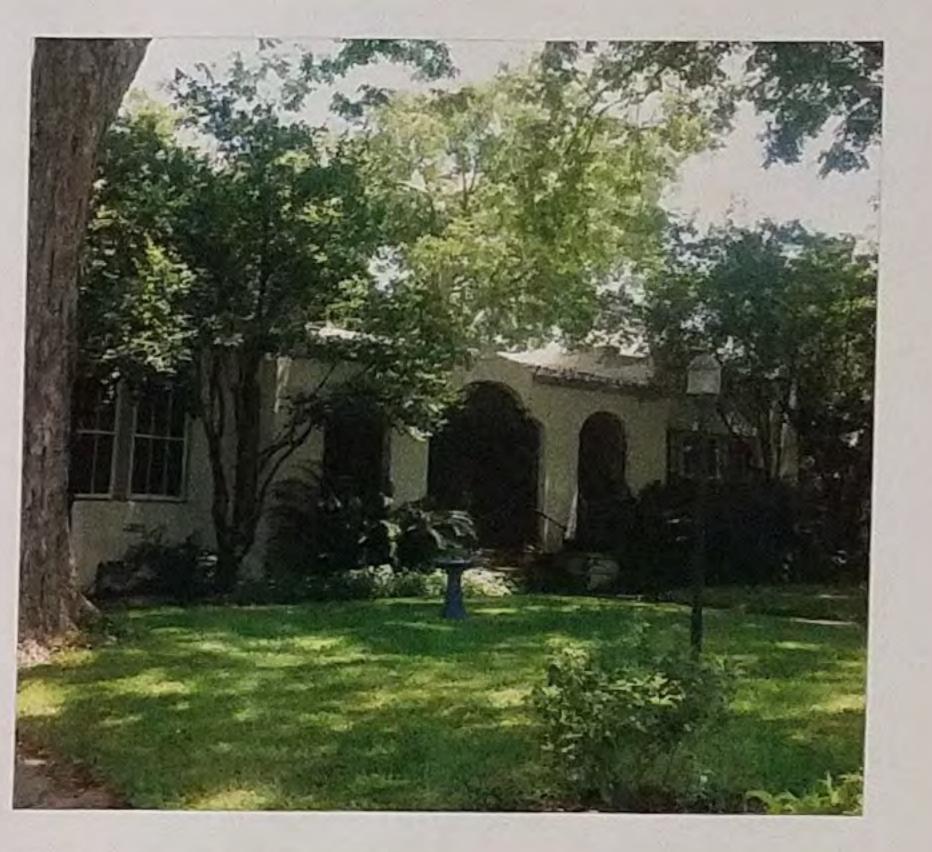
Slow and sporadic revitalization of some Midtown neighborhoods began occurring between the 1970s and 1990s. The Broadway Cultural Corridor's current evolution will leave a multigenerational legacy for Midtown and San Antonio. The more recent founding of the DoSeum, and major renovations and additions to the Botanical Garden, Witte Museum, Brackenridge Park:, the San Antonio River, and the Broadway streetscape continue setting the area apart as a regional and national destination.

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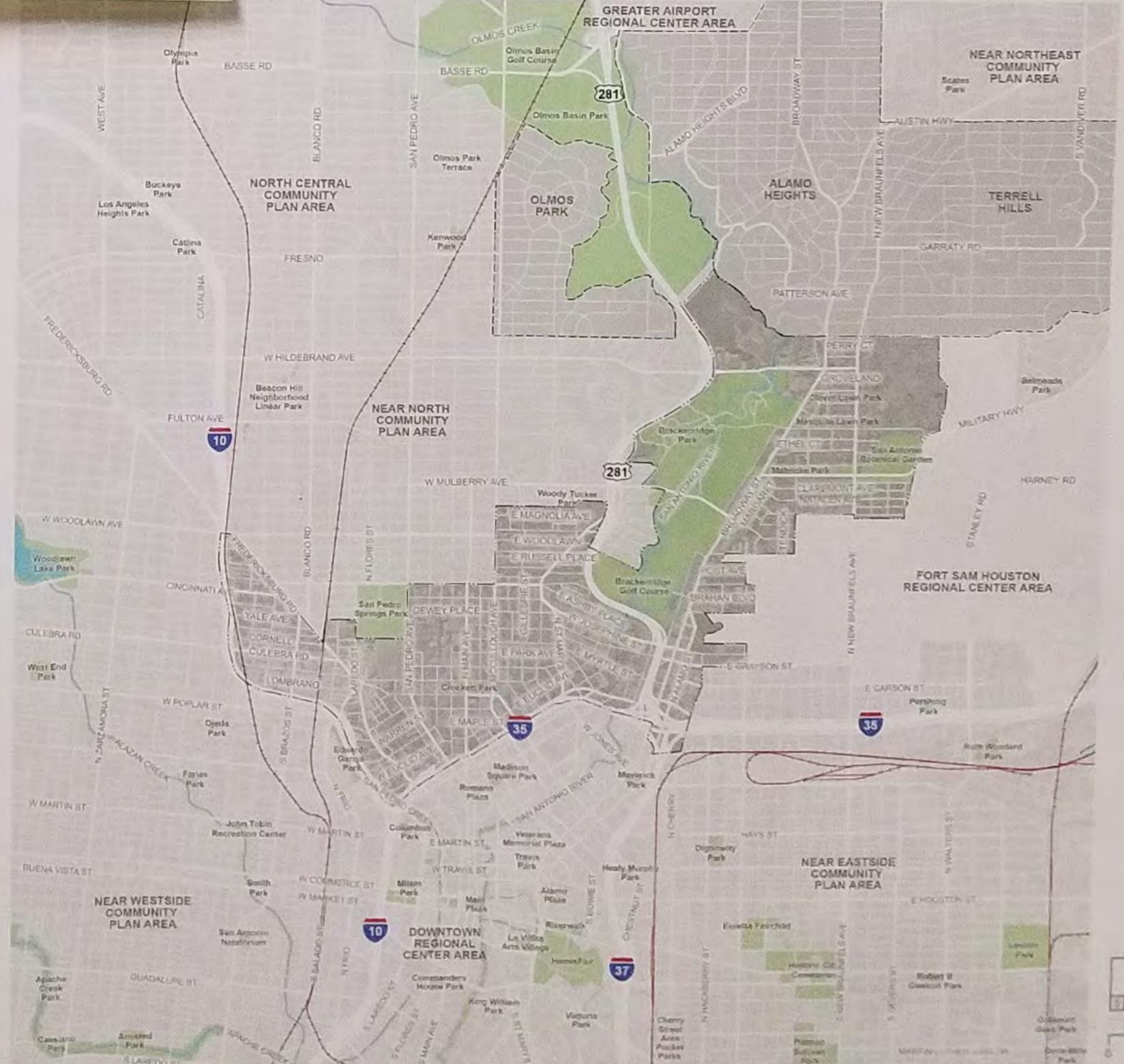






