

SA Tomorrow Sub-Area Planning Texas A&M- San Antonio Regional Center Plan

The City of San Antonio Planning Department hosted the first All Residents meeting for the Texas A&M San Antonio Regional Center on Jan. 30.

Area residents were invited via post card mail-out notices, flyers, and electronic communications (emails and social media) to the event. The communication invitations included a QR code and link to the "Vision & Goals Questionnaire" online survey. A second on-site opportunity to complete the online survey was also provided during the event via ipads provided by our team.

The survey window began Jan. 6 and will close on Feb 26. The most recent survey results as of Feb. 7, along with a link, can be found below.

During the meeting, several resident engagement stations were set up for attendees to provide their input.

Resident input from the surveys will assist the City's Planning Department to draft the vision and goals for the Texas A&M San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan.

Online "Vision & Goals Questionnaire"

Currently, the online <u>survey</u> provides responses from 44 residents. A present summary of what stands out from the questions is as follows:

What do you like most about this area?

• Respondents mostly agreed that they "enjoyed the rural nature of the area". According to the input, the area is "quiet and has natural, open space features and a low volume of traffic".

What is missing from the area?

• "Access to retail options such as grocery stores, entertainment, shopping areas and more healthy food options".

What about the community would you want to see different?

"Additional growth for retail uses and residential use[s], while maintaining the
existing open and green spaces. Smart Growth that is compatible with the
natural environment. More sidewalks and bike lanes to allow for different
modes of travel throughout the area, as well as better access to VIA transit."

What is your vision or "big ideas" for the future of the area?

• "Additional Tech and healthcare uses to develop a hub of technology. More activities for entertainment, retail options, recreation for students and residents, as well as more housing options in the area."

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Overall the survey participants generally agreed that the area "will grow in the future", however it is important to the respondents to maintain the "rural, open space, qualities" they value within the plan area.

Vision & Goals Station

During the All Residents Meeting, a station was provided in which attendees were encouraged to answer questions about the area by writing on post-it notes and placing their response on the flip chart. The results are as follows:

What do you like most about this area?

- The rural character
- The area is quiet
- livestock

What is missing from the area?

- A solid, stable, internet connection
- Parks and Recreational Areas
- Wellness centers, and healthcare facilities
- Affordable assisted living for seniors
- Off-campus housing options
- Retail uses and restaurants
- Access to VIA services and public transit

What about the community would you like to be different?

- Less junk yards and auto auctions
- Trash and illegal dumping
- More streetlights and sidewalks
- Better road quality

What is your vision or "Big Idea" for the area?

- More businesses
- Trail systems
- Additional housing near campus

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