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Citywide Meetings to Discuss Transportation Future

JOAN VINSON on 21 July, 2015 at 00:02



In a city the size of San Antonio, transportation matters. Do you want rideshare to come back to San Antonio? Would you like to see more bike lanes or more bus routes? Both? Neither? Transportation meetings are scheduled throughout the city during the coming months for citizens to gather information about ongoing planning processes and let their voices be heard.

As more than one million people begin to trickle into San Antonio by 2040, citywide transportation conversations that address methods of movement whether by car, bike, foot, train, or bus, should – and are – happening.

SA NEXT

SA Next, a partnership between Build San Antonio Green, CPS Energy and Geekdom, is hosting a lecture titled, "Transportation in Action" at Geekdom on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Speakers who represent various modes of transportation will discuss their areas of expertise, and the panelists include an Uber representative, a rail director for the Lone Star Rail District, and a Bike World manager. RSVP to jeyer@buildsagreen.org to secure a spot.

SA TOMORROW

The City is hosting a series of small-scale meetings that will provide a place for community members to discuss San Antonio's transportation future. The City is seeking community input regarding various strategies to promote transportation safety, accessibility, convenience and reliability for its SA Tomorrow Multimodal Transportation plan. SA Tomorrow is a three-part plan – a transportation, sustainability, and comprehensive plan – that address the future growth of San Antonio. The meetings are scheduled during lunch and after-work hours.

On Wednesday the SA Tomorrow Plan Element Working Groups Committee begin with the transportation meeting from 3-5 p.m. at the Pre-K 4 SA South Education Center.

SURVEY SAYS: SAN ANTONIANS LIKE TO RIDE

"As the city's traffic congestion grows more serious every day, bicycling and walking are the most popular travel alternatives to avoid and reduce that traffic," City officials stated in a news release last week.

A recent Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization study indicated there are approximately 325,000 San Antonians who bicycle at least once a month, the majority of which are recreational cyclists, while 17% bicycle to run errands, 7% bicycle to work, and 4% bicycle to school.



Ride 2 Vote participants take off for The Friendly Spot. Photo by Scott Ball.

San Antonio's Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System is an interconnected network of 47 miles of greenway trails that caters to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Terry Bellamy, Transportation & Capital Improvements assistant director said it's destined to become a sort of "freeway" for bicyclists and pedestrians.

"People already see the value of this City asset, and as we plan for 2040, the greenway system will play an even bigger role in helping people move around our city," Bellamy stated.

The complete list of the City's seven transportation meetings is below. Information at each meeting will be the same.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 4 – 6 p.m.

Igo Library, 13330 Kyle Seale Parkway • VIA bus route 605

MONDAY, JULY 27

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 4 – 6 p.m.

Barbara Jordan Community Center, 2803 E. Commerce • VIA bus route 25

TUESDAY, JULY 28

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Melendrez Community Center, 5909 W. Commerce • VIA bus route 75



WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Central Library, 600 Soledad • VIA bus routes 3, 4, 90, 96, 97

THURSDAY, JULY 30

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. / 4 – 6 p.m.

Brookhollow Library, 530 Heimer • VIA bus route 648

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

12 - 2 p.m. / 4 - 6 p.m.

Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood • VIA bus route 610

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / 4 - 6 p.m.

Pan American Library, 1122 W. Pyron • VIA bus route 46

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

6 - 8 p.m.

Online open house. Get your questions answered via webinar at www.SATransportationPlan.com/webinar (link will go live on Aug. 11).

*Featured/top image: Councilmember Rey Saldaña walks to the front of the bus to ask the driver a question about the current route. Photo by Scott Ball.

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AMY BROWNING VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 09:40

Both, please!

Reply



CITY SIGHTS BY BIKE VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 09:48

Many more "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" "Change lanes to Pass" signs

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JOSHUA GALVAN VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 10:50

Reply

Whoever is on this committee should take the via/ bike challenge for 30 days so they can see how "adequate" our transportation is right now.



ART HERNANDEZ VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 10:51

Reply

Neither especially bike lanes this will stop sooner or later when people start getting killed by drunk motorists to me it's just a safety issue that needs more attention



MARY NETHERY VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 10:52

Reply

CoSA still won't commit to doing a proper transportation study in Southtown. KWA has virtually begged. Meanwhile an 82 year old woman gets mowed down at an intersection where several weeks later our S.T. Shimi gets hit. We have massive speeding problems through the playground of SA. When that first tragedy hits maybe then CoSA will take our traffic and transportation issues more seriously.



ART HERNANDEZ VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 11:51

Reply

Yes they really need more bus routes very much so than bikes lane's



BIGLEY on 21 July, 2015 at 14:22

Reply

how is CAR2GO not part of any discussions about transportation in San Antonio? it makes perfect sense for carcentric SA.

Did I hear right, that the 1604/281 N highway expansion is going to cost +600 Million and no body wants tolls. How much was that street car gonna cost again?



BIGLEY on 21 July, 2015 at 14:25

Reply

Also, that webinar link is broken, probably just how AAMPO wants it. those times are very inconvenient.

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IRIS DIMMICK on 21 July, 2015 at 14:49

Reply

Sorry, should have noted before: The link will go live on Aug. 11, just before the Webinar starts.



DEBBIE RIOS VANSKIKE VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 15:08

Reply

Both! But more bike lanes are needed to keep our bicyclists safe.

G

DON MATHIS VIA FACEBOOK on 21 July, 2015 at 16:29

Reply

"by car, bike, foot, train, or bus" - What about boat?

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