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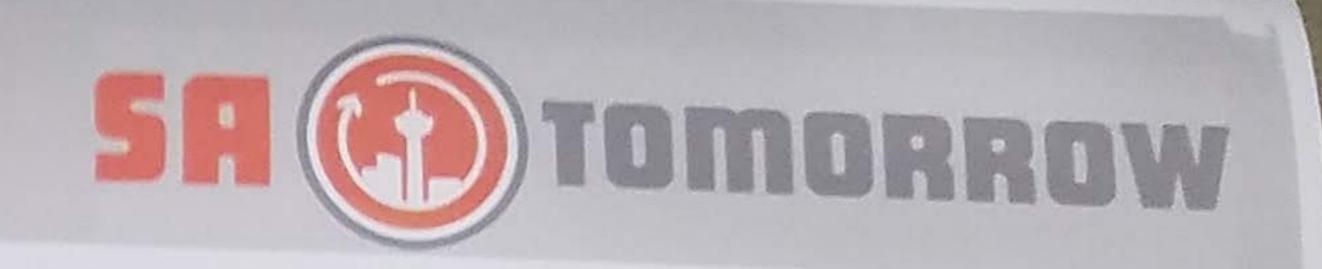
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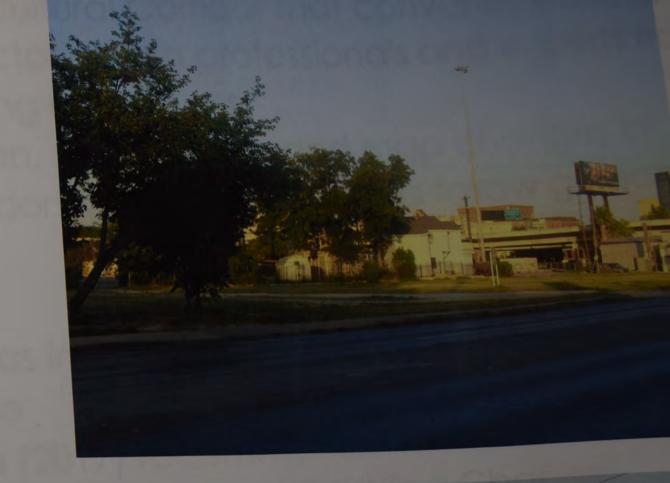
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Focus Area #1: San Pedro Springs Focus Area

San Pedro Springs Focus Area is centered on San Pedro Springs Creek, next to San Pedro Springs Park and San Antonio College, 5 Points Neighborhood, and Alta Vista Neighborhood. It includes VIA Metropolitan Center and primarily auto-oriented development and street environments on San Pedro Avenue, Fredericksburg Road, and Cypress Street, with an abundance of surface parking and driveways. San Antonio's 2017 Severe Pedestrian Injury Areas Report indicates that this area has Midtown's highest concentration of serious and fatal pedestrian-automobile accidents.

Surrounding areas include Temple Beth-El, College Park and Villa Tranchese housing for seniors and people with disabilities, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, and a construction supply and light industrial area to the west. VIA is considering substantial improvements to transit service on San Pedro Avenue, Fredericksburg Road, and Cypress Street, and the City of San Antonio's and Alamo College's 2017 bonds will fund several projects in the area.

San Pedro Springs Focus Area should be a place for people to live, work, play, shop, and connect with each other, San Antonio's history, and San Pedro Springs Creek. It may include places to make and experience arts and culture, complementing studios, craft businesses, and theatres in the surrounding area. Development should relate to enhanced transit service on San Pedro Avenue, Cypress Street, and Fredericksburg Road.

Areas near the intersections of Cypress/ San Pedro, and Fredericksburg/ Flores should be particularly transit-oriented and transit supportive. Streetscapes should be unique, comfortable, and enjoyable places to spend time. In the northern portion of the focus area, development should relate to and help define the edge of San Pedro Springs Park from the south side of Myrtle Street. A range of building sizes are contemplated for the area, similar to surrounding areas that include a diverse range of building heights, including tall buildings such as the Aurora building and Park View Apartments and finer grained streetcar era development on small lots. In limited instances, sites next to San Pedro Avenue may have buildings up to ten stories. Most development should be substantially shorter and should occur in smaller increments on smaller lots. This focus area includes redevelopment sites large enough for mixed-use development that includes a full service grocery. Catalytic Site Concepts for areas near San Pedro Avenue and San Pedro Springs Park illustrate what the area might look like in the future.

Areas immediately surrounding San Pedro Springs Creek are critical to VIA's operation foreseeable future. However, the long--term Midtown Plan vision for this focus area incomestoring ecology and public access to the creek, and orienting additional buildings are spaces to the Creek so that more San Antonians can enjoy it together. This longer term vision not only supports a unique, nature-oriented place, but also should contribute to continuous north-south pedestrian connections between the headwater springs in San Pedro Springs Park and the San Pedro Springs Creek Culture Park downtown, and east-west connections to other open and natural spaces such as San Antonio College campus, Crockett Park, and the San Antonio River to the east. Nearer term development and public space improvement opportunities next to San Pedro Springs Creek (at Fredericksburg Road and at Myrtle Street), should contribute to the longer term nature- and creek-oriented development and public space vision described above.

The focus area includes southern portions of Fredericksburg Road Mixed-Use Corridor, including a brownfield site bounded by Laurel, Fredericksburg, Culebra, and Comal Streets. The brownfield

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Focus Area #2: Main Avenue Focus Area

