

## Vision SMTX & Vision SMTX+ – Summary Table

Stylistic Changes: Typos, preferences in grammar, and non-substantive alternative language.

Notable Changes: Changes that are substantive.

Planning and Zoning Commission Proposed Amendments from May 9, 2023 are highlighted in yellow

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1.	N/A	All	<u>ADD DATE TO COVER PAGE &amp; FOOTER</u>	All	Stylistic	
2.	Acknowledgements ...	N/A	<u>All lists of people should be alphabetized by last name, although list can be shown first name first. PhD should be a “, Dr.” at the end of their name.</u>	4-7	Stylistic	Acknowledgements section has been re-arranged accordingly and some titles have been updated.
3.	Photos.		<u>All photos should have captions. Can be generic “resident buying fresh produce at the Farmer’s Market” or just “Farmer’s Market” but something like the mermaid statue at the Price Center should have “Price Center, 222 W San Antonio St.”</u>	All	Notable	Captions to photos have been added throughout plan.
4.	N/A	N/A	<u>Provide a definition for equitable growth.</u>	125	Notable	Staff provided the following definition in the Alternative Draft Glossary of Terms. <b>Equitable Growth:</b> An approach to public and private investment that attempts to maximize community benefits for all residents and to distribute the costs and benefits (physical, financial, environmental, social, and cultural) of growth and change in San Marcos.
5.	The Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan is a vision and policy document intended to guide the growth and evolution of the City for the next 20-30 years. It is based on community input and feedback and includes the community’s vision for a variety of physical and programmatic areas that influence how San Marcos evolves and grows in the years ahead.  The Plan’s recommendations are informed by over two years of community conversations. The Plan’s success should be attributed to the unwavering dedication of those residents that participated in the planning process.	11	The Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan is a <u>visionary</u> <del>vision and</del> -policy document intended to guide the growth <u>and transformation</u> <del>and evolution</del> of the City for the next 20-30 years. It is based on community input and feedback and includes the community’s vision for a variety of <del>physical and programmatic</del> areas that influence how San Marcos <del>evolves and</del> grows in the years ahead. <u>Two years of community conversations informed the Plan’s recommendations, and the success of the plan should be attributed to the unwavering dedication of those residents that participated in the planning process. The Plan’s recommendations are informed by over two years of community conversations. The Plan’s success should be attributed to the</u>	11	Stylistic	

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			<del>unwavering dedication of those residents that participated in the planning process.</del>			
6.	“The policies, projects, and programs in this Plan aim to help shape the future of the places where San Marcans live, work, shop, and play by preserving what’s important to the community and guiding investments that help make San Marcos a vibrant and unique city for all.”	12	“The policies, projects, and programs in this Plan <del>aim to help</del> <u>will</u> shape the future of the places where <del>San Marcans</del> <u>residents</u> live, work, shop, and play by preserving what’s important to the community and guiding investments that help make San Marcos a vibrant and unique city for all.”	12	Stylistic	
7.	The western half of San Marcos contains the original Downtown core of the City, the traditional activity and population center of the community.	13	<u>The eastern half of San Marcos currently includes major existing and new residential neighborhoods as well as schools and major employers. However, there are many large tracts of land in this area which are rapidly developing.</u> The western half of San Marcos contains the original Downtown core of the City, the traditional activity and population center of the community.	13	Notable	
8.	The San Marcos City Council provided direction to rewrite the City’s current Comprehensive Plan, Vision San Marcos, originally adopted in 2013. The policies, projects, and programs in this Plan aim to help shape the future of the places where San Marcans live, work, shop, and play by preserving what’s important to the community and guiding investments that help make San Marcos a vibrant and unique city for all. As such, the rewrite included significant public engagement to obtain input from the public, stakeholders, and organizations in San Marcos throughout the planning process.	13	<del>The San Marcos City Council provided direction to rewrite the City’s current Comprehensive Plan, Vision San Marcos, originally adopted in 2013.</del> The policies, projects, and programs in this Plan aim to help shape the future of the places where <del>San Marcans</del> <u>residents</u> live, work, shop, and play by preserving what’s important to the community and guiding investments that help make San Marcos a vibrant and unique city for all. As such, the <u>Comprehensive Plan</u> rewrite included significant public engagement to obtain input from the public, stakeholders, and organizations in San Marcos throughout the planning process.	13	Stylistic	
9.	Based on the 2022 Census Estimates, the city’s population is approximately 72,000 today.	14	Based on the 2022 Census Estimates, the city’s population is approximately 72,000 <del>today</del> <u>in 2023</u> .	14	Stylistic	

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10.	Fertile soils, a constant water supply, and abundant game provided the setting for possibly for the oldest continually occupied site in North America. ... The permanence of the town was secured with the extension of the International and Great Northern Railroads through San Marcos in 1880, and the opening of Southwest Texas State Normal School (now Texas State University) in 1903.	14	Fertile soils, a constant water supply, and abundant game provided the setting <del>for possibly for what is likely</del> the oldest continually occupied site in North America. ... The permanence of the town was secured with the extension of the International and Great Northern Railroads through San Marcos in 1880, and the <del>opening charter</del> of Southwest Texas State Normal School (now Texas State University) in <del>1903</del> <u>1899</u> .	14	Stylistic	
11.	Texas State University's acquisition of Aquarena Springs in 1994 marked a shift in emphasis from a "theme park" to one of "ecotourism." In the early 1990s, the Tanger Outlet Mall and San Marcos Factory Outlet Mall (now Prime Outlets) became another major draw for tourism. Enrollment at Texas State University now exceeds 38,000 students and the student population is projected to increase by nearly 11,000 students by 2035.	15	Texas State University's acquisition of Aquarena Springs in 1994 marked a shift in emphasis from a "theme park" to <u>the study of water and the environment.</u> <del>one of "ecotourism."</del> In the early 1990s, the Tanger Outlet Mall and San Marcos Factory Outlet Mall (now Prime Outlets) became another major draw for tourism. Enrollment at Texas State University now exceeds 38,000 students <del>and the student population is projected to increase by nearly 11,000 students by 2035.</del>	14	Stylistic	
12.	The San Marcos River originating from the San Marcos Springs runs through the city and joins with the Blanco River <u>south of the city.</u>	15	The San Marcos River originating from the San Marcos Springs runs through the city and joins with the Blanco River <u>southeast of the city.</u>	15	Stylistic	
13.	Cities can grow through infill and redevelopment, through the orderly request for extension of utilities in the ETJ followed by annexation, through "leap frog" development outside the city's ETJ or in MUDs, or a combination of all of these.	16	Cities can grow through infill and redevelopment, through the orderly request for extension of utilities in the ETJ followed by annexation, <u>or</u> through <del>"leap frog" development outside the city's ETJ or in MUDs, or a combination of all of these.</del>	16	Stylistic	
14.	The 2017-2021 American Community Survey estimates the median household income of San Marcos at \$42,500.	16	The 2017-2021 American Community Survey estimates the median household income of San Marcos at \$42,500 <u>in 2021.</u>	16	Stylistic	
15.	In order, the next largest employment sectors in San Marcos include Accommodation, Food Service (17.9%), Educational Services (14.4%), Health Care and Social Assistance (8.9%),	17	<del>In order, t</del> The next largest employment sectors in San Marcos include <u>Hotels, Accommodation,</u> Food Service (17.9%), Educational Services (14.4%), Health Care and Social Assistance (8.9%), Manufacturing (5.5%), and Construction (5.4%).	16	Stylistic	

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	Manufacturing (5.5%), and Construction (5.4%).					
16.	The largest industries in Hays County are Education, Retail Trade, Hotel/Restaurant, Health Care, and Construction.	17	The largest industries <u>by employment</u> in Hays County are Education, Retail Trade, Hotel/Restaurant, Health Care, <u>Manufacturing/Distribution</u> and Construction.	17	Stylistic	
17.	Nearly one-fifth of San Marcans commute to Austin and approximately five percent of residents commute to San Antonio. In all, approximately 68 percent of San Marcans commute out of the city for work, which is nearly double the percent of residents that did so 20 years ago.	17	Nearly one-fifth of <u>San Marcans residents</u> commute to Austin and approximately five percent of residents commute to San Antonio. In all, approximately 68 percent of <u>San Marcans residents</u> commute out of the city for work, which is nearly double the percent of residents that did so 20 years ago.	17	Stylistic	
18.	Approximately 41% of San Marcans identify as Hispanic or Latino.	17	Approximately 41% of <u>San Marcans residents</u> identify as Hispanic or Latino.	17	Stylistic	
19.	According to the Greater San Marcos Partnership, the population of the region within a one-hour drive of San Marcos is more than 4 million people and Hays County was the fastest growing county with a population 100,000 or more in the country. Hays County experienced 53 percent growth from 2010 to 2020 -(83,960 residents to 241,067 residents). As of 2020, Hays County had 82,767 households and 89,176 housing units. Comal County immediately south also experienced 49 percent growth from 2010 to 2020, contributing to the I-35 corridor from San Antonio to Austin the fastest growing region in the country.	18	According to the Greater San Marcos Partnership, the population of the region within a one-hour drive of San Marcos is more than 4 million people and Hays County was the fastest growing county <u>from 2010 to 2020</u> with a population <u>of 100,000 or more in the <del>country</del>United States</u> . Hays County experienced 53 percent growth from 2010 to 2020 -(83,960 residents to 241,067 residents). As of 2020, Hays County had 82,767 households and 89,176 housing units. Comal County immediately south also experienced 49 percent growth from 2010 to 2020, contributing to the I-35 corridor from San Antonio to Austin <u>being named</u> the fastest growing region in the country.	17	Stylistic	

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20.	A comprehensive plan, if properly utilized, acts as a tool for managing and directing growth, lends predictability to developers by illustrating the types of development desired throughout the city and locates existing and proposed infrastructure. It gives legal backing to ordinances and development codes while eliminating arbitrary or capricious enforcement of these laws. With input from the community during the comprehensive planning process, the document serves as the record of the city's long-range vision. In the face of constant change, this is the most important reason to plan. A comprehensive plan with extensive community input allows a community's residents to determine what factors will guide development decisions and gives them the opportunity to decide what the future of their city will be.	20	A comprehensive plan, if properly utilized, acts as a tool for managing and directing growth, lends predictability to developers by illustrating the types of development desired throughout the city and locates existing and proposed infrastructure. <del>It gives legal backing to ordinances and development codes while eliminating arbitrary or capricious enforcement of these laws.</del> With input from the community during the comprehensive planning process, the document serves as the record of the city's long-range vision. <del>In the face of constant change, this is the most important reason to plan.</del> A comprehensive plan with extensive community input allows a community's residents to determine what factors will guide development decisions and gives them the opportunity to decide <del>what</del> the future of their city <del>will be.</del>	20	Stylistic	
21.	Strategic Plans take a more immediate approach and identify short-term actions to achieve long term goals. Capital Improvements Plans (CIP) guide the use of the city's budget. Public Participation Plans outline when and how citizens will be involved in the city's operations.	20	Strategic Plans take a more immediate approach and identify short-term actions to achieve long term goals. Capital Improvements Plans (CIP) guide the use of the city's budget. <del>Public Participation Plans outline when and how citizens will be involved in the city's operations.</del>	20	Stylistic	
22.	Ensuring an inclusive and equitable future for existing and future residents of San Marcos requires a new plan that builds on the foundation of Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us, while also engaging new and old voices in meaningful conversations about potential futures and their tradeoffs.	21	<del>Encouraging</del> Ensuring an inclusive and equitable future for existing and future residents of San Marcos requires a new plan that <del>builds on the foundation of Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us, while also engages</del> ing new and old voices in meaningful conversations about potential futures and their tradeoffs.	21	Stylistic	
23.	The staff and consultant planning team have been collecting input from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC), community, and focus groups on developing the draft vision, goals, and	22	<u>MOVE THE SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO THE APPENDIX</u> The <u>City</u> staff and consultant planning team have been collecting input from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC), community, and focus groups on developing the draft vision, goals, and	22	Notable	Staff kept the lead-in text, updated the total number of comments, and added an additional sentence in order to direct the reader to the appendix.

