COLLEGE AREA COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE LAND USE CONCEPTS The City of







Meeting Agenda – Land Use Concepts

- Introductions
- Schedule Overview
- Smart Growth + Community Livability
- Urban Framework for the College Area
- 3 Land Use Approaches
- Focus Area Concepts
 - El Cajon Corridor
 - College/El Cajon Node
 - Campus Town Center
- Discussion
- Key Takeaways

Tonight's Team





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NEXT STEPS





Meeting Topic

Land Use and Urban Design Concepts

Meeting Topic

Land Use and Urban Design Concepts 2

Meeting Topic Mobility Concepts

Committee Role Feedback on Concepts

Committee Role Feedback on Refined Concepts *Committee Role* Feedback on Concepts

NEXT STEPS





Meeting Topic

Mobility , Urban Design, & Land Use Concepts

Meeting Topic

Draft Community Plan Framework

Committee Role

Feedback on Refined Concepts

Committee Role Feedback on Framework

SMART GROWTH + COMMUNITY LIVABILITY + VISION

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SMART GROWTH PLANNING

- Smart growth is a compact, efficient, and environmentally-sensitive urban development pattern that takes advantage of:
 - \circ existing infrastructure
 - strengthens existing
 neighborhoods by focusing future
 growth, investment, and infill
 residential development close to
 jobs, services, and public facilities.
- These areas are walkable, bike-friendly, near public transit, and promote good community design that results in housing and transportation choices for those who live and work near these areas.





COLLEGE AREA SMART GROWTH

PLAN COLLEGE AREA

Smart Growth Opportunity Areas



2050 Transit Network^{*} from San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan

- COASTER/AMTRAK/Metrolink
- ----- SPRINTER Express
- Streetcar/Shuttle
- ----- Local Bus

SMART GROWTH CONCEPT MAP MID-CITY AND EAST COUNTY SUBREGION May 2016



All Smart Growth Opportunity Areas shown on the map have been identified and recommended for inclusion on the map by local jurisdictions. *Transit network generalized for cartographic purposes.





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Aerial View of SDSU, City of San Diego Archives



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Early conceptual rendering of One Paseo (Town Center); Kilroy, SD Union Tribune

- Development goals include a variety of low, mid, and higher-rise buildings with a mix of housing and commercial / retail uses to support the residents and surrounding communities.
- The smart growth areas will include a strong pedestrian realm with active-mobility and community gathering places.
- In addition to a strong pedestrian realm and gathering spaces, smart growth areas will include regional transit service.



COLLEGE AREA

COMMUNITY VISION



Vision Statement

The community plan envisions a college village with vibrant mixed-use corridors and nodes that connect to neighborhoods and the university, and that enhance the community.

Guiding Principles summarized

- Building / public space design for sustainability/livability
- Housing near SDSU, transit and community amenities/jobs
- Safe and convenient transit and active mobility
- A vibrant and sustainable business district
- SDSU as anchor community institution
- Active mobility improvements for public health and business vitality
- Preserve and expand parks and open space
- Emissions-free transportation system
- Public spaces that "support cultural exchange" with community agencies, local businesses, public schools, the university, and other local arts organizations

COMMUNITY VISION & PRIORITIES

PLAN COLLEGE AREA

College Area Community Council Report – "Seven Visions"

- Meet the community's future housing needs by adding residential and mixed-use density along the community's major corridors and at the three main intersections.
- Reduce traffic congestion and improve local mobility.
- Encourage the development of a "Campus Town" on Montezuma Road on the southern edge of San Diego State University.
- Convert Montezuma Road east of College Avenue into a linear park and an extension of the "Campus Town."
- Create a sense of identity and place.
- Establish connections between the community and SDSU.
- Protect the integrity of single-family neighborhoods.



COLLEGE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Community Plan Update Report 2020

02 URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK FOR THE COLLEGE AREA

ASSETS



- Varied landscape from canyons to mesas
- Established neighborhoods
- Historic buildings as landmarks
- Institutional presence an opportunity for a strong town-gown relationship
- Popular social hubs
- Access to regional parks around the community









PARKS + PUBLIC SPACE OPPORTUNITIES



A full spectrum of parks and open spaces make a diverse park system.

Key Opportunities:

- Existing Park and Joint-Use Site Improvements
- Park Opportunities on City-Owned Land
- Park Opportunities with Future • Development
- Green Network Opportunities

Parks/Open spaces

Existing Parks/Plazas

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Green Streets

Off-Street Peo

Connections



STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



- Multi-functional streetscapes that connect the community and encourage walking and biking
- Integrate opportunities for public green spaces throughout the community in addition to parks

Multi-functional Corridors

Secondary Connections

Major Corridors

New Pedestrian

Connections

Parks

Space

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INFILL OPPORTUNITIES



• Urban Form

 Strengthen sense of place by activating streets, highquality infill development, creating activity nodes around transit stops

• Parks + Public Space

- Opportunities to create new parks and public spaces to serve existing and new residents
- Integrate new public spaces with infill development for enhanced livability

Connectivity

 Create multi-functional corridors



BODUSE APPROACH+ FOCUS AREAS

APPROACH 1: CORRIDOR EMPHASIS



- Focus higher intensity and density of infill residential, commercial and mixed use along key corridors
- Offers great potential for activating the corridors with a mix of uses, ground floor programming and public realm improvements.
- Provides opportunities to enhance the streetscape environment with widened sidewalks, street trees, new lighting, active building frontages, pedestrian plazas and terraces that look out on to the street
- Over time, a consistent pattern of development will reinforce the corridors by building the active edges or "streetwall" of the street



APPROACH 2: NODES



- Focus higher intensity and density of infill residential, commercial and mixed use along key intersections, transit stops or existing high density uses
- Offers opportunities to create
 activity nodes by integrating
 variety of public spaces and
 mobility choices with mixed use
 infill development to form a sense
 of place and a distinct point
 of attraction in the community
- Key elements typically seen in nodes include public plazas, community parks, street trees, widened sidewalks with street furniture, signage, public art, gateway elements, and distinctive architecture



APPROACH 3: CAMPUS TOWN CENTERS



- Create new town centers by focusing higher intensity and density of infill residential, commercial and mixed use around SDSU campus and Alvarado Street trolley station
- Offers opportunities to integrate
 campus with community, leverage
 transit, and enhance bike-ped
 connections to new town centers
- Key elements typically seen in campus town centers include public realm improvements around trolley stations, bike-ped trails, safe ped crossings, and enhanced streetscape



DISCUSSION TOPICS

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- Elements of the Urban Design Framework:
 - Integration and connectivity with existing neighborhoods
 - Public realm improvements
 - Access to mobility choices
 - Distribution of density and intensity of infill development
 - Sense of place



CORRIDORS





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CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT













EL CAJON CORRIDOR STREETSCAPE



CORRIDOR PUBLIC SPACES





NODE




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NODAL PUBLIC SPACES





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Mariposa Park, San Francisco



Tanner Springs Park, Portland



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College "Triangle Core"

- Active Ground Floor
- Connected Public Realm
- Open Space Opportunities
- Pedestrian Cores
- Transit Hubs, Street Village, Campus Town



MONTEZUMA STREETSCAPE EAST OF COLLEGE AVENUE





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NEXT STEPS

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- Check back in with the Subcommittee next month
- Integrate mobility concepts
- Bring these concepts to the community

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