



City of San Antonio Sustainability Plan

Land Use & Transportation

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Vision

San Antonio's future growth is sustainable and efficient, focusing on strategic development that is compact, mixed-use, economically-inclusive, and multi-modal.

Outcomes

LT1: New development is affordable, mixed-use, transit oriented and is designed for walking, biking, and electric vehicle infrastructure

LT2: Existing neighborhoods are enhanced to allow for mixed uses and increased access to jobs, services, and transportation options

LT3: Human and environmental health is improved by creating safe and complete neighborhood centers linked by a network of connected paths and greenways

LT4: All neighborhoods within San Antonio have appropriate amenities to support safe walking and biking

The Land Use and Transportation focus area focuses on sustainable land use patterns and modes of transportation and an improved infrastructure, including smart, mixed-use, and transit oriented development practices and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, alternative fuels, transit options, and complete streets.

Strategies

- Participate in the Great Streets program and other public improvement programs to create complete streets that enhance economic development, improve commercial and civic life, decrease retail vacancy rates, and enhance safety.

Great Streets meet criteria focused on balancing the competing needs of the street in a sustainable way.

- Create incentives to encourage the development of affordable housing in transit rich areas throughout the city.

Encourage private developers to develop affordable housing in targeted areas.

- Design and implement a downtown employee transportation demand management (TDM) program.

Develop strategies and policies to reduce travel demand (specifically that of single-occupancy private vehicles), or to redistribute this demand in space or in time.

- Expand the San Antonio Bike Share Program throughout the city and increase the number of bikes available for renting.

Increase the number of stations and bikes to develop a network throughout the city.

- Continue exploring the feasibility and eventual development of light rail from the periphery into downtown San Antonio.

Develop a feasibility assessment and analysis of light rail options to connect the periphery to downtown San Antonio.

- Expand infrastructure and promote policies that encourage the use of electric vehicles (EV) and anticipates new technology and innovation in the transportation sector.

Develop a program to expand electric vehicle infrastructure on public and private properties, through updated policies and new partnerships with commercial building owners.

- Replace minimum parking space requirements with maximum parking space requirements in new developments to encourage alternative modes of transportation.

Review standards and develop revised standards to eliminate unnecessary parking spots and more effectively use undeveloped land.

- Require that all new developments provide sidewalks, bike paths, and infrastructure for electric and other alternative or technologically advanced vehicles.

Update zoning and building codes to require new developments to include sidewalks, bike paths, and infrastructure for electric and other alternative or technologically advanced vehicles.

- Evaluate commercial and industrial land use and zoning designations in the core of the City, major employment centers, and primary transit corridors to determine areas that could be converted to residential or mixed use.

Promote mixed use development in existing commercial and industrial areas by evaluating existing zoning designations and identifying areas for mixed use or residential development.

- Launch an educational campaign and train the development community on the benefits associated with mixed use development and walkable communities.

The City will actively encourage private developers to use mixed use development techniques which enhance walkability.

- Provide incentive program for private employers to install shower and storage facilities, or create partnerships with local gyms so employees that use alternative transit can shower.

Workplace shower and storage facilities promote biking and walking to work, which promotes active lifestyles and reduces single-occupancy vehicle traffic.

- Create incentive programs to guide housing and employment to targeted areas.

The City will incentivize private developers to focus new residential and commercial development in targeted areas.

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