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	guiding principles which are foundational components for Vision SMTX.		guiding principles which are foundational components for Vision SMTX.			Additional lead-in text was also added to the Appendix for context.
24.	This then led into the creation of more detailed recommendations and strategies for the planning elements and a series of place types that were derived from the combinations of high-level land use and land use intensity included in the Preferred Growth Scenario Map. The Area Plan development process then kicked off while the planning team worked on a strategic implementation strategy for the Comprehensive Plan.	22	<del>This then led into the creation of Next</del> , more detailed recommendations and strategies for the planning elements and a series of <del>p</del> Place <del>t</del> Types <del>that</del> were derived from the combinations of high-level land use and land use intensity included in the Preferred Growth Scenario Map. The Area Plan development process then <del>kicked off</del> began while the planning team worked on a strategic implementation strategy for the Comprehensive Plan.	22	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
25.	The kick-off events focused on orienting the Community to the Vision SMTX project and collecting input on vision, goals, and guiding principles as well as spatial data on opportunities and constraints.	23	The kick-off events focused on orienting the <del>C</del> community to the Vision SMTX project and collecting input on vision, goals, and guiding principles as well as spatial data on opportunities and constraints.	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
26.	<b>April 6, 2022 Virtual Community Presentation</b> – The City hosted a virtual presentation on the Draft Preferred Growth Scenario Map via Zoom as a supplement to the virtual map survey.	24	<b>April 6, 2022 Virtual Community Presentation</b> – The City hosted a virtual presentation on the Draft Preferred Growth Scenario Map <del>via Zoom</del> online as a supplement to the virtual map survey.	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
27.	<b>June 22, 2022 Downtown Workshop</b> – The City hosted an in-person workshop to kick off the Downtown Area Plan at the San Marcos Price Center.	25	<b>June 22, 2022 Downtown Workshop</b> – The City hosted an in-person workshop to kick off the Downtown Area Plan at the <del>San Marcos</del> Price Center.	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
28.	<b>Downtown Oversight Committee</b>	26	<b>Downtown Over<del>s</del>ight Committee</b>	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
29.	The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) is a diverse collective of 31 community members appointed by City Council that represent different districts sand varying demographics within the City. Committee members provide input and feedback on each element of the planning process. ...	28	The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) is a diverse collection <del>onve</del> of 31 community members appointed by City Council that represent different <del>districts-geographic areas</del> and varying demographics within the City. Committee members provided <del>input and feedback on each element of the planning process</del> . ...	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.

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	In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, subcommittees were formed to refine the Planning Elements outlined in Section 2 of this plan. A total of 23 subcommittee meetings were held.		In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, subcommittees were formed to refine the Planning Elements outlined in Section 2 <del>of this plan</del> . A total of 23 subcommittee meetings were held.			
30.	<b>Past Meetings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPSC Virtual Meeting #1: November 20, 2020</li> </ul>	28	<del>Past Meetings:</del> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPSC Virtual Meeting #1: November <del>2012</del>, 2020</li> </ul>	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
31.	The purpose of these groups is to provide specific input and guidance on each step of the Planning process.	29	The purpose of these groups <del>iswas</del> to provide specific input and guidance on each step of the Planning process.	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
32.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Master Plan Open House @ San Marcos Price Center</li> <li>San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo @ Embassy Suites</li> <li>San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo @ Embassy Suites</li> </ul>	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Master Plan Open House @ <del>San Marcos</del> Price Center</li> <li>San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo @ <del>Embassy Suites San Marcos</del> Conference Center</li> <li>San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo @ <del>Embassy Suites San Marcos</del> Conference Center</li> </ul>	N/A	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #23, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
33.	The Plan is organized into five major sections and paired with a series of technical appendices.	32	The Plan is organized into five major sections and <del>paired with</del> followed by a series of technical appendices.	23	Stylistic	
34.	It is accompanied by as set of Guiding Principles that were used throughout the planning process to guide decision making and weigh trade-offs.	32	It is accompanied by as set of Guiding Principles that were used throughout the planning process to guide decision making and weigh trade-offs.	23	Stylistic	
35.	<b>SECTION 3: PREFERRED GROWTH SCENARIO</b> The third section of the Plan builds on the land use intensity matrix developed as part of the Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us Comprehensive Plan, and advances many of those key concepts with the introduction of overlays and place types. Place types are an expression of the combination of high-level land use and land use intensity that help to communicate desired development qualities and patterns across San Marcos.	32	<b>SECTION 3: PREFERRED GROWTH SCENARIO</b> The third section of the Plan builds on the land use intensity matrix developed as part of the Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us Comprehensive Plan. <del>This section includes, and advances</del> many of those key concepts with the introduction of overlays and <del>Place Types</del> . Place <del>Types</del> are <del>an expression of</del> the combination of high-level land use and land use intensity that help to communicate desired development qualities and patterns across San Marcos.	23	Stylistic	

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36.	<b>SECTION 4: AREA PLANS</b> The fourth section of the Plan provides an overview of the Area Planning approach employed by San Marcos during the Comprehensive Plan effort and discusses the approach to developing and updating Regional Center plans, as well as Neighborhood Area Plans for areas across San Marcos.	33	<b>SECTION 4: AREA PLANS</b> The fourth section of the Plan provides an overview of the Area Planning approach <del>employed by San Marcos during the Comprehensive Plan effort</del> and discusses the approach to developing and updating Regional Center plans, as well as Neighborhood Area Plans <del>for areas across San Marcos.</del>	24	Stylistic	
37.	The Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan also includes a series of appendices, providing consolidated summaries and more detailed information pertaining to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals and Objectives;</li> <li>• Key Findings from the Fiscal Impact Analysis;</li> <li>• Methodology for Overlays;</li> <li>• Comparison of the Preferred Scenario to the Trends Scenario; and</li> <li>• Community Engagement.</li> </ul>	33	<b>APPENDIXES</b> The Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan also includes a series of appendices, providing consolidated summaries and more detailed information pertaining to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Summary of Community Engagement</a>;</li> <li>• <a href="#">Place Type Graphics</a>;</li> <li>• Goals and <del>Objectives</del><a href="#">Considerations</a>;</li> <li>• Key Findings from the Fiscal Impact Analysis;</li> <li>• Methodology for Overlays; <del>and</del></li> <li>• <del>Comparison of the Preferred Scenario to the Trends Scenario; and</del></li> </ul> <a href="#">Community Engagement.</a>	24	Stylistic	
38.	<b>Vision SMTX is a community-based update to the Comprehensive Plan for San Marcos. As part of the planning process, the community’s vision for the city was updated and paired with a set of guiding principles.</b>	35	<b>Vision SMTX is a community-based <del>update to the Comprehensive Plan for San Marcos. As part of the planning process, the community’s vision for the city was updated</del> reviewed and paired with a set of guiding principles.</b>	27	Stylistic	“Objectives” is changed to “Considerations” in all instances in the Plan and Appendix.
39.	The vision and guiding principles are supported by a set of goals, policies and objectives that nest within Planning Elements.	37	The vision and guiding principles are supported by a set of goals, policies and <del>objectives</del> <a href="#">considerations</a> that <del>nest are</del> within Planning Elements.	29	Stylistic	
40.	<b>COMMUNITY VISION</b> <i>San Marcos is a community of diverse and inclusive neighborhoods that protects and celebrates the <a href="#">San Marcos R</a>iver and other rich natural, historical and cultural assets; embraces its small-town feel, charm and quality of life; and leverages strategic development to continue building a</i>	38	<b>COMMUNITY VISION</b> <i>San Marcos is a community of diverse and inclusive neighborhoods that protects and celebrates the <a href="#">San Marcos R</a>iver and other rich natural, historical and cultural assets; embraces its small-town feel, charm and quality of life; and leverages strategic development to continue building a</i>	30	Stylistic	



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	<i>sustainable community with enhanced access and opportunities for people and businesses</i>		<i>community with enhanced access and opportunities for people and businesses</i>			
41.	The community vision was created to help inform the guiding principles, goals, policies, and other recommendations included in this Plan. The vision statement describes how San Marcos picture their city in the future. This vision also establishes the lens through which the Preferred Growth Scenario and associated Place Types, introduced in the next section, were created and analyzed.	38	The community vision was created to help inform the guiding principles, goals, policies, <u>area plans</u> , and other recommendations included in this Plan. The vision statement describes how <del>San Marcos the community</del> pictures their city in the future. This vision also establishes the <u>basis for lens through which</u> the Preferred Growth Scenario and associated Place Types, <del>introduced in the next section, were created and analyzed.</del>	31	Stylistic	
42.	The Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan is based on building on the past while considering future needs to create a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive city comprising complete neighborhoods that provide equitable and people-focused development and amenities for the community.	38	The Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan <del>is based on building-builds</del> on the past while considering future needs to create a sustainable, <u>and</u> resilient, and inclusive city comprising complete neighborhoods that provide equitable and people-focused development and amenities for the community.	31	Stylistic	
43.	The San Marcos River is a crucial amenity and natural asset in the City and responsible growth that minimizes environmental impacts to the river and other natural resources is foundational to keeping San Marcos a thriving and sustainable community.	39	The San Marcos River is an <u>important crucial community</u> amenity and natural asset in the City. <del>and</del> <del>Responsible</del> growth that minimizes environmental impacts to the river and other natural resources is <u>foundational-fundamental</u> to keeping San Marcos a thriving and sustainable community.	31	Stylistic	
44.	<b>GUIDING PRINCIPLES</b> The Comprehensive Plan process and direction set throughout that process utilizes a set of guiding principles to navigate and narrow the vast range of options facing the community.	40	<b>GUIDING PRINCIPLES</b> The Comprehensive Plan process <del>and direction set throughout that process</del> utilizes a set of guiding principles to navigate and narrow the vast range of options facing the community.	32	Stylistic	
45.	<b>Sustainable and Resilient</b> San Marcos strives to promote and balance economic, environmental resiliency, and social sustainability for current residents and future generations.	41	<b>Sustainable and Resilient</b> San Marcos strives to promote and balance economic, <u>and</u> environmental resiliency, and social sustainability for current residents and future generations.	33	Stylistic	
46.	For each of the 23 Goals introduced, the Policy Framework includes a set of policy	42	For each of the 23 Goals introduced, the Policy Framework includes a set of policy statements and	34	Stylistic	