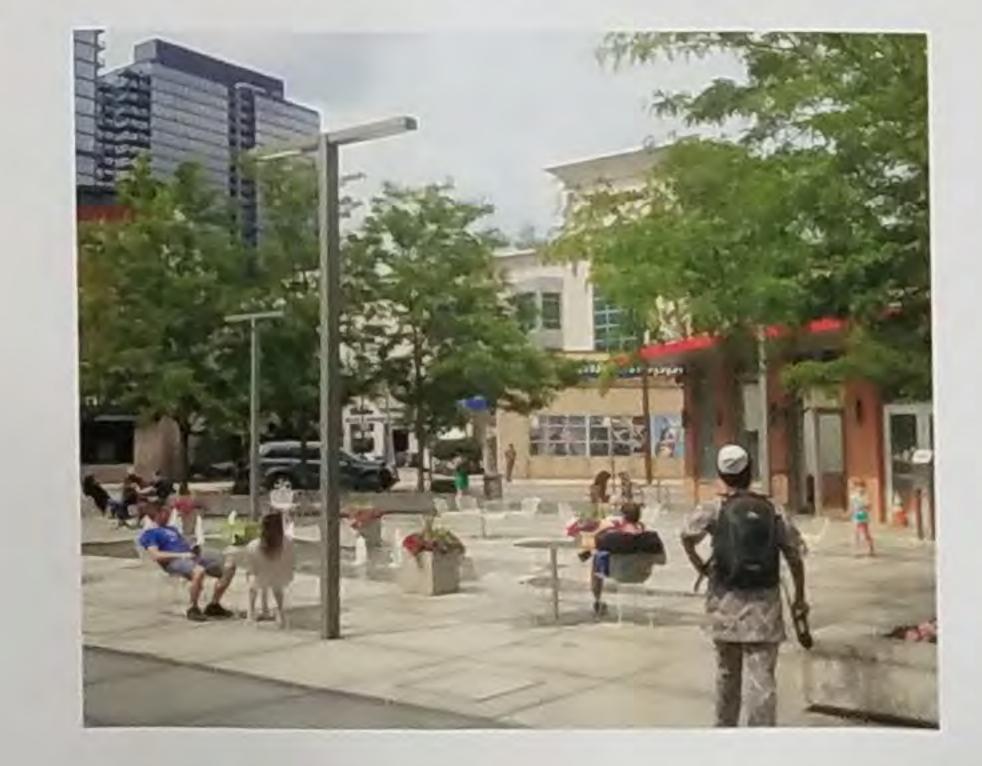
Main Avenue Focus Area which is centered on Main Avenue and Crockett Park, is next to the City's most vibrant LGBTQ culture area, San Antonio College, and Methodist Hospital. The focus area is part of Tobin Hill neighborhood; however the remaining streetcar era residential area is to the east and northeast.

The focus area includes two pockets of historic landmark sites, and other individual landmark sites. Most of the area is occupied by surface parking lots and driveways. There is an assortment of uses and building types, such as small apartment buildings, multistory mid-century office and medical buildings, restaurants, bars, lodging, and a retail bank, among others.

Main Avenue Focus Area should be a place for people to live, work, and play. The focus area includes a diverse employment base, with Methodist Hospital and associated health care businesses around the hospital, and south of the focus area across I-35 in downtown. Additional households, workers, and public amenity improvements should support growth in the Main Avenue retail area to the north and its expansion into the focus area south of Crockett Park.

Development should relate to Main Avenue, McCullough Avenue, and Cypress Street and should define an active urban edge to Crockett Park. New above ground pedestrian tunnels connecting buildings across streets should not be allowed, and instead pedestrian comfort and safety investments should be focused on the public streets. Growth in the medical sector, new high density residential or mixed residential-commercial development, enhanced transit service and continued growth in Downtown's River North District may catalyze further growth and amenity improvements in this focus area.

Two pockets of historic landmarks centered at the intersections of Lewis/Poplar and Euclid/Baltimore and other landmark sites, should be preserved and will contribute to a fine-grained historic character and variation in the built environment. Buildings heights surrounding Crockett ould reflect those of the Tobin Lofts and the Metropolitan Professional Building, while closer one or more buildings exceeding 10 stories is encouraged. As with other parts Midtown, it and that any buildings occupying whole blocks or large footprints be complemented by ned development in the immediate vicinity. A greater mix of uses and larger numbers of people using areas near I-35 would contribute to connecting Midtown with Downtown. This focus area includes redevelopment sites large enough for mixed-use development that includes a full





