

Technical Working Group Meeting 12/13/2023

Introductions

- Introductions: Jim Bailey, Pete Alanis, Nikki Johnson, Summer Greathouse, Jason Rodriguez, John Bustamante, Connie Gonzales, Javier Paredes, Anisa Schell, Jordan Ghawi, Christine Vina, Jacob Floyd, Sara Wamsley Estrada, Joyce Palmer, Kai Velazquez, TC (Thomas) Heydon, Siboney Diaz-Sanchez, Teresa Myers, Juan Valdez

Briefing on Task Force from Cat (Transportation)

- Task Force led by Transportation will be planning around Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) corridors to create Transit Oriented Development (TOD) framework and policy
 - This will align with the TWG's work, which is specific to housing affordability in the ART corridor area
 - Goal among TWG members is consensus on recommendations, informed by previous plans and policies

Briefing on past TOD work from Christine (VIA)

- Background from VIA:
 - VIA and COSA have been working on TOD since 2009, but never took action to submit amendments during Unified Development Code (UDC) amendment cycle
 - In 2018, VIA received funding from the FTA for TOD pilot planning to develop zoning code, provided VIA partnered with COSA
 - VIA would do legwork, while City would have public engagement concurrently through SA Tomorrow
 - Ready to move forward to UDC amendment cycle in 2020, but delayed due to COVID.
 - VIA has a fairly complete first draft, but no meaningful public engagement yet
 - Deliverables: code with templates; layman's developer guide for developers and other municipalities interested in similar TOD projects; north-south line - typologies of station areas along that corridor, would likely be applicable to most stations
 - Once list of typologies more complete, may also apply to east/west line (received funding in 2021 to examine east/west line)
 - Communities Grant - what does equitable TOD look like along ART corridor?
 - Two elements: street (curb-to-curb - what to make transit function operate) and back-of-curb
 - Thus far, three different prototypes for back-of-curb station areas - small, medium, and large)

- Depth of lot on transit corridor much shallower than in other cities (low-scale development abutting transit corridor) ensure address need for balance, transition zone
 - Note in Chat regarding existing language in UDC: Table 506-3 Street Design Standards: Footnote 2 - Additional right-of-way and alternate design standards may be required on designated advanced rapid transit corridors as identified in the Major Thoroughfare Plan.
- Questions and Comments
 - Back-of-curb (as well as curb-to-curb) important to effective TOD policy – question to VIA staff on how past code and station area typologies were developed
 - VIA has consultant to assist, but haven't been able to do public engagement yet
 - Consultants and staff available for questions about code, effect of potential changes
 - Typologies have narrow focus along corridor to ensure address individual neighborhood character
 - Question to staff on how community engagement will take place
 - Able City on consulting team; VIA staff can pass along existing engagement plan
 - Staff and others to create plan to keep public informed and engaged

Closing Thoughts and Goals

- Goals to move forward
 - Ensure existing affordable housing remains affordable
 - Create opportunities for new affordable housing along ART line
 - Create neighborhood typologies that can be applied across ART line(s) and city
- Details on Task Force from Cat (Transportation)
 - Task force will be a mix of technical and neighborhood members, and they'll work on entire TOD policy
 - Task force and TWG will ensure goals are aligned
 - Will determine where to place TOD zoning
 - Website will be available with updates
- Notes
 - Staff will create Sharepoint and share existing TOD-related work with TWG members (note- this may take several weeks. In the mean time, we will ensure access to documents via email.)
 - VIA's work as available, SA Corridors, Transit Oriented Communities
 - NHSD staff will send meeting transcript and summary to TWG members
 - NHSD staff will poll TWG members on best times for future meetings
- Closing thoughts

- TWG members excited to work with group and engage with topic