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	statements and defines success through a set of Objectives.		defines success through a set of <del>Objectives</del> <u>Considerations</u> .											
47.	The table to the right defines each of the Policy Framework components in more detail.	42	The <u>next</u> table <del>to the right</del> defines each of the Policy Framework components in more detail.	34	Stylistic									
48.	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Framework Component</th></tr> <tr><td>Goal</td></tr> <tr><td>Policy</td></tr> <tr><td>Objective</td></tr> </table>	Framework Component	Goal	Policy	Objective	43	<table border="1"> <tr><th>Framework Component</th></tr> <tr><td>Goal</td></tr> <tr><td>Policy</td></tr> <tr><td><del>Objective</del> <u>Consideration</u></td></tr> </table>	Framework Component	Goal	Policy	<del>Objective</del> <u>Consideration</u>	35	Stylistic	
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49.	San Marcos has a diversity of arts, culture, and educational assets. ... Additionally, the Texas State University campus has public art, as well as live performance venues, galleries and museums. These spaces provide areas where residents can engage and enrich their lives.	44	San Marcos has a diversity of arts <del>stistic, and cultural,</del> <u>and educational</u> assets. ... Additionally, the Texas State University campus has public art, as well as live performance venues, <u>and</u> galleries <del>and museums</del> . These spaces provide areas where residents can engage and enrich their lives.	36	Stylistic									
50.	AC-1.2 Identify the need and opportunities for new arts and culture related facilities such as libraries, museums, and community theaters as the city grows.	45	AC-1.2 Identify the need and opportunities for new arts and culture related facilities such as libraries, museums, and community theaters <del>as the city grows</del> .	37	Stylistic									
51.	San Marcos has a strong economy as well as strong growth opportunities. It is therefore important for the City to support its existing local employers and small businesses, as well as existing growth sectors, while also attracting new business to grow and diversify its employment base. San Marcos is situated in the heart of what has been coined the Texas Innovation Corridor, an area for commercialized innovation. San Marcos' economy is driven by retail services, accommodations and food service, education, and health care/social assistance. These sectors account for nearly two-thirds of jobs in San Marcos, as well as a large	48	San Marcos has a strong economy as well as strong growth opportunities. It is therefore important for the City to support its existing local employers and small businesses, as well as existing growth sectors, while also attracting new businesses to grow and diversify its employment base. San Marcos is situated in the heart of <del>what has been coined</del> the Texas Innovation Corridor <u>as named by the Greater San Marcos Partnership, an area for commercialized innovation</u> . San Marcos' economy is driven by retail services, accommodations and food service, education, and health care <del>/social assistance</del> . These sectors account for nearly two-thirds of jobs in San Marcos, as well as a large portion of employment growth in recent	40	Stylistic									

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	portion of employment growth in recent years. While attracting new employers is an important economic development goal, this should not be done to the detriment of existing businesses.		years. <del>While attracting new employers is an important economic development goal, this should not be done to the detriment of existing businesses.</del>			
52.	ECD-2.4 Review incentive policies with consideration of current economic development strategy	49	ECD-2.4 Review incentive policies with consideration of current economic development strategy <u>as conditions change.</u>	41	Stylistic	
53.	ECD-2.6 Support affordability (e.g., housing, living wages, high quality training programs, and anti-displacement policies) as an	49	ECD-2.6 Support <del>affordability (e.g., housing, living wages, high quality training programs, and anti-displacement policies)</del> <u>and other affordability methods</u> as an essential component of economic development.	41	Stylistic	
54.	ECD-3.4 Develop and implement a standard process for reviewing and scoring prospects for incentives.	50	ECD-3.4 <del>Develop and implement a standard</del> <u>Evaluate existing</u> process for reviewing and scoring prospects for incentives <u>as conditions change.</u>	42		
55.	There is a wealth of natural resources in San Marcos that warrant environmental <del>protection sustainability</del> practices, including rivers, watersheds, and endangered habitats. The impact of development on the environment can be positive or negative – <del>development can enhance environmental features for the better or it can take away from the natural environment.</del> Sustainable <u>and protective</u> practices will ensure these resources are maintained as San Marcos continues to grow and develop. The widely accepted definition of sustainable development is “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the resources needed for future generations.” <del>to meet their own needs. In recent decades, the concept of sustainability has evolved from discussions on environmental policies and practices to discussions on environmental, economic, and social equity policies and practices (otherwise</del>	52	There is a wealth of natural resources in San Marcos that warrant environmental <u>protection sustainability</u> practices, including rivers, watersheds, and endangered habitats. The impact of development on the environment can be positive or negative – <del>development can enhance environmental features for the better or it can take away from the natural environment.</del> Sustainable <u>and protective</u> practices will ensure these resources are maintained as San Marcos continues to grow and develop. The widely accepted definition of sustainable development is “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the resources needed for future generations.” <del>to meet their own needs. In recent decades, the concept of sustainability has evolved from discussions on environmental policies and practices to discussions on environmental, economic, and social equity policies and practices (otherwise known as the Triple Bottom Line framework or 3 Pillars of Sustainability).</del>	44	Stylistic	

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	<del>known as the Triple Bottom Line framework or 3 Pillars of Sustainability).</del>					
56.	<p>A sustainable community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilizes land development methods that minimize impacts to the natural environment (Environmental Sustainability);</li> <li>Uses its resources and assets to provide long-term economic benefits (Economic Sustainability); and</li> <li>Seeks to provide benefits, opportunities, and services to all members of the community (Social Equity).</li> </ul> <p>The following will focus on San Marcos' goal for environmental sustainability and will discuss the ways in which San Marcos seeks to incorporate environmentally sustainable development practices to achieve balanced growth and explore methods to expand upon its efforts using the recommendations included in this Plan.</p>	52	<p>A sustainable community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilizes land development methods that minimize impacts to the natural environment (Environmental Sustainability);</li> <li>Uses its resources and assets to provide long-term economic benefits (Economic Sustainability); and</li> <li>Seeks to provide benefits, opportunities, and services to all members of the community (Social Equity Sustainability).</li> </ul> <p><del>The following will focus on San Marcos' goal for environmental protection and sustainability and will discuss the ways in which San Marcos seeks to incorporate environmentally sustainable development practices to achieve balanced growth and explore methods to expand upon its efforts using the recommendations included in this Plan.</del></p>	44	Stylistic	
57.	ENV-1.1 Incentivize development in targeted areas based on the Preferred Scenario Map with adequate drainage, water quality, and green infrastructure to accommodate growth.	53	ENV-1.1 Incentivize <del>and/or streamline</del> development in targeted areas based on the Preferred Scenario Map with adequate drainage, water quality, and green infrastructure to accommodate growth.	45	Stylistic	
58.	ENV-1.10 Establish goals to minimize water use in each sub-watershed over the period of this plan.	53	ENV-1.10 Establish goals to minimize water use in each sub-watershed <del>over the period of this plan.</del>	45	Stylistic	
59.	ENV-2.3 Establish resilient and sustainable approaches to ensuring a supply of safe groundwater and surface water, including water reuse and reclaim practices to prevent depletion of groundwater sources and minimize impact on regional water systems.	54	ENV-2.3 Establish resilient and sustainable approaches to ensuring a supply of safe groundwater and surface water, including water reuse and reclaim practices to prevent depletion of groundwater sources and minimize impact on regional water systems.	46	Stylistic	

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60.	ENV-3.4 Provide financial incentives to encourage developers to implement green building practices, conservation-style development, and increased density in targeted areas as indicated on the Preferred Scenario Map.	54	ENV-3.4 <del>Provide financial incentives to e</del> ncourage developers to implement green building practices, <del>and</del> conservation-style development, <del>and increased density in targeted areas as indicated on the Preferred Scenario Map.</del>	46	Stylistic	
61.	<p>Through the promotion of diverse housing choices, San Marcos can provide varied neighborhoods that support a high quality of life and enhance and maintain the small-town feel of the community.</p> <p>As San Marcos grows and expands, the City must ensure continued investment in the traditional core neighborhoods. Continued investment in the form of new parks, public spaces, multimodal and transit infrastructure, and existing housing stock will help preserve the quality and value of these areas. New developments in existing neighborhoods and along existing corridors need to be compatible with the surrounding context. Strategic infill development that is compatible with the adjacent corridors and neighborhoods can enhance areas by infusing new commercial, employment, residential, and recreation opportunities that help make more complete and vibrant places.</p> <p>New neighborhood parks, commercial amenities, trails, and bike paths are all investments that can be incorporated into existing and new development areas to increase the quality of life of residents. Both existing and new areas offer the opportunity to create more inclusive and equitable spaces that accommodate residents of varying incomes, housing types, transportation needs, ages, and ability levels.</p>	56	<p><del>Through the promotion of diverse housing choices,</del> San Marcos can <del>continue to</del> provide <del>varied diverse housing choices and a variety of</del> neighborhoods that support a high quality of life and enhance and maintain the small-town feel of the community.</p> <p>As San Marcos grows and expands, the City must <del>ensure encourage</del> continued investment in the traditional core neighborhoods <del>while always keeping in mind that they must be protected from inconsistent infill development.</del> <del>Continued</del> investment in the form of new <del>housing stock,</del> parks, public spaces, multimodal, and transit infrastructure, <del>and existing housing stock can</del> will help preserve the quality and value of these areas. New developments in existing neighborhoods and along existing corridors need to be compatible with the surrounding context <del>as per the Area Plans and Neighborhood Character Studies, applicable.</del></p> <p>San Marcos should strive for an appropriate mixture of housing types, commercial developments, and mixed-use places to enhance existing areas and create new livable neighborhoods. New <del>and revitalized</del> neighborhoods with access to parks and integrated trail networks and a range of other amenities for all ages can help promote healthy and active lifestyles for all residents.</p> <p>New neighborhood parks, commercial amenities, trails, and bike paths are all investments that can be incorporated into existing <del>and new development</del> areas <del>based on Area Plans, as applicable,</del> to increase</p>	48	Notable	

