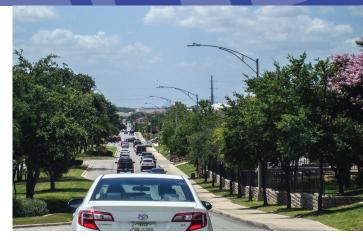# Multimodal Transportation Plan Fact Sheet

About the Plan

By 2040, San Antonio is expected to grow by more than 1 million people, almost doubling the current population. This growth will bring new jobs, additional vehicles, and new housing units that will require a well thought-out multimodal transportation plan.

Led by the City of San Antonio, the Multimodal Transportation Plan effort will include the City, partner agencies, and the San Antonio community. It is a city-wide planning effort to identify and prioritize future transportation needs for San Antonio. The plan will cover all of San Antonio and its territorial jurisdiction, and will take into consideration all modes of transportation, including auto, freight, rail, transit, biking, and walking. The plan will be completed by spring 2016.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN?

- Funding is limited and the system will not pay for itself. A major outcome of the Multimodal Transportation Plan will be a list of projects to be considered for inclusion in the City's 2017 bond program. The bond program is the City's primary funding source for capital improvements on transportation facilities.

- In the long term, the significant increase of people will affect the city's resources and quality of life. It could take you twice as much time to travel the same distance in 2040. Smart planning and policies, developed with significant input from the community, will provide a sustainable system that offers multiple transportation choices.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD

The Multimodal Transportation Plan kicked off in April. Many people already shared their thoughts at meetings, events, and in surveys. So far, people have indicated they want:

- Transportation choices such as more bikes, light rail, and better public transit.
- Improved connectivity and reduced congestion through active transportation such as cycling and walking.
- System-wide safety and reliability, particularly for cyclists and pedestrians.

The Multimodal Transportation Plan will include a variety of mobility projects to support the anticipated growth. The City needs members of the community to help by providing input into the planning process.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

What does "multimodal transportation" mean?

Multimodal transportation takes into account all modes of transportation, including auto, freight, rail, transit, biking and walking for all ages.

Don't we already have transportation plans?

It has been over 30 years since City Council last adopted a Transportation Plan for the entire city. The Multimodal Transportation Plan will address how people will move around in the future. It complements the transportation component of the San Antonio Comprehensive Plan; builds on the Alamo Area MPO's 2040 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan; will incorporate VIA's Vision 2040; and maximizes infrastructure investments. It also builds on the vision of SA2020.

Couldn't the City just restrict the number of people who move here?

As Mayor Ivy Taylor said, "San Antonio, even long before it had a name, was always a place where people have come and didn't want to leave." People are moving to San Antonio for the same reason that three-fourths of adults born in Texas, still live in Texas: it is a great place to live! We have a strong economy, and that, coupled with a lower cost of living, lower taxes, and jobs, makes it an attractive place for relocation. Ignoring the predicted growth will not deter people from moving here. Cities that chose not to improve their transportation plans were not successful in restricting future growth. Planning in advance allows the most cost efficient improvements; not doing so is costly in terms of economic development and quality of life.

How will you protect the environment and enhance what we already have?

In designing improvements to its transportation system, San Antonio is committed to developing solutions that minimize impacts to the environment and allow the development of a more sustainable transportation system.

Why aren't we focusing on taking care of existing roadways, sidewalks, and bridges?

According to the Federal Highway Administration, the US spends far more each year repairing and maintaining existing roads and bridges than building new ones. Preservation of the existing system is a primary focus for the City of San Antonio. Still, the City recognizes the need for new construction and transportation choices to maintain our quality of life and economic vitality. While the Multimodal Transportation Plan will not allocate construction funds, it will identify needed improvements that could be constructed as funding becomes available.

THE NUMBERS

Average Commutes

Average weekly commute in Austin	3.75 hours
Average weekly commute in San Antonio	*3.95 hours*
Average weekly commute in Dallas	4.25 hours
Average weekly commute in Houston	4.55 hours

(Source: 2015 NYC Economic Brief)

Total annual delay in San Antonio *(Ranked 30th in the nation)*	40 million hours

(Source: 2012 TTI Urban Mobility Report)

Public Transportation

Transit routes in San Antonio	91
Bus rapid transit routes in San Antonio	1
Light rail routes in San Antonio	0
Riders per day	140,000
Riders per year	44 million
Lone Star Rail District *(proposed passenger rail service)*	118 miles
High speed rail	0
Major railroads	4

The Multimodal Transportation Plan is part of SA Tomorrow, the three-pronged planning effort that is guiding the city toward smart, sustainable growth. SA Tomorrow, led by the City of San Antonio, is addressing issues of importance to the entire community, including transportation, jobs, housing, air and water quality, and energy efficiency. The three plans are the Comprehensive Plan, the Multimodal Transportation Plan, and the Sustainability Plan. These three plans will provide guidance on how the city will develop over the next 25 years to accommodate the more than 1 million additional people who will be living and working within the city.

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