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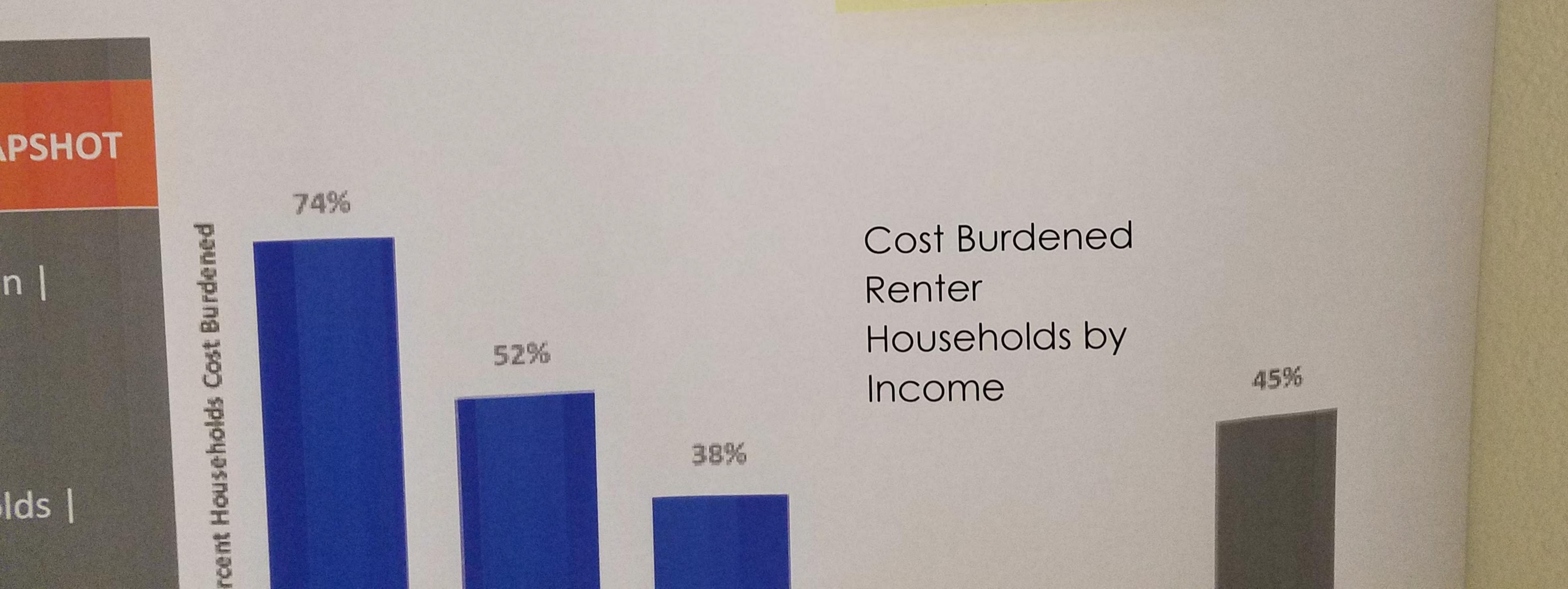
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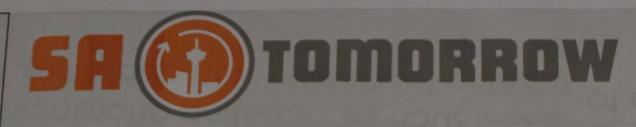
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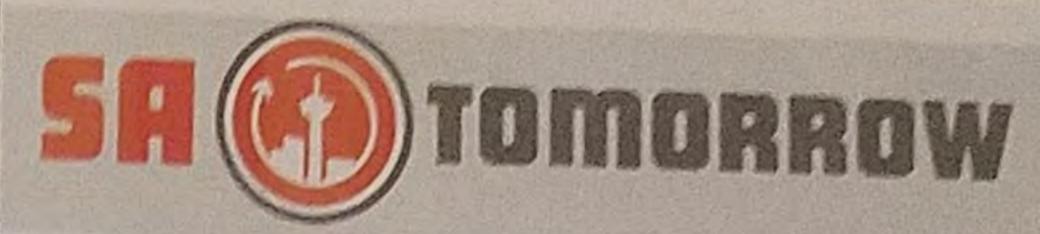
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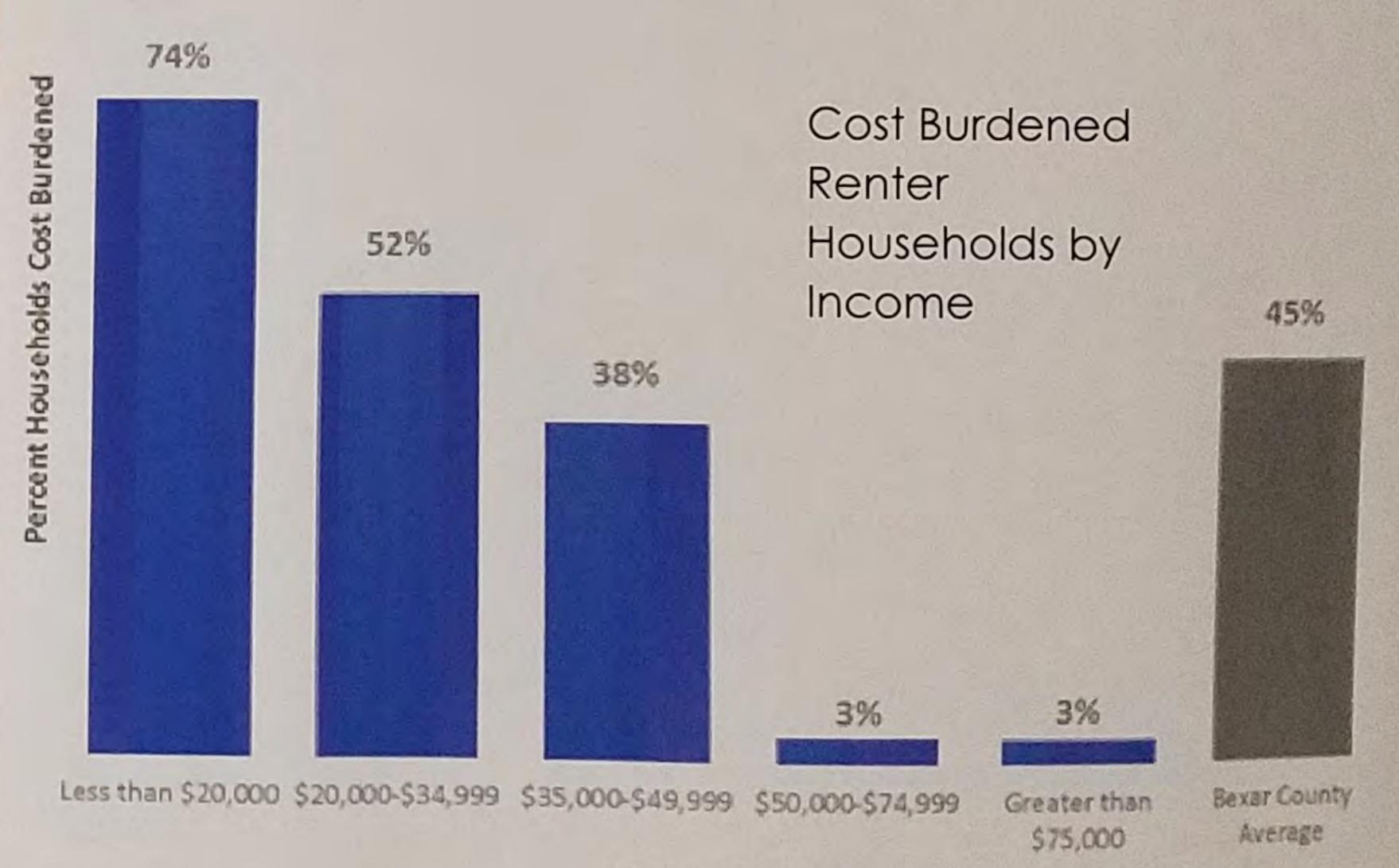
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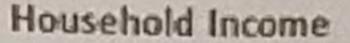