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	San Marcos should strive for an appropriate mixture of housing types, commercial developments, and mixed-use places that help to enhance existing areas and create new livable neighborhoods. New and revitalized neighborhoods with access to parks and integrated trail networks and a range of other amenities for all ages can help promote healthy and active lifestyles for all residents. Revitalization of a neighborhood should not mean that the residents that have lived there the longest are forced from their homes with no options or choice to remain.		<p>the quality of life of residents. <del>Both existing and Creative development in</del> new areas <u>is encouraged and offers</u> the opportunity to create more inclusive and equitable spaces that accommodate residents of varying incomes, housing types, transportation needs, ages, and ability levels.</p> <p>Strategic infill development that is compatible with the adjacent corridors and neighborhoods can enhance areas by infusing new commercial, employment, residential, and recreation opportunities that help make more complete and vibrant places. Revitalization of a neighborhood should not mean that the <u>long-term</u> residents <del>that have lived there the longest</del> are forced from their homes with no options or choice to remain.</p>			
62.	HN-1.1 Update, review, and adopt a Housing Action Plan using the Workforce Housing Task Force Draft Plan in 2019 as a foundation. (See Plan Appendix)	57	HN-1.1 <del>Update, review, and adopt a Housing Action Plan using the Workforce Housing Task Force Draft Plan in 2019 as a foundation. (See Plan Appendix).</del> <u>Update, review, and adopt a Housing Action Plan.</u>	49	Stylistic	
63.	HN-1.4 Partner with Texas State University to continuously gather growth projections in order to plan effectively for the implications of student/faculty/staff housing needs (housing location, types, and transportation needs).	57	HN-1.4 Partner with Texas State University to <del>continuously routinely gather address student</del> growth projections in order to plan effectively for the implications of student/faculty/staff housing needs (housing location, types, and transportation needs).	49	Stylistic	
64.	<p>HN-2.2 Streamline the development process for priority housing development and to keep pace with population growth.</p> <p>HN-2.3 Encourage and incentivize diverse housing types.</p> <p>HN-2.4 Encourage all neighborhood centers identified on the Preferred Scenario Map to allow for multiple diverse housing types.</p>	58	<p><del>HN-2.2 Streamline the development process for priority housing development and to keep pace with population growth.</del></p> <p>HN-2.2<del>3</del> Encourage and <u>consider</u> incentivizing diverse housing types.</p> <p>HN-2.3<del>4</del> <u>Consider e</u>ncouraging all neighborhood centers identified on the Preferred Scenario Map to allow for multiple diverse housing types.</p>	50	Notable	

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65.	HN-2.8 Support programs and enhance resources to protect renters to ensure affordable, safe, and stable rental housing options and ensure education on tenant rights and responsibilities.	58	HN-2.78 <del>Support</del> <u>Promote</u> programs and enhance resources to protect renters <del>to and ensure support</del> affordable, safe, and stable rental housing options. <del>and ensure education on tenant rights and responsibilities.</del>	50	Stylistic	
66.	N/A	58	HN-2.8 <u>Promote programs and provide education on tenant rights and responsibilities.</u>	50	Stylistic	
67.	HN-3.1 Implement transition zones, buffers, and other tools to ensure compatibility between buildings and neighborhoods.	58	HN-3.1 <del>Ensure</del> <u>Implement</u> transition zones, buffers, and other tools to ensure compatibility between buildings and neighborhoods.	50	Stylistic	
68.	HN-4.1 Encourage and allow housing in mixed use centers identified on the Preferred Scenario Map with close proximity to schools, employment centers, transit, recreational opportunities, and other community resources.	59	HN-4.1 <del>Encourage and allow</del> <u>Consider</u> housing in mixed use centers identified on the Preferred Scenario Map with close proximity to schools, employment centers, transit, recreational opportunities, and other community resources.	51	Stylistic	
69.	Objectives: - Continual update of Housing Needs Assessments (frequency to be determined)	59	<del>Objectives</del> <u>Considerations</u> : - <del>Continual</del> <u>Periodic</u> update of Housing Needs Assessments ( <del>frequency to be determined</del> )	51	Stylistic	
70.	- Proportion of homes within a 15-minute walk of essential services and amenities (e.g., grocery, pharmacy, parks, etc.)	59	- Proportion of homes within a 15-minute walk of <del>essential</del> <u>basic</u> services and amenities (e.g., grocery, pharmacy, parks, etc.)	51	Stylistic	
71.	- Number of new diverse housing units built	59	- Number of new <del>diverse</del> housing units built <u>by category/type</u>	51	Stylistic	
72.	A balanced future with equitable provision and distribution of housing, promotion of different types of businesses, and considerations for environmental impacts will help San Marcos continue to be an innovative, prosperous, and attractive community. San Marcos offers a wide variety of neighborhoods for its residents ranging from historic and highly walkable districts to	60	<u>Land Use + Community Design and Character refers to the way in which different kinds of uses and amenities, their location, and the way they are designed can contribute to the look and feel of San Marcos. In particular, the provision and location of different kinds of housing and businesses in San Marcos are an important part of achieving the community's vision. San Marcos offers a wide variety of neighborhoods and areas of town including Historic Districts, single-family, variations of</u>	52	Notable	

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	<p>suburbs and from garden apartments with shared amenities to rural living with ample acreage and privacy.</p> <p>The promotion and integration of new housing types, parks, and other assets into existing and new neighborhoods can provide the community with new housing options and important amenities, but it also can put pressure on the existing community fabric and Historic districts.</p> <p>While change is inevitable, growth and evolution in San Marcos’ historic areas must be balanced with preservation efforts and compatible development. Infill development provides an opportunity to make existing areas of San Marcos more complete and inclusive. It provides the opportunity to infuse new types of housing into an area, thereby diversifying San Marcos’ housing stock and providing housing that accommodates the needs of a diverse and growing population. The inclusion of varied housing options ranging from apartments to single family attached homes, such as townhomes, to more compact single family detached homes, provides options for lifelong residents of different backgrounds and abilities to remain in their neighborhoods.</p> <p>While compatible and strategic infill development can create more complete and equitable neighborhoods, only a portion of San Marcos’ future growth will be concentrated into these areas. In order to protect and preserve San Marcos’ rural and natural lands, new development should be</p>		<p><u>multifamily, mixed use, and rural neighborhoods. The proximity of these neighborhoods to a variety of businesses, parks, or other amenities also differs. While change is inevitable, new growth and land uses in San Marcos should be strategic.</u></p> <p><u>As growth occurs, the potential inclusion of new housing types, parks, and other assets throughout San Marcos can provide the community with options on where to live based on their needs as well as recreation or basic amenities to support their needs and desires. Where an adopted Area Plan exists, land uses in the neighborhood or area should be guided by the Area Plan. In many cases, infill development provides the opportunity to make existing areas of San Marcos more complete by accommodating the needs of a diverse population and providing options for existing residents to potentially move into different housing types while also remaining in their neighborhoods.</u></p> <p><u>Aging neighborhoods could benefit from restoration and adaptive reuse of significant neighborhood structures because reuse of existing buildings supports sustainability goals and helps to maintain neighborhood character. Conversion of some residential structures at key intersections into supportive and compatible commercial or retail uses may enhance the neighborhood and provide needed amenities without detracting from the character that defines that neighborhood. Additionally, the integration of green spaces, public spaces, and unique design elements helps create identity, encourage resident interactions, and build a sense of community. Area Plans and Neighborhood Character Studies should provide guidance regarding conversion of residential structures. While compatible and strategic infill development can create more complete and equitable neighborhoods,</u></p>			



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	<p>strategic and located where infrastructure and amenities can be easily planned for and provided as well as maintained fiscally.</p> <p>Aging neighborhoods that face redevelopment pressures should support restoration and adaptive reuse of significant neighborhood structures because reuse of existing buildings supports sustainability goals and helps to maintain neighborhood character. Conversion of some residential structures at key intersections into supportive commercial or retail can enhance the neighborhood and provide needed amenities without detracting from the character that defines that neighborhood. Additionally, the integration of green spaces, public spaces, and unique design elements helps create identity, encourage resident interactions, and build a sense of community. The City of San Marcos should work with residents in underserved areas to provide these types of amenities.</p>		<p><u>only a portion of San Marcos’ future growth will be in existing areas.</u></p> <p><u>To protect and preserve San Marcos’ rural and natural lands, new development should be strategic and located where infrastructure and amenities can be easily planned for and provided as well as maintained fiscally.</u></p>			
73.	<p><b>Goal LU-2: Ensure all residents have safe and convenient access to nearby basic amenities, goods, and services</b></p>	61	<p><b>Goal LU-2: <del>Ensure all</del> New developments should provide residents have</b> safe and convenient access to nearby basic amenities, goods, and services</p>	53	Notable	<p>The below text reflects staff’s recommended language and was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Goal LU-2: <del>Ensure</del> Encourage land use patterns that allow</b> all residents <b>the opportunity to</b> have safe and convenient access to nearby basic amenities, goods, and services</p>
74.	<p><b>LU-2.1</b> Allow a mix of land uses in neighborhood centers.</p>	61	<p><b>LU-2.1 <del>Allow</del> Consider</b> a mix of land uses in neighborhood centers <b>using Area Plans and</b></p>	53	Notable	

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			<u>Neighborhood Character Studies to guide this process, as applicable.</u>			
75.	LU-2.2 Require all developments to dedicate adequate public right-of-way or access easements to accommodate all modes of transportation and ensure creek buffers accommodate alternative modes of transportation that are designed to preserve the natural characteristics of the area.		LU-2.2 Require all <u>new</u> developments to dedicate adequate public right-of-way or access easements to accommodate all modes of transportation. <del>and</del> <u>e</u> Ensure creek buffers accommodate alternative modes of transportation that are designed to preserve the natural characteristics of the area.	53	Stylistic	
76.	Goal LU-3: Establish a set of tools and programs, including incentives, to direct and manage growth consistent with community goals	62	Goal LU-3: Establish a set of tools and programs, <del>including incentives,</del> to direct and manage growth consistent with community goals	54	Notable	
77.	LU-3.3 Encourage and incentivize a variety of diverse housing types, including, but not limited to accessory dwelling units, attached single-family homes, manufactured homes, and multifamily developments.	62	LU-3.3 Encourage <del>and incentivize</del> a variety of diverse housing types, including, but not limited <del>to accessory dwelling units,</del> attached single-family homes, <u>micro homes,</u> manufactured homes, and multifamily developments. <u>Area Plans and Neighborhood Character Studies should guide this process, as applicable.</u>	54	Notable	
78.	N/A	62	LU-3.8 <u>Protect the pattern and character of existing neighborhoods by requiring new infill development to have complementary building forms and site features.</u>	54	Notable	
79.	LU-4.1 Establish and incentivize conservation development guidelines, green infrastructure practices, and compact development.  LU-4.2 Encourage and incentivize clustered development to protect open space, provide recreation amenities, minimize impervious surfaces, and reduce flooding.  LU-4.3 Develop incentives in the Land Development Code and Stormwater	62	LU-4.1 Establish <del>and incentivize</del> conservation development guidelines, green infrastructure practices, and compact development.  LU-4.2 Encourage <del>and incentivize</del> clustered development to protect open space, provide recreation amenities, minimize impervious surfaces, and reduce flooding.  LU-4.3 Develop <del>incentives standards</del> in the Land Development Code and Stormwater Technical manuals for dense housing in new areas of growth	54	Notable	

