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Comprehensive Plan

About the Comprehensive Plan

WHO

Led by the City of San Antonio, the Comprehensive Plan will include the City, a variety of committees and working groups, neighborhood representatives and San Antonio residents.

WHAT

The Comprehensive Plan is a formal, city-wide planning effort that will integrate regional planning information into a single guiding document for future growth and development. It will identify and prioritize future investments and community amenities needed in San Antonio through the year 2040. The Comprehensive Plan will address 10 policy areas: growth & urban form; transportation & connectivity; housing; green and healthy neighborhoods & communities; public facilities & community safety; historic preservation; military; natural resources & environmental sustainability; jobs & economic competitiveness; and implementation/codification actions.

WHERE

The plan will cover all of San Antonio & Bexar County.

WHEN

The plan formally kicks off on Saturday, April 11, 2015 and the planning process will continue through early 2016.

WHY

San Antonio is expected to grow by 1.1 million people by 2040, effectively doubling the population of the city. The Comprehensive Plan will help to create a better San Antonio by guiding future growth while ensuring the city maintains its current quality of life in the future.

HOW

The Comprehensive Plan will be implemented to accommodate and distribute projected growth in San Antonio through the year 2040.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

The growth of San Antonio will affect you, your family, and future generations.

- San Antonio is one of the nation's fastest growing cities. While San Antonio gains in many ways from the growth, air quality, infrastructure costs, traffic and community character could suffer unless the city is strategic about its growth and long-term quality of life.
- By 2040, San Antonio is expected to grow by more than 1.1 million people, almost doubling the current population. The growth will occur whether San Antonio's current residents take an active role in planning for it, or sit back and hope for the best. The ideal situation is for neighbors, stakeholders, technical experts, city staff and outside consultants to work together to guide the city toward smart, responsible growth.
- With approximately 500,000 new jobs and as many new housing units coming to San Antonio by 2040, the city must accommodate and distribute the projected growth, adopting policies that will guide future growth and minimize potential problems. Comprehensive planning and city policies, prepared with significant input from San Antonio residents, will guide the growth to benefit the entire city.



The Comprehensive Plan is part of SA Tomorrow, a planning effort underway to prepare San Antonio for an additional 1.1 million people by 2040. The City of San Antonio, with support from partnering agencies and the public, will plan for this growth today to accommodate and preserve the city's resources and quality of life for tomorrow.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What exactly is a Comprehensive Plan?

Comprehensive planning is a process that helps to determine a community's goals and aspirations. It creates a formal written plan and associated policies that are presented to a city and its residents and is adopted by a city council in order for it to take effect. The process is typically one that looks ahead for a number of years (in San Antonio's case, to the year 2040) and makes recommendations for public policy that guides transportation, land use, housing, jobs, and environmental sustainability.

Is the Comprehensive Plan related to SA2020?

SA2020 is a list of goals created by the people of San Antonio in 2010, based on their collective vision for the city in the year 2020. The Comprehensive Plan builds on the vision of SA2020 and shows how much of the vision can be realized over the next 25 years.

Don't we already have a Comprehensive Plan?

It has been over three decades since the City Council last adopted a full Comprehensive Plan. This SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is a substantial revision of the existing plan.

What other plans are being incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is interconnected with the Sustainability Plan and The Transportation Plan, which together form the current SA Tomorrow planning program. The Comprehensive Plan will also capture regional planning information, including data from The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s alternative transportation scenario analysis and from SA2020's expert committees. The Plan will also include a robust collaboration between the City and VIA Metropolitan Transit.

Who is leading the Comprehensive Plan effort?

John M. Dugan, AICP, the Planning & Community Development Director of the City of San Antonio.



A vibrant new planning effort for San Antonio

The Comprehensive Plan is part of SA Tomorrow, an innovative, three-pronged planning effort to guide the city toward sustainable growth. SA Tomorrow will address issues of importance to the entire community including transportation, jobs, housing, air and water quality, and energy efficiency. The City of San Antonio will be leading the effort. The three plans are the Comprehensive Plan, a Sustainability Plan, and a Multimodal Transportation Plan. These three plans will provide guidance on how the city will develop over the next 25 years to accommodate the 1.1 million additional people who will be living, raising a family, and working within the city.



The Comprehensive Plan

How would you like the city to look in 25 years?



The Sustainability Plan

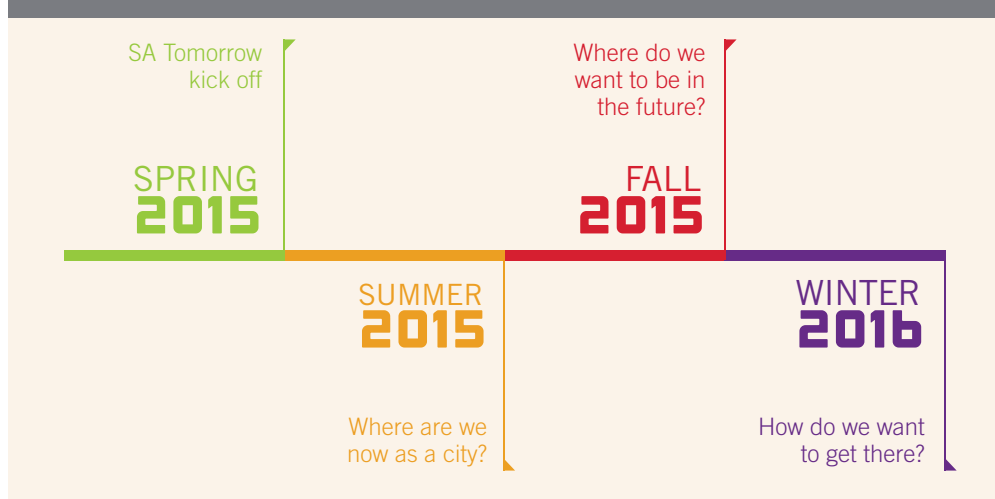
How will we manage economic, environmental, and social resources?



The Multimodal Transportation Plan

How will we get around the city in 2040?

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TIMELINE



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