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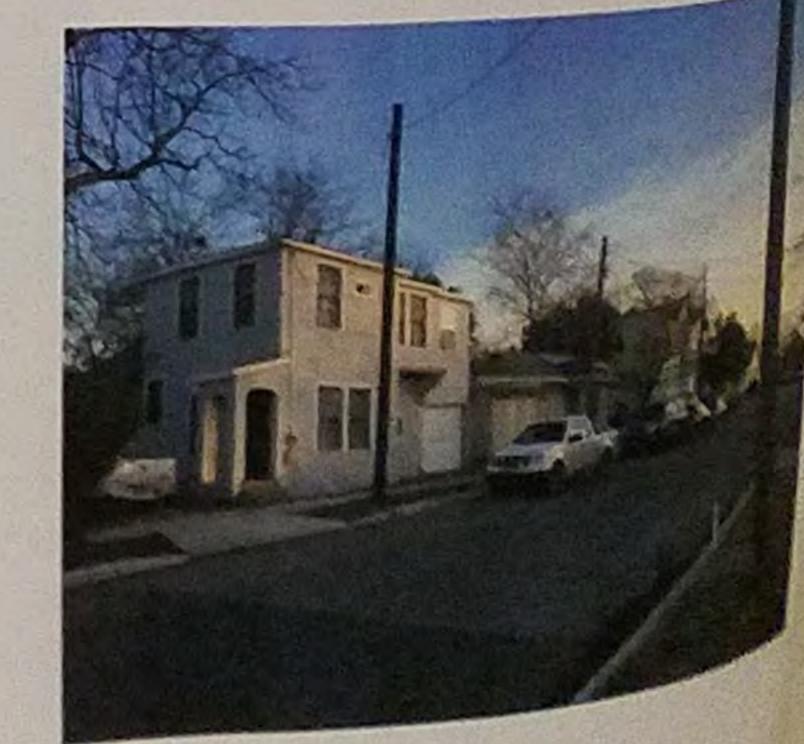
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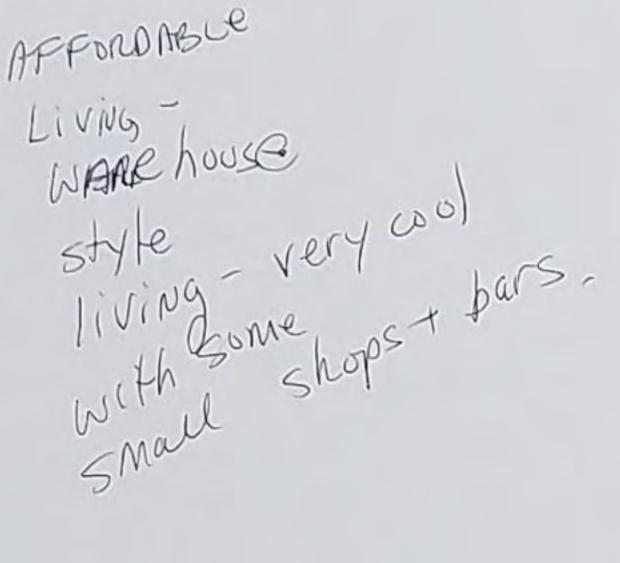
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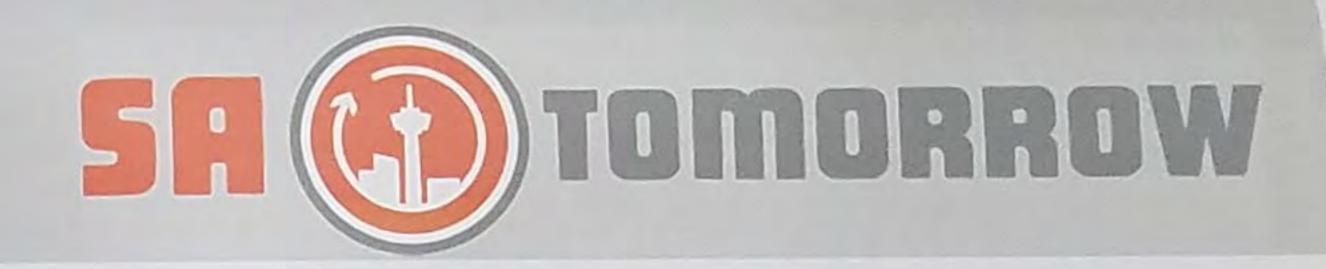
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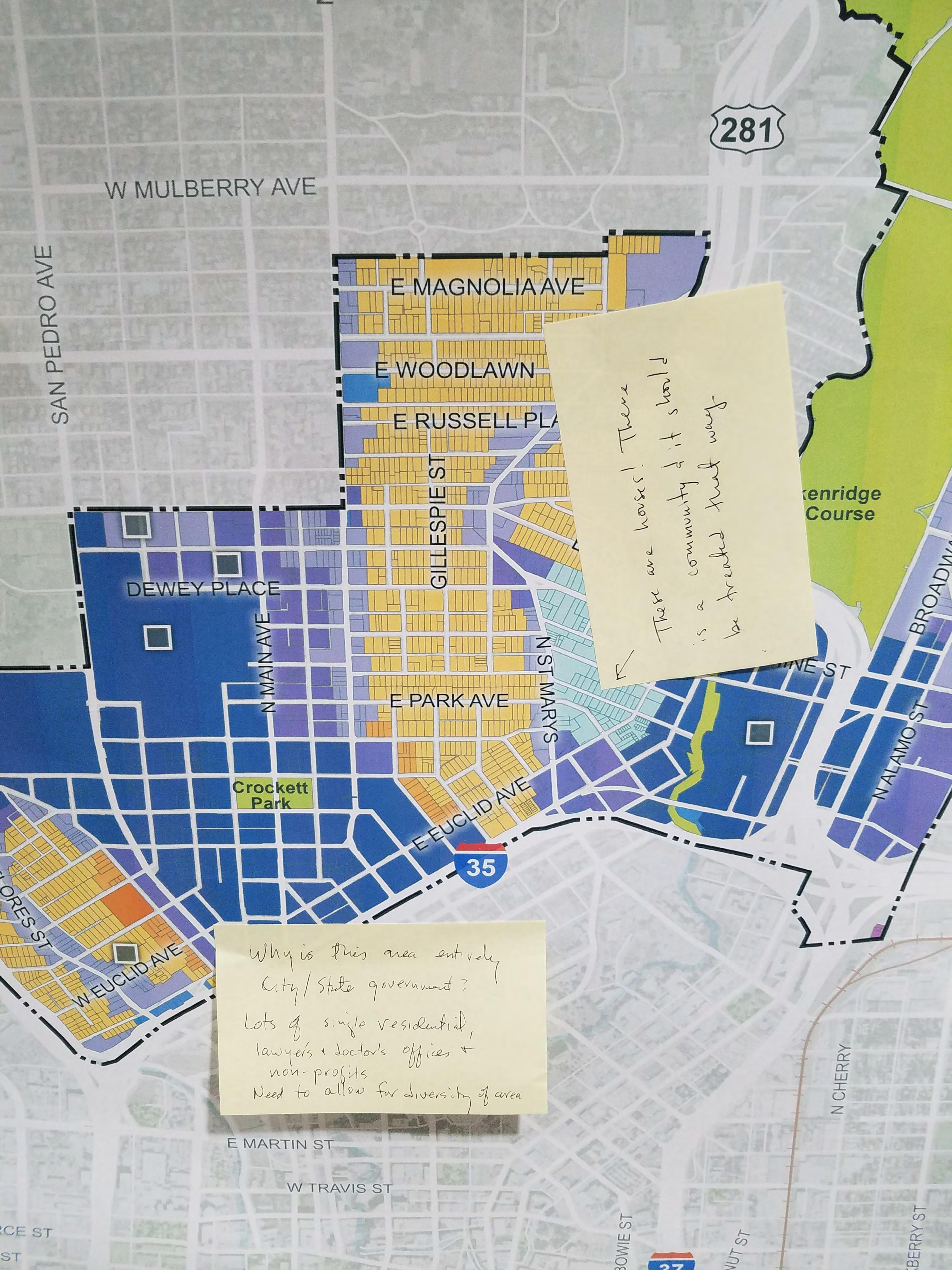