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	Technical manuals for dense housing in new areas of growth and activity centers to preserve land for community and ecological benefit.		and activity centers to preserve land for community and ecological benefit.			
80.	Objectives: - Share of households within a 15-minute walk, bike ride or transit trip of mixed-use neighborhood centers	63	<del>Objectives:</del> <u>Considerations:</u> - Share of households within a 15-minute walk, bike ride, <u>vehicle trip</u> , or transit trip of mixed-use neighborhood centers	55	Stylistic	
81.	San Marcos has a robust system of parks, open space and trails. ... While San Marcos has a robust parks system, certain areas of the community suffer from access and connectivity issues.	64	San Marcos has a robust system of parks, open space <u>areas</u> , and trails. ... While San Marcos has a robust parks system, certain areas of the community <del>suffer from do not have easy access</del> <u>to these resources and connectivity issues</u> .	56	Stylistic	
82.	PPS-1.1 Create a Greenways Master Plan to improve pedestrian and bicycle access and connections between parks, open spaces and recreation facilities and to encourage active transportation.  PPS-1.5 Ensure equitable access of parks for residents across the city, particularly east of IH-35 or where park access is currently limited.	65	PPS-1.1 Create a Greenways Master Plan to improve pedestrian and bicycle access and connections between parks, open spaces and recreation facilities <del>and to encourage active transportation</del> .  PPS-1.5 Ensure <del>equitable access of to</del> parks for residents across the city, particularly east of IH-35 or where park access is currently limited.	56	Notable	
83.	An integrated multimodal transportation network will provide San Marcos with safe and inviting intra- and inter-city pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular, and transit connections that will advance resident access and promote a more inclusive and equitable city and region. Transportation facilitates trade, travel, exchange, and social interaction. ...	68	An integrated multimodal transportation network will provide San Marcos with safe and inviting <del>intra- and inter-city</del> pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular, and transit connections that will advance resident access and promote a more inclusive and equitable city and region. Transportation facilitates trade, travel, <del>exchange</del> , and social interaction. ... It establishes the framework for community growth and development that, along with the land use,	60	Stylistic	

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	It establishes the framework for community growth and development that, along with the land use, establishes a physical and somewhat permanent expression of long-range public policy. This element's goals and policies align with recent and current planning efforts to provide a balanced transportation system and examine methods to expand the system to offer further choices for how people travel.		establishes a physical and <del>some</del> permanent expression of long-range public policy. This element's goals and policies align with recent and current planning efforts to provide a balanced transportation system and examine methods to offer further choices for <del>how people</del> travel.			
84.	TR-1.2 Establish or update Complete Streets policies, standards, and guidelines.	69	TR-1.2 <del>Establish or</del> Review and update <del>the</del> Complete Streets policies, standards, and guidelines.	61	Stylistic	
85.	TR-2.1 Improve transit coverage, frequency, and marketing throughout the city and to adjacent cities, with emphasis serving places where people live, work and access basic services as well as major employment areas.	70	TR-2.1 Improve transit coverage, frequency, and marketing throughout the city and to adjacent cities, with emphasis <u>on</u> serving places where people live, work and access basic services as well as major employment areas.	62	Stylistic	
86.	TR-2.4 Incorporate the Sidewalk Master Plan into other mobility initiatives and plans and review/ updated as needed.	70	TR-2.4 Incorporate the Sidewalk Master Plan into other mobility initiatives and plans and review/ updated <del>d</del> as needed.	62	Stylistic	
87.	<b>PREFERRED GROWTH SCENARIO</b> A key aspect of the update to the Comprehensive Plan was revisiting the Preferred Growth Scenario directing future investments and development in San Marcos. Vision SMTX builds on the community's previous Preferred Growth Scenario, but also adjusts to the development of the past decade, new community ideas, and national best practices. This section also introduces a framework for helping to ensure that development in San Marcos is contributing to complete places and communities.	73	<b>PREFERRED GROWTH SCENARIO</b> <del>A key aspect of the update to the Comprehensive Plan was revisiting is</del> <u>†</u> The Preferred Growth Scenario directing future <del>investments and</del> development in San Marcos. Vision SMTX builds on the community's previous Preferred Growth Scenario, but also adjusts to the development of the past decade, new community ideas, and national best practices. <del>This section also introduces a framework for helping to ensure that development in San Marcos is contributing to complete places and communities.</del>	63	Notable	
88.	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> During the Comprehensive Plan engagement process the community communicated a	74	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> <del>During the Comprehensive Plan engagement process the community communicated a desire for all areas</del>	66	Stylistic	

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	<p>desire for all areas of San Marcos to meet the daily needs of nearby residents and employees. San Marcans expressed the need for access to their everyday essentials as well as amenities such as parks, shops, restaurants, trails, and community spaces near where they live. No comments from staff.</p>		<p><del>of San Marcos to meet the daily needs of nearby residents and employees. San Marcans</del> Many in our community expressed the <del>need-desire</del> for access to <del>basic needs their everyday essentials</del> as well as amenities such as parks, shops, restaurants, trails, and community spaces near where they live.</p>			
89.	<p>In addition, many participants cited examples of newer neighborhoods east and west of IH-35 that lack sufficient amenities and services within a reasonable distance. In turn, residents in many of these newer neighborhoods have no choice but to drive for nearly all of their trips. Neighborhoods that provide people with safe and convenient choices for a variety of goods and services, jobs, and housing options are more equitable and contribute to complete communities. As expressed throughout the public engagement, a key objective for this updated Comprehensive Plan is to leverage future public and private investment to help ensure all areas of San Marcos can become complete places.</p>	74	<p>In addition, many participants cited examples of newer neighborhoods east and west of IH-35 that lack sufficient amenities and services within a reasonable distance. <del>In turn, residents in many of these newer neighborhoods have no choice but to drive for nearly all of their trips. Neighborhoods that provide people with safe and convenient choices for a variety of goods and services, jobs, and housing options are more equitable and contribute to complete communities. As expressed throughout the public engagement, a key objective for this updated Comprehensive Plan is to leverage future public and private investment to help ensure all areas of San</del> <del>Marcos can become complete places.</del></p>	66	Notable	
90.	<p>Complete Communities are made up of a variety of places that provide opportunities for people to live, work, and play. Many areas in San Marcos today are single use. For example, residential neighborhoods that have no nearby goods and services, or employment areas that are far removed from the housing where employees live.</p>	75	<p>Complete Communities <del>are made up</del> <u>consist</u> of a variety of places that provide opportunities for people to live, work, and play. Many areas in San Marcos today are single use. For example, <u>some</u> residential neighborhoods <del>that</del> have no nearby goods and services, or employment areas. <del>that are far removed from the housing where employees live.</del></p>	67	Stylistic	
91.	<p>These homogenous areas mean that the average San Marcan has to travel farther and longer to access all of their needs. This contributes to unnecessary demands on the roadway network, traffic congestion,</p>	75	<p><del>These homogenous areas mean that</del> <u>In these areas,</u> <del>the average San Marcan residents may have</del> <u>has</u> to travel farther and longer <u>than they would prefer</u> to access all of their needs. This contributes to <del>unnecessary demands</del> <u>demand</u> on the roadway</p>	67	Notable	

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	<p>environmental impacts, and a higher cost of living for many households. It also means that those who are not able to drive, bike, or use transit may not have their needs met. More simply put, an incomplete community with few or poorly distributed amenities and services is inequitable and impacts transportation, health, quality of life, and the environment.</p>		<p>network, <u>potential</u> traffic congestion <u>and</u>- environmental impacts, and <u>a-could contribute to a</u> higher cost of living for <u>many</u>-households. It also means that those who are not able to drive, bike, or use transit may not have their needs met. <u>More simply put, a</u>With these potential impacts in mind, an incomplete community <u>includes with</u> few or poorly distributed amenities and services <u>is inequitable and that may have an inequitable</u> impacts on transportation, health, quality of life, <u>and</u> the environment <u>on residents or areas of San Marcos.-</u></p>			
92.	<p>By locating a variety of places near each other and promoting a more equitable distribution of mixed use places, communities can benefit from the proximity of complementary uses, such as homes adjacent to opportunities to shop and dine, or employment centers close to commercial areas where people can access services after work. In addition to a variety of places, a Complete Community should include a variety of amenities and benefits within each place. This means embedding high-quality parks, open space, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, parking, and other community benefits within each place that make up a neighborhood or area of the city.</p>	75	<p>By locating a variety of places near each other <u>and promoting a more equitable distribution of mixed use places</u>, communities can benefit from the proximity of complementary uses. <u>Examples include such as</u> homes adjacent to opportunities to shop and dine, or employment centers close to commercial areas where people can access services after work. <u>In addition to a variety of places, a</u> Complete Community should include a variety of amenities and benefits within each place. This means embedding high-quality parks, open space, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, parking, and other community benefits within each place that make up a neighborhood or area of the city.</p>	67	Notable	
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94.	<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND OVERLAYS</b> As San Marcans articulated the desire to learn from the DNA of the oldest parts of the community, they also expressed a strong desire to minimize the impacts of new development on historic, cultural, and environmental assets.	76	<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND OVERLAYS</b> <del>As San Marcans articulated the desire to learn from the DNA of the oldest parts of the community, they also</del> Residents expressed a strong desire to minimize the impacts of new development on <u>established neighborhoods</u> , historic, cultural, and environmental assets.	68	Notable	
95.	For scenario planning, a maximum of 50% of areas within the environmental overlay were “developed” with allocations of housing and jobs. In addition, high level land use and land use intensity were assigned strategically to minimize the amount of land within the environmental overlay necessary to accommodate projected development.	77	For scenario planning, a maximum of 50% of areas within the environmental overlay were “developed” with allocations of housing and jobs. In addition, high level land use and land use intensity were assigned strategically to minimize the amount of land within the <del>environmental</del> overlays necessary to accommodate projected development.	69	Stylistic	
96.	<b>HIGH-LEVEL LAND USE</b> Building on the previous Comprehensive Plan, the scenario planning process utilized a simplified set of high-level land uses in an attempt to strike a balance between providing direction and flexibility for future land use.	78	<b>HIGH-LEVEL LAND USE</b> <del>Building on the previous Comprehensive Plan, the</del> scenario planning process utilized a simplified set of high-level land uses in an attempt to strike a balance between providing direction and flexibility for future land use.	70	Stylistic	
97.	<b>Neighborhood:</b> ... While the majority of these areas should focus on housing, the best versions of the Neighborhood High-level land use category include strategically located commercial, cultural, and recreational uses.	78	<b>Neighborhood:</b> ... While the majority of these areas should focus on housing, <del>the best versions of</del> the Neighborhood High-level land use category <u>may also</u> include strategically located commercial, cultural, and recreational uses.	70	Stylistic	
98.	<b>Mixed Use:</b> ... Sometimes these uses will be stacked within individual buildings, but often they will be	78	<b>Mixed Use:</b> ... Sometimes these uses will be stacked within individual buildings, but often they will be located	70	Stylistic	

