



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Planning Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Bridgett White, AICP

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

### **SUBJECT:**

Briefing on the UTSA Area Regional Center Plan

### **SUMMARY:**

The Planning Department will provide a briefing on the UTSA Area Regional Center Plan, the third of the SA Tomorrow Sub-Area Plans slated for adoption. The Sub-Area Plans implement the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is one of three growth-related plans addressing how the City of San Antonio's expected population growth will be balanced with social, economic, and environmental resources. The Comprehensive Plan provides strategic direction for decision making and public investment to prepare our communities for anticipated growth at the citywide level. The major "building blocks" of the Comprehensive Plan include:

- Regional Centers
- Urban Centers
- Corridors
- Neighborhoods

The UTSA Area Regional Center Plan aims to create a realistic and implementable strategy to address projected growth in the UTSA Area Regional Center, one of the thirteen (13) Regional Centers identified in the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. Anchored by the University of Texas at San Antonio, and the UTSA activity

center is a focus of entertainment and retail for the northern portion of the City. Located at the intersection of I-10 and Loop 1604, the UTSA Area Regional Center includes major destinations such as the Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme park, The RIM Shopping Center, and the Shops at La Cantera. The main topics covered by the Plan include Land Use, Mobility, Amenities and Infrastructure, Focus Areas, Catalytic Projects, Economic Development, Housing, and Neighborhood Priorities.

As success of the Sub-Area Plan depends on broad participation from area stakeholders, Planning Department staff worked with a wide range of community members throughout the planning process. These included neighborhood associations, business and property owners, residents, employers, educational and cultural institutions, public and nonprofit organizations, and other City departments.

#### **ISSUE:**

The Planning Department will provide a briefing on the UTSA Area Regional Center Plan. A Public Draft of the Plan was released to the public for comment on March 19, 2019 and public input was gathered through April 21, 2019. An Administrative Draft, which incorporates many of the community comments received thus far, is currently available and is scheduled to be considered by City Council on August 15, 2109. The Administrative Draft is available online at the following address: <https://utsa-area.sacompplan.com>.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

This briefing is for informational purposes only.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Comprehensive Plan Committee forward the UTSA Area Regional Center Plan to the Planning Commission for formal consideration.