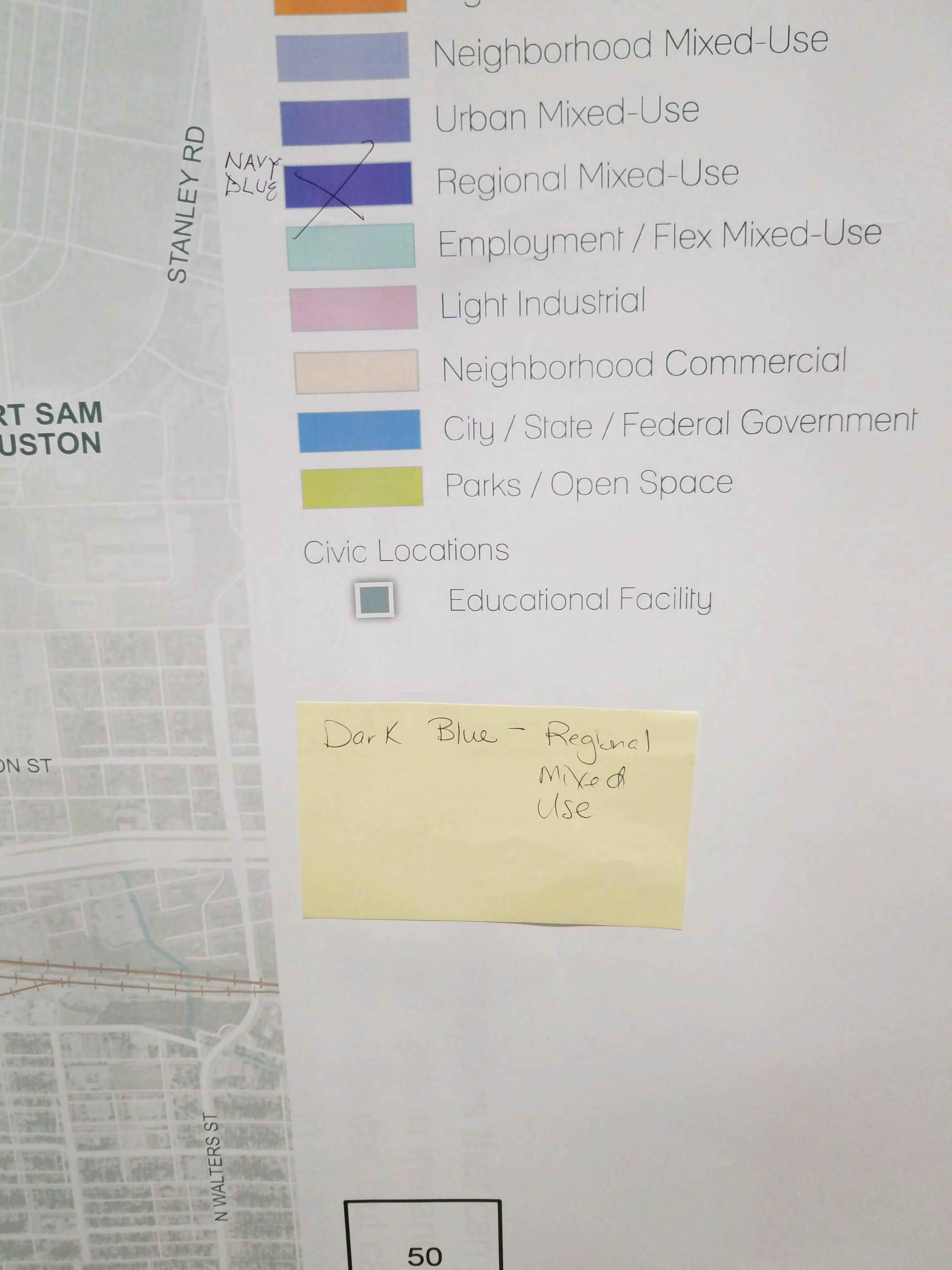
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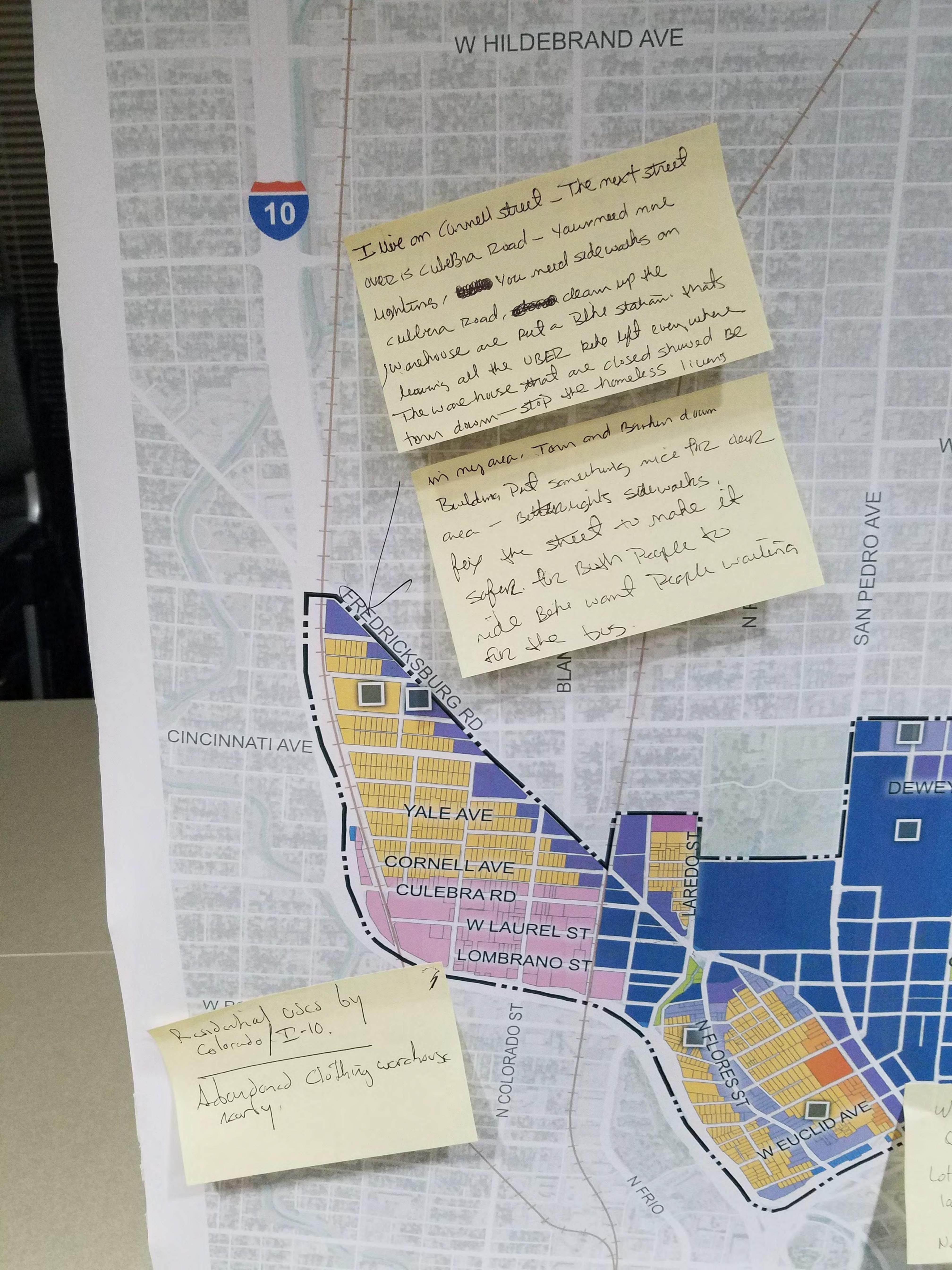