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	located adjacent to one another with building use seemingly changing from one structure to the next.		adjacent to one another with building use <del>seemingly</del> <u>seamlessly</u> changing from one structure to the next.			
99.	<b>Conservation/Reserve:</b> ... These areas are intended to include minimal development during the life of the Comprehensive Plan.	78	<b>Conservation/Reserve:</b> ... These areas are intended to include minimal development <del>during the life of the Comprehensive Plan.</del>	70	Stylistic	
100.	<b>Low Intensity:</b> Low Intensity areas are generally lower in scale and have a lower proportion of the land area covered by buildings. In the case of Neighborhoods, this is generally reflected in detached and attached single family and smaller scale multiplex development. Accessory Dwelling Units fit within Low Intensity residential areas.	79	<b>Low Intensity:</b> Low Intensity areas are generally lower in scale and have a lower proportion of the land area covered by buildings. In the case of Neighborhoods, this is generally reflected in detached and attached single family, <del>and smaller scale multiplex development. Accessory Dwelling Units fit within Low Intensity residential areas.</del>	71	Stylistic	
101.	<b>Medium Intensity:</b> Medium Density areas typically have taller buildings in closer proximity to each other than Low Intensity areas. In Neighborhoods, the Medium Density largely includes small to medium scale attached homes and multifamily residential products. In Mixed Use and Commercial/Employment areas, Medium Density typically includes 3-5 story development in a more urban format with buildings near or attached to each other.	79	<b>Medium Intensity:</b> Medium <del>Density-Intensity</del> areas typically have taller buildings in closer proximity to each other than Low Intensity areas. In <del>N</del> neighborhoods, the Medium <del>IntensityDensity</del> largely includes small to medium scale attached homes and multifamily residential products. In Mixed Use and Commercial/Employment areas, Medium <del>IntensityDensity</del> typically includes <del>3</del> 2-5 story development in a more urban format with buildings near or attached to each other.	71	Stylistic	
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103.	<b>PLACE TYPES</b> Most comprehensive planning documents provide direction for future growth through	80	<b>PLACE TYPES</b> Most comprehensive planning documents provide direction for future growth through only a land use	72	Notable	



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	<p>only a land use map. Future land use, which informs parcel-based zoning, does not give guidance on the aspects of place like building form, streets, multi-modal facilities and connections, and open space, that make it comfortable for those who use it. To achieve the goal of truly Complete Communities, the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan introduces Place Types, which provide direction beyond just land use at the parcel level. A Place Type thinks about a place more holistically and at a larger scale, incorporating guidance for land use, transportation, layout, design, and more. A Place Typology defines a set of Places that are unique and authentic to the community and its needs. Utilizing combinations of High-Level Land Use and Intensity (both described above), a set of nine Place Types were developed through the planning process, including:</p>		<p>map. Future land use, which informs parcel-based zoning, does not give guidance on the aspects of place like building form, streets, multi-modal facilities and connections, and open space, <del>that make it comfortable for those who use it. To achieve the goal of truly Complete Communities, t</del><u>he</u>The Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan introduces Place Types, which provide direction beyond <del>just</del> land use at the parcel level. A Place Type <del>thinks about</del> <u>assesses</u> a place more holistically and at a larger scale, incorporating guidance for land use, transportation, layout, design, and more. A <del>P</del>place <del>T</del>typology defines a set of <del>P</del>places that are unique and authentic to the community and its needs. Utilizing combinations of High-Level Land Use and Intensity (<del>both described above</del>), a set of <del>nine</del> Place Types <del>were was</del> developed through the planning process, including:</p>			
104.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Low</b></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Medium</b></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood High</b></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Transition</b></li> <li>• <b>Mixed Use Low</b></li> <li>• <b>Mixed Use Medium</b></li> <li>• <b>Commercial/Employment Low</b></li> <li>• <b>Commercial/Employment Medium</b></li> <li>• <b>Conserve/Reserve</b></li> </ul>	80	<p><u>Provide a short description of each place type here:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Low</b></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Medium</b></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood High</b></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Transition</b></li> <li>• <b>Mixed Use Low</b></li> <li>• <b>Mixed Use Medium</b></li> <li>• <b>Commercial/Employment Low</b></li> <li>• <b>Commercial/Employment Medium</b></li> <li>• <b>Conserve/Reserve (rename)</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Note: Mixed Use High and Commercial/Employment High Place Types are not included because the high-</u></p>	72	Notable	<p>The below text reflects staff's recommended language and was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><b>Neighborhood Low</b> – <u>primarily low density single-family neighborhoods.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Medium</b> – <u>a mix of low to medium density residential housing types.</u></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood High</b> – <u>primarily high density housing types with some commercial.</u></li> <li>• <b>Neighborhood Transition</b> – <u>small scale commercial, mixed use, and some diverse housing types.</u></li> </ul>

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			<p><a href="#">level land use and intensity are not appropriate for San Marcos.</a></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mixed Use Low</b> – <a href="#">small scale mixed use.</a></li> <li>• <b>Mixed Use Medium</b> – <a href="#">higher density, larger scale mixed use.</a></li> <li>• <b>Commercial/Employment Low</b> – <a href="#">auto-oriented, low density industrial, retail, and office.</a></li> <li>• <b>Commercial/Employment Medium</b> – <a href="#">office, commercial, and campus (medical, education, etc.) uses.</a></li> <li>• <b>Conserve/ReserveConservation/Cluster</b> – <a href="#">a place holder for potential clustered development and/or protection of environmental features.</a></li> </ul>
105.	<p><b>COMPONENTS OF PLACE TYPES</b> Each of the nine Place Types is depicted and described in the following section. Before presenting each, it is important to understand the organization and approach to articulating the unique combinations of high-level land use and land use intensity that comprise the nine Place Types. <b>Overview:</b> Each Place Type includes an overall objective and description. The overview also includes a handful of summary characteristics related to land use, built form, mobility, and amenities.</p>	81	<p><b>COMPONENTS OF PLACE TYPES</b> Each of the <del>nine</del> Place Types is depicted and described in the following section. Before presenting each, it is important to understand the organization and approach to articulating the unique combinations of high-level land use and land use intensity that comprise the <del>nine</del> Place Types. <b>Overview:</b> Each Place Type includes an overall objective and description. The overview also includes <del>a handful of summary</del> characteristics related to land use, built form, mobility, and amenities.</p>	73	Stylistic	
106.		81	<p><del><a href="#">It must be noted however, that proposed changes are general in nature.</a></del> <a href="#">The completion of Area plans and Neighborhood Character Studies may not support or recommend some types of infill development.</a></p>	73	Notable	

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107.	<p><b>Existing and Proposed Models:</b> The next component of the Place Types is a graphic depiction of the types of places that exist today in San Marcos and a similar illustration of the aspirational expression of the Place Type. While much of the growth in housing units and employment will be accommodated with new development, it was important to explore how existing places can improve to better achieve the vision and goals of the Plan.</p> <p><b>Place Type Highlights:</b> The Existing and Proposed models are followed with an annotated version of the proposed Place Type highlighting key features and relationships. While it is highly unlikely that any development will look just like the proposed Place Type illustration, the graphic depictions should be used as a guide and inspiration to achieve the larger and more nuanced objectives and intent for each type of place.</p>	81	<p><b>MOVE ALL PLACE TYPE GRAPHICS TO THE APPENDIX.</b></p> <p><b>Existing and Proposed Models:</b> <del>The next component of the Place Types</del><u>Located within the Appendix</u> is a graphic depiction of the types of places that exist today in San Marcos and a similar illustration of the aspirational expression of the Place Type. While much of the growth in housing units and employment will be accommodated with new development, it was important to explore how existing places can improve to better achieve the vision and goals of the Plan.</p> <p><b>Place Type Highlights:</b> <u>Located within the Appendix,</u>  <del>†</del>The Existing and Proposed models are followed with an annotated version of the proposed Place Type highlighting key features and relationships. While it is highly unlikely that any development will look just like the proposed Place Type illustration, the graphic depictions should be used as a guide and inspiration to achieve the larger and more nuanced objectives and intent for each type of place.</p>	74	Notable	<p>All Place Type graphics were moved to the Appendix in the Alternate Draft. To address the subcommittee redlines, staff added text to the paragraphs referencing the appendix.</p> <p>Staff recommends keeping the place type graphics in the Plan rather than the Appendix. The visuals are a useful tool when talking to the community about the envisioned place type. To address subcommittee concerns, staff recommends the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revise “Proposed” to “New” in this section and within the graphic labels to clarify that they graphics are aspirational, illustrative, and do not represent requirements or city-initiated changes to properties.</li> <li>- Revise the Neighborhood Low place type graphics to create examples of existing and new places in accordance with subcommittee discussions.</li> </ul>
108.	<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD LOW</b>  <i>To recognize existing neighborhoods which are primarily single family detached housing, guide development of new “traditional neighborhoods”, and promote a thoughtful introduction of other housing types in these areas in ways that maintain their character</i></p>	84	<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD LOW</b>  <i>To recognize existing neighborhoods which are primarily single family detached housing and <del>promote thoughtful introduction of other types in existing areas that maintain</del><u>ing</u> their character. In new neighborhoods, more creative application of diverse housing types is encouraged.</i></p>	76	Notable	
109.	<p>The Neighborhood Low Place Type is an aspirational version of what most people likely picture when they think of a residential neighborhood in a smaller community. In order for San Marcos to achieve many of the</p>	84	<p>The Neighborhood Low Place Type <u>includes primarily detached single-family housing, however, many existing neighborhoods in San Marcos include a mix of additional building types, including townhomes, duplexes, and a few accessory dwelling units.</u> <del>is an</del></p>	76	Notable	

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	<p>goals related to high quality environmental assets and open spaces and the desire for a more connected community, Neighborhood Low places should integrate additional housing options, multimodal transportation connections, a small degree of commercial development within or nearby, recreational opportunities, and water quality features. Neighborhood Low areas include opportunities for greater housing diversity that should include accessory dwelling units (ADUs), small multiplexes such as a duplex, and certain attached single-family products that do not represent a significant departure from the scale, bulk and massing of the predominant building forms.</p>		<p><del>aspirational version of what most people likely picture when they think of a residential neighborhood in a smaller community. In order for San Marcos to To</del> achieve many of the goals <del>expressed by the community</del> related to high quality environmental assets and open spaces and the desire for a more connected community, Neighborhood Low places should <del>consider</del>-integrating additional housing options, multimodal transportation connections, a small degree of commercial development within or nearby, recreational opportunities, and water quality features. <u>In existing neighborhoods, land uses within Neighborhood Low should be consistent in scale, bulk, massing, and character of predominant building forms in the area. Adopted Area Plans, as applicable, will provide guidance for new development, if proposed. Within new areas, Neighborhood Low places are encouraged to have creativity and flexibility in design and provide a mix of land uses. Neighborhood Low areas include opportunities for greater housing diversity that should include accessory dwelling units (ADUs), small multiplexes such as a duplex, and certain attached single-family products that do not represent a significant departure from the scale, bulk and massing of the predominant building forms.</u></p>			
110.	<p><b>Land Use:</b> Primarily detached single-family residential with ADUs, attached single-family residential, small-scale commercial, and civic/cultural uses  <b>Built Form:</b> Generally, 1-2 story development set back from the street with side and back yards. Some Neighborhood Low areas may have alleys with garages in the rear of housing; the typical density of these areas is 3-7 units per acre  <b>Mobility:</b> A well-connected network of walkable, local streets providing strong linkages within the Place Type and to</p>	84	<p><b>Land Use:</b> Primarily detached single-family residential, <del>perhaps</del> with ADUs, attached single-family residential, small-scale commercial, and civic/cultural uses  <b>Built Form:</b> Generally, 1-2 story development set back from the street with side and back yards. Some Neighborhood Low areas may have alleys with garages in the rear of housing; <del>t.</del> The typical density of these areas is 3-7 units per acre  <b>Mobility:</b> A well-connected network of <del>walkable,</del> local streets providing strong linkages within the Place Type and to surrounding areas with transit on key corridors</p>	77	Stylistic	

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	surrounding areas with transit on key corridors					
111.	<p>Existing locations of Neighborhood Low contain primarily low-density, single-family residences with limited additional uses. Community or Institutional uses, such as schools or public services, may be present in the neighborhood. Riverfronts, creeks, and major roadway frontages are typically underutilized.</p> <p>To create a better connected and lively neighborhood, the neighborhood should include a mix of housing options such as detached single-family homes, townhomes, and ADUs. In addition to more dwelling units and housing options, small-scale commercial development in strategic locations serving the neighborhood should be included.</p>	84	<p><u>Existing areas with Neighborhood Low are comprised of primarily low density, single family residences with limited additional uses. These existing areas may include some community or institutional uses such as schools or public services, and may be adjacent to creeks, waterways, or major roads that could present opportunities for enhanced trails or parks. Less developed or new areas of Neighborhood Low may include some housing and commercial uses and may include vacant land. However, dedicated trails and parks may be lacking.</u></p> <p><u>Aspirations in existing developed areas of Neighborhood Low could include a gentle mix of new housing types as well as some small-scale commercial in strategic locations. In addition, enhancements to trails or sidewalks can better connect the neighborhood. Adopted Area Plans should guide and direct this process. In new areas of Neighborhood Low, a diversity of housing types and appropriate uses should be encouraged to ensure new areas are well connected and offer a mix of uses.</u></p>	N/A	Notable	In conjunction with item #107, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.
112.	<p><b>Fiscal Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Net Positive Fiscal Impact (\$1,113 per acre, \$176 per new person)</li> <li>Higher tax revenue due to greater presence of single-family homes, but highest cost to serve (per new person) of all Place Types; generates largest increase in new streets to maintain Greater cost to serve if located far from existing fire stations, outside of Hays County, or outside existing water and sewer service areas</li> </ul>	87	<p><b>Fiscal Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Net Positive Fiscal Impact (\$1,113 per acre, \$176 per new person)</del></li> <li><del>Higher tax revenue due to greater presence of single family homes, but Highest cost to serve (per new person) of all Place Types; generates largest increase in new streets to maintain Greater cost to serve if located far from existing fire stations, outside of Hays County, or outside existing water and sewer service areas</del></li> </ul>	77	Notable	

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115.	<p>The neighborhood medium Place Type can take multiple forms, but generally includes a combination of townhomes or rowhouses, smaller apartment and condominium buildings, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and some mixed use commercial development. While some Neighborhood Medium places may continue to be more auto-oriented, even those developments should better integrate connectivity to surrounding areas, water quality features and other amenities. Rather than being their own isolated communities, measures should be taken to complement and strengthen the larger community areas where they are located. Ideally, Neighborhood Medium areas should be highly walkable with well-designed circulation and ground floors that engage with the streets and development nearby, as well as enhance the pedestrian experience.</p>	88	<p>The <del>n</del>Neighborhood <del>m</del>Medium Place Type <del>can take multiple forms, but generally</del> includes a combination of townhomes <del>or rowhouses</del>, smaller apartment and condominium buildings, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and some mixed use commercial development. While some Neighborhood Medium places may <del>continue to be more</del> auto-oriented, <del>even those developments they</del> should better integrate connectivity to surrounding areas, water quality features and other amenities. <del>Rather than being their own isolated communities, measures should be taken to complement and strengthen Neighborhood Medium should be integrated with and complement</del> the larger community areas where they are located. <del>Ideally,</del> Neighborhood Medium areas should be highly walkable with well-designed circulation and ground floors that engage with the streets and development nearby, as well as enhance the pedestrian experience.</p>	78	Stylistic													

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116.	<p><b>Land Use:</b> Primarily attached single-family residential development, ADUs, low to medium- scale multifamily residential with some mixed use commercial</p>	88	<p><b>Land Use:</b> Primarily attached single-family residential development, ADUs, low to medium- scale multifamily residential, with some mixed use commercial</p>	78	Notable	<p>The below text reflects a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting. Staff has no concerns.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> Primarily attached single-family residential development, ADUs, low to medium- scale multifamily residential, with some mixed use commercial</p>
117.	<p><b>Mobility:</b> Strong connections to surrounding areas; ideally with a well-connected network of walkable, local streets, but potentially with internally focused pathways and private shared access drives with transit provided on key corridors</p>	88	<p><b>Mobility:</b> <del>Strong</del> connections to surrounding areas; <del>ideally</del> with a well-connected network of walkable, local streets, <del>but potentially</del> with internally focused pathways and private shared access drives with transit provided on key corridors</p>	78	Stylistic	
118.	<p>Existing locations of Neighborhood Medium tend to include small concentrations of townhomes and/ or multifamily residences intermixed with housing types more typical of Neighborhood Low areas. Neighborhood Medium development tends to take the form of “walk-up” or garden-style apartments whereby small-scale apartment buildings sit in the middle of surface parking lots. Riverfronts, creeks, and major roadway frontages are typically underutilized.</p> <p>To achieve a more connected and walkable neighborhood that helps to fill the “missing middle” or diverse housing options in the community, a more cohesive development pattern should be encouraged in terms of the size and scale of housing types, as well as the relationship that the Neighborhood Medium structures have to each other. Parks, plazas, greenways, and trails should be integrated to strengthen the sense of community and quality of life for residents and visitors to the</p>	89	<p><del>Existing locations of Neighborhood Medium tend to include small concentrations of townhomes and/ or multifamily residences intermixed with housing types more typical of Neighborhood Low areas. Neighborhood Medium development tends to take the form of “walk-up” or garden-style apartments whereby small-scale apartment buildings sit in the middle of surface parking lots. Riverfronts, creeks, and major roadway frontages are typically underutilized.</del></p> <p><del>To achieve a more connected and walkable neighborhood that helps to fill the “missing middle” or diverse housing options in the community, a more cohesive development pattern should be encouraged in terms of the size and scale of housing types, as well as the relationship that the Neighborhood Medium structures have to each other. Parks, plazas, greenways, and trails should be integrated to strengthen the sense of community and quality of life for residents and visitors to the area. Riverfronts and street frontages are better utilized with building</del></p>	n/a	Notable	<p>In conjunction with item #107, this has been moved to the appendix of the alternative draft.</p>

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147.	<p><b>CONSERVE/RESERVE</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>The Conserve/Reserve place type was originally developed to identify areas where development would be discouraged over the life of the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	116	<p><del>CONSERVE/RESERVE</del><b>NEW NAME</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>The <b>NEW NAME</b> <del>Conserve/Reserve place type</del><b>Place Type</b> was originally developed to identify areas where development would be discouraged over the life of the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	92	Notable	<p>The below text reflects staff's recommended language and was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.</p> <p><del>CONSERVE/RESERVE Conservation/Cluster</del></p> <p>...</p> <p>The <del>Conservation/Cluster Conserve/Reserve place type</del><b>Place Type</b> was originally developed to identify areas where development would be discouraged over the life of the Comprehensive Plan.</p>
148.	<p><b>Parks and Open Space</b></p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Also Neighborhood Parks to provide active and passive recreation opportunities for nearby residents, as well as integrated stormwater features</li> </ul>	119	<p><b>Parks and Open Space</b></p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Also</del> Neighborhood Parks to provide active and passive recreation opportunities for nearby residents, as well as integrated stormwater features</li> </ul>	93	Stylistic	
149.	<p><b>EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE GROWTH SCENARIOS</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Walkability would remain a desired condition that is mainly only realized in downtown or internally within specific subdivisions and projects. San Marcos would likely become even more of a "bedroom community", with housing demands outpacing employment growth. A large portion of environmentally sensitive areas would likely be impacted as continued pressure to develop in a piecemeal fashion grows and a reactive approach to growth in the ETJ would strain requests for water and sewer services.</p>	120	<p><del>MOVE THIS SECTION TO THE APPENDIX</del></p> <p><b>EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE GROWTH SCENARIOS</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Walkability would remain a desired condition that is mainly only realized in downtown or internally within specific subdivisions and projects. <del>San Marcos would likely become even more of a "bedroom community", with housing demands outpacing employment growth.</del> A large portion of environmentally sensitive areas would likely be impacted as continued pressure to develop <del>in a piecemeal fashion</del> grows and a reactive approach to growth in the ETJ would strain requests for water and sewer services.</p>	n/a	Notable	Staff removed the text in this section because it was duplicative of information in the appendix.
150.	The first detailed alternative (Scenario A) included a large concentration of dense development in a "Second City Center" on the east side of IH- 35. The second city center would serve as a new employment center	120	The first detailed alternative (Scenario A) included a large concentration of dense development in a <del>"Second City Center"</del> <b>East Village</b> on the east side of IH- 35. The <del>second city center</del> <b>East Village</b> would serve as a new employment center with medium and	n/a	Notable	In conjunction with item #149, staff removed the text in this section because it was duplicative of information in the appendix.