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Background and transportation vision

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Provide transportation options in addition to vehicles that connect Regional Centers
SA Tomorrow Multimodal Transportation Plan acknowledged that we cannot build our way out
of congestion, and that the Comprehensive Plan, and associated land use plans, are a primary
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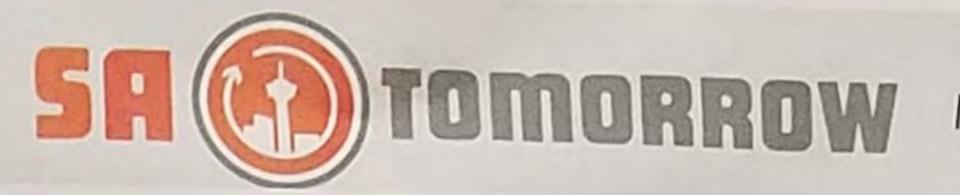
Affordability, diversity, and transportation choices are important elements of the Midtown Vision and Goals. The combined costs of housing and transportation (commonly referred to as H+T) are often a large portion of a household's budget, with experts recommending the combined total not be more than 45% of household income. In the Greater San Antonio Region that total on average is 53%. Walkable communities that provide great transit options can reduce the household transportation costs for the average person, because if people have an alternative to driving alone, transportation costs can be stable even when gas prices rise. By providing transportation options, as some people choose to go to their destination on foot, bicycle or transit, the number of cars on the road will be minimized, reducing traffic delay for those people that choose to drive.

Multimodal infrastructure investments to transform streets into great public places, such as additional bicycle and pedestrian resources, as well as rapid transit investments from VIA Metropolitan Transit, are needed to better serve existing residents, accommodate new residents and effectively connect the Midtown area to the greater San Antonio region.

Safety is central to the mobility vision for Midtown. Previous development that focused on prioritizing automobiles leaves many parts of the area with incomplete sidewalks, few bike facilities, and poor access to parks. With a focus on improving safety for people walking and bicycling, Midtown will become a more healthy and connected area, where local residents can access destinations near their homes without having to drive.

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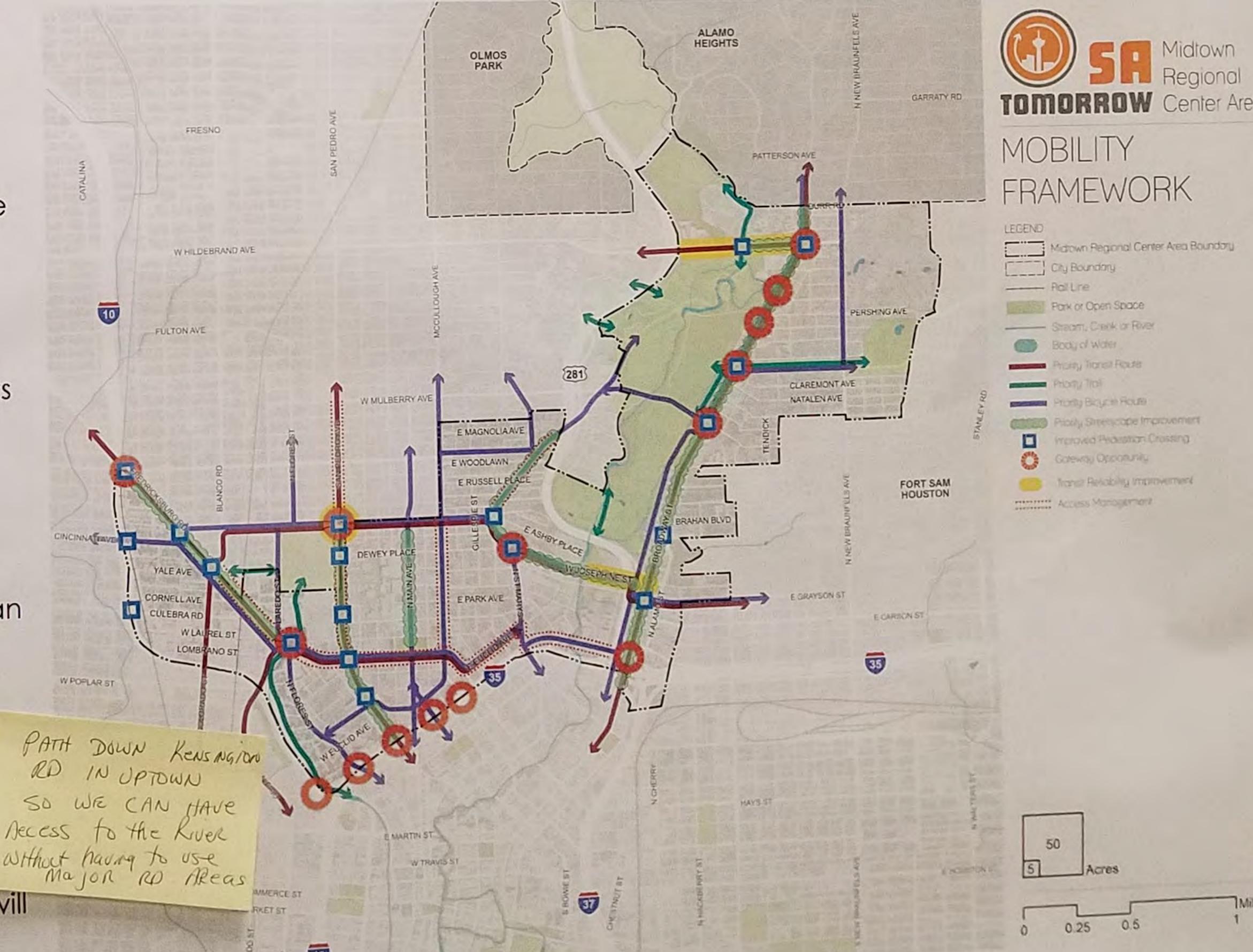
Midtown Area Regional Center Plan

Midtown's mobility needs:

Midtown has long been a critical gateway to the city center, is home to thousands of people, and has many destinations. Key transportation needs identified for this Midtown include the following:

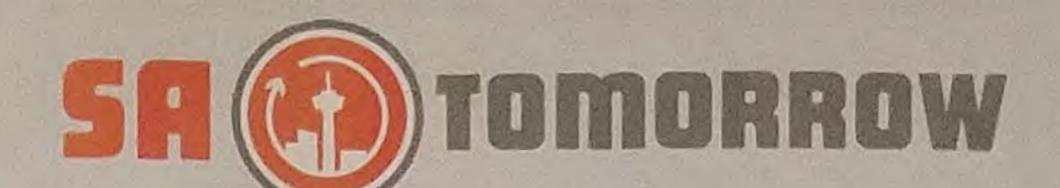
- Safety on the transportation network for all modes, but especially pedestrian and bicyclist safety;
- Multimodal improvements transformation of the transportation network to serve people choosing to walk, bicycle, scooter, take transit, rideshare, or travel in their own vehicle;
- Ensure that the mobility network supports, responds to, and directly implements the future land use plan; and Congestion reduction in key hotspots.

To address the mobility needs in the Midtown study area, a set of high level recommendations has been developed with input from the Midtown Area Regional Center Planning Team and community stakeholders, and a set of strategies have been identified to implement the recommendations through projects, policies and partnerships.



(draft) VISION AND GOALS

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Midtown Area Regional Center Plan

What is a vision statement?

A vision statement describes the desired state of a place in the future. With community support, an effective vision can influence decisions and inspire action to move toward that idealized future. Goals further describe the outcomes that will support the realization of the vision. These, in turn, are supported by more specific recommendations and strategies that will implement the bigger-picture vision and goals. These strategies will involve specific proposed projects, programs, policies, and other means of achieving the community vision.

The Midtown Regional Center Vision and Goals were developed with input from residents and community stakeholders through an iterative process of developing and refining these concepts. During preliminary community engagement efforts, community members articulated important values and identified Midtown's assets, challenges, and opportunities. This community input became the basis for Midtown's Vision and Goals, which were refined with feedback from the Planning Team and participants at a second Community Meeting.

Vision for the Midtown area

In 2040, Midtown will reflect the diversity of San Antonio's people and families. Historic neighborhoods, rooted communities, iconic waterways and parks, and places of culture and learning will continue to characterize the area.

Unique destinations will each include an abundance of places to live, work, learn and enjoy, yet each will have a distinct character, featuring—and growing from—local culture and landscape.

Midtown's neighborhoods will continue to convey historic character, and will have affordable homes and apartments for a diverse population. People of all ages and circumstances will be able to choose, stay, and call Midtown home.

Midtown's multiple-purpose streets, trails, and public places will offer comfortable and convenient choices for walking, biking and transit riding, and make it easy to get exercise, socialize, and experience nature in a healthy environment.

Goals for the Midtown area

Goal 1: Preserve Midtown's Distinct Character

- Preserve Midtown's essential character-defining elements: the diversity of people and the unique character of individual places and neighborhoods.
- Maintain buildings with exemplary historic character.
- Highlight the history and heritage of the area and share stories through urban design, public art, and cultural events.
- Continue to nurture Midtown's identity as a welcoming place for diverse families.

Goal 2: Connect Neighborhoods and Destinations

- Improve sidewalks and trails to safely connect regional destinations, neighborhoods, transit, employment, shopping, schools, and green spac-
- Improve connections across busy roads like San Pedr highways like I-10, and make walking comfort lighting, trees, and slower traffic.
- Make biking safe and enjoyable for people

Goal 3: Support Great Transit

- Capitalize on Midtown's central location, potential for comfortable walking, and concentration of housing, jobs, and destinations.
- Build high capacity transit service and provide regular service improvements within Midtown and to destinations such as Downtown, Medical Center, UTSA, and Brooks.

Goal 4: Support Unique, Mixed Activity Are

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- Accommodate growth while preserving distinct characteristics of each part of Midtown and providing thoughtful transitions between uses.
- Support unique district cultures in Midtown, such as LGBTQ areas on Main Street.

Goal 5: Broaden Housing Choices

- Offer a range of housing types and price-points to meet the diverse needs of residents such as, seniors, students, families, and others.
- Conserve existing affordable housing and the existing diverse ix of housing types, and expand affordable housing options.
- Rehabilitate or redevelop housing that is in poor
- Focus most new housing development close tion corridors.

Goal 6: Improve Pedestrian- and Transit-Oriented Retail and Services

- Building on the unique character and strengths in each retail corridor, support more diverse options, including small-scale markets, affordable healthy food, entertainment, and other amenities for Midtown's diverse residents and visitors.
- Encourage building maintenance and renovations to beautify commercial corridors and create walkable, active street areas next to buildings.

Goal 7: Stimulate a Thriving Economy

- Create more employment opportunities to continue attracting a diverse residential population.
- Leverage existing robust employment anchors such as University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio College, and Methodist Hospital.
- Continue to improve Midtown's great assets and public spaces, such as the Broadway Cultural Corridor, to attract more employers.
- Cultivate target markets related to arts, culture, entertainment, technology, and wellness.

Goal 8: Improve Outdoor and Nature Experiences

- Integrate nature and green space throughout Midtown, using creek-side trails (e.g., along San Pedro Springs Creek), Latin American-inspired plazas with vegetation, park-like streets, or other innovative spaces that include nature.
- Sustain large canopy trees and mature landscaping as defining features of Midtown's neighborhoods.

Goal 9: Promote Health and Sustainability

- Improve access to affordable, healthy foods.
- Encourage concentrations of places to live, work, and play.
- Design streets and public places to make being outdoors delightful.
- Achieve multiple community goals with green infrastructure: use large trees, landscaping, and stream restoration to clean stormwater, reduce flooding, make great public spaces, improve walkability, reduce urban heat, and leave a great legacy downstream.

Goal 10: Pursue Transformative Projects

· Elevate Midtown's aesthetic appeal, stimulate economic growth, and meet local needs by transforming vacant properties and older buildings through reuse, redevelopment, or new development. The goal of presering

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Goal 11: Grow Unique Destinations

- Fortify Midtown destinations with complet tion, employment, entertainment and tran-
- Reinforce the Broadway Cultural Corridor, historic parks, San Antonio River, and San Pedro Springs Creek as places familiar to all San Antonians and welcoming to the world.
- · Support other thriving retail, entertainment, and cultural destinations that already have a community and successful identify, such as the Pearl District, St. Mary's Street, and Main Street.
- · Support other corridors (such as Fredericksburg Road, San Pedro Avenue and Mc Yough Avenue) in building on their best qualities.



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