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	with medium and high-density housing integrated within and immediately adjacent to this new mixed use place. The intent of this approach was to relieve development pressures on San Marcos' existing downtown and existing close-in neighborhoods and would establish a pattern of urban villages connected to the second city center and the rest of San Marcos.		high-density housing integrated within and immediately adjacent to this new mixed use place. The intent of this approach was to relieve development pressures on San Marcos' existing downtown and existing close-in neighborhoods and would establish a pattern of urban villages connected to the <del>second city center</del> <u>East Village</u> and the rest of San Marcos.			
151.	Overall, the community expressed a general preference to combine scenarios A & B. They thought that the historic resource overlay, cultural resource overlay, and environmental overlay should continue to be priority.	121	Overall, the community expressed a general preference to combine scenarios A & B. They thought that the historic resource overlay, cultural resource overlay, and environmental overlay should continue to be <del>priority</del> <u>ities</u> .	n/a	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #149, staff removed the text in this section because it was duplicative of information in the appendix.
152.	They requested to continue exploring placing medium and higher density commercial at strategic locations as well as making places more walkable, not just by adding a sidewalk network, but also creating destinations to walk to. Additionally, there was a strong desire to minimize acres developed and impervious cover and that a heavy emphasis on new growth east of IH-35 would likely require public and private investment in new infrastructure, such as roads, utilities, and wastewater treatment plant, which will ultimately be maintained by the City in perpetuity.	121	They requested to continue exploring placing medium and higher density commercial at strategic locations as well as making places more walkable, not just by adding a sidewalk network, but also creating destinations <del>to walk to</del> . Additionally, there was a strong desire to minimize acres developed and impervious cover and that a heavy emphasis on new growth east of IH-35 would likely require public and private investment in new infrastructure, such as roads, <del>and</del> utilities, <del>and wastewater treatment plant</del> , which will ultimately be maintained by the City in perpetuity.	n/a	Stylistic	In conjunction with item #149, staff removed the text in this section because it was duplicative of information in the appendix.
153.	<b>The Preferred Growth Scenario</b> The Preferred Growth Scenario incorporates the aspects of alternative scenarios A and B by focus ing and intensifying new growth east of IH-35 and along corridors and providing better direction on land use while allowing flexibility. The Preferred Growth Scenario minimizes the development of environmentally sensitive areas, and reduces the pressure of development in existing	122	<b>The Preferred Growth Scenario</b> The Preferred Growth Scenario <del>incorporates the aspects of alternative scenarios A and B by</del> <u>focuses ing and intensifying</u> new growth east of IH-35 <del>and</del> , along corridors, and <del>providing</del> <u>provides</u> better direction on land use while allowing flexibility. <del>The Preferred Growth Scenario</del> <u>It</u> minimizes the development of environmentally sensitive areas, and reduces the pressure of development in existing established neighborhoods and historic areas.	94	Stylistic	

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	established neighborhoods and historic areas.					
154.	The Preferred Growth Scenario is expected to require approximately 19,000 acres to accommodate the projected growth in housing units and employment through 2050. The proposed higher intensity mixed-use activity center east of IH-35 will help alleviate development pressures by capturing and accommodating a large portion of the future housing and employment needs.	122	The Preferred Growth Scenario is expected to require approximately 19,000 acres to accommodate the projected growth in housing units and employment through 2050. <del>The proposed higher intensity mixed-use activity center east of IH-35 will help alleviate development pressures by capturing and accommodating a large portion of the future housing and employment needs.</del>	94	Notable	
155.	The Preferred Growth Scenario paired with the Place Types help to ensure a high level of walkability with places to walk to near most residences. Creating transit supportive development patterns is a prerequisite to establishing of high-capacity transit corridors. The realization of multiple regional and community centers will support such investment in San Marcos and to other regional destinations moving forward. The Preferred Growth Scenario and associated	122	<del>The Preferred Growth Scenario paired with the Place Types help to ensure a high level of walkability with places to walk to near most residences.</del> Creating transit supportive development patterns is a prerequisite to establishing of high-capacity transit corridors. <del>The realization of multiple regional and community centers will support such investment in San Marcos and to other regional destinations moving forward.</del> The Preferred Growth Scenario and associated <del>associated</del> <a href="#">[Not sure where this goes; seems odd here.]</a>	94	Notable	
156.	Place Types also promote a diverse mix of housing types and missing middle housing with townhomes, accessory dwelling units, courtyard apartments, duplexes, etc.	122	Place Types <del>also</del> promote a diverse mix of housing types <del>and missing middle housing</del> with <u>single family</u> , townhomes, accessory dwelling units, courtyard apartments, duplexes, <u>multi-family</u> , etc.	94	Stylistic	
157.	The Preferred Growth Scenario is built on the goal of providing equitable access to amenities. With the creation of a larger and more intense mixed-use activity center east of IH-35, access to amenities and services will be provided to an area that is currently lacking access to these types of services. The addition and enhancement of amenities and services in other parts of the city is also achieved through the designation of multiple mixed use places and centers distributed throughout San Marcos.	122	The Preferred Growth Scenario is built on the goal of providing equitable access to amenities. <del>With the creation of a larger and more intense</del> <u>The mixed-use activity center east of IH-35, East Village is intended to provide</u> access to amenities and services. <del>will be provided to an area that is currently lacking access to these types of services.</del> The addition and enhancement of amenities and services in other parts of the city is <del>also</del> achieved through the designation of multiple mixed use places and centers distributed throughout San Marcos.	94	Stylistic	

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158.	<i>Images of centers.</i>	124 - 130	<b>MIXED USE CENTERS</b> <u>REMOVE MAP IMAGES</u>	96	Notable	
159.	The Preferred Growth Scenario includes 17 mixed use centers distributed throughout the community. While several of these centers already exist, many are only partially developed, undeveloped, or single use commercial areas today. Based upon extensive community input, three scales of mixed use centers were identified and mapped as a critical part of the Preferred Growth Scenario. Regional Centers, Community Centers, and Neighborhood Centers are described below, but the common thread amongst them is that these places provide vibrant destinations and opportunities for arts, culture, dining, shopping, working, and entertainment in close proximity to residences and are critical ingredients in strengthening and creating complete communities in San Marcos.	124	The Preferred Growth Scenario includes 17 mixed use centers distributed throughout the community. While several of these centers already exist, many are only partially developed, undeveloped, or single use commercial areas today. <del>Based upon extensive community input,</del> Three scales of mixed use centers were identified and mapped as a critical part of the Preferred Growth Scenario. Regional Centers, Community Centers, and Neighborhood Centers are described below, <del>but the common thread amongst them is that these places provide vibrant destinations and opportunities for arts, culture, dining, shopping, working, and entertainment in close proximity to residences and are critical ingredients in strengthening and creating complete communities in San Marcos.</del>	96	Notable	
160.	<b>Regional Centers:</b> Regional Centers are large, high-density mixed-use areas, typically along transit corridors or major roadways, that provide access to goods, services, dining, offices, entertainment, and residential for regional residents and visitors. These areas are characterized by higher intensity commercial, residential, and mixed use development in a well-connected, walkable, and bikeable place. Regional Centers have unique offerings to the community and typically attract patrons from across the entire community and potentially the region. The primary place types comprising regional centers include Mixed Use Medium; Commercial/Employment Medium; Neighborhood Medium; Neighborhood High.	124	<b>Regional Centers:</b> Regional Centers are large, high-density mixed-use areas, typically along transit corridors or major roadways, that provide access to goods, services, dining, offices, entertainment, and residential <u>areas</u> for regional residents and visitors. These areas are characterized by higher intensity commercial, residential, and mixed use development in a well-connected, walkable, and bikeable places. Regional Centers have unique offerings to the community and typically attract patrons from across the <del>entire</del> community and potentially the region. The primary <del>place type</del> <u>Place Types</u> comprising regional centers include Mixed Use Medium; Commercial/Employment Medium; Neighborhood Medium; Neighborhood High.	96	Stylistic	

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161.	<b>Downtown:</b> The Downtown Regional Center is centered on the Hays County Historic Courthouse Square in Downtown San Marcos. Place types comprising the Downtown Regional Center include primarily Mixed Use Medium and Commercial/Employment Medium, with Neighborhood High and Mixed Use Low. As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing an updated Downtown Area Plan to guide public and private investment over the next 20 years.	124	<b>Downtown:</b> The Downtown Regional Center is centered on the Hays County Historic Courthouse Square in Downtown San Marcos. Place types comprising the Downtown Regional Center include primarily Mixed Use Medium and Commercial/Employment Medium, with Neighborhood High and Mixed Use Low. <del>As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing an updated</del> <u>There is a</u> Downtown Area Plan to guide public and private investment over the next 20 years.	96	Stylistic	
162.	<b>Second City Center (formerly referred to as East Village):</b> The Second City Center builds on the previous Comprehensive Plan's vision of the East Village west of the interchange where SH-123 meets FM-110. The area currently includes a handful of rural homes, light industrial areas (including the City's Public Services Complex), some newer multifamily style housing and the San Marcos High School. Place types comprising the Second City Center Regional Center include Mixed Use Medium, Neighborhood High, and Commercial/ Employment Medium. As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing a Regional Center Area Plan for the second City Center.	124	<del>Second City Center (formerly referred to as East Village):</del> The <del>Second City Center</del> <u>builds on the previous Comprehensive Plan's vision of the</u> East Village <u>is located</u> west of the interchange where SH-123 meets FM-110. The area currently includes <del>a handful of</del> rural homes, light industrial areas (including the City's Public Services Complex), some <del>newer</del> multifamily <del>style</del> housing and the San Marcos High School. Place <del>Types</del> comprising the <del>Second City Center-East Village</del> Regional Center include Mixed Use Medium, Neighborhood High, and Commercial/ Employment Medium. <del>As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing a Regional Center Area Plan for the second City Center.</del>	96	Stylistic	
163.	<b>Community Centers:</b> Community Centers are mid-sized mixed-use areas, typically along transit corridors or major roadways, that provide access to goods, services, dining, entertainment, and residential for nearby and regional residents. These areas are characterized by a mix of medium-intensity commercial and residential uses in a well-connected and walkable place. Development is vertically and horizontally mixed to achieve a high level of activation and vibrancy.	125	<b>Community Centers:</b> Community Centers are mid-sized mixed-use areas, typically along transit corridors or major roadways, that provide access to goods, services, dining, entertainment, and residential <u>housing for nearby and regional residents.</u> These areas are characterized by a mix of medium-intensity commercial and residential uses <del>in a well-connected and walkable place.</del> Development is vertically and horizontally mixed <del>to achieve a high level of activation and vibrancy.</del> Community Centers typically attract patrons from multiple	97	Stylistic	

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	Community Centers typically attract patrons from multiple neighborhoods. The primary place types comprising community centers include Mixed Use Medium; Mixed Use Low; Commercial/Employment Medium; Neighborhood Medium; Neighborhood High; and Neighborhood Transition.		neighborhoods. The primary <del>place type</del> Place Types comprising community centers include Mixed Use Medium; Mixed Use Low; Commercial/Employment Medium; Neighborhood Medium; Neighborhood High; and Neighborhood Transition.			
164.	<b>North of Airport</b> near the intersection of Harris Hill Road and Yarrington Road is a Community Center envisioned to serve residents in the northern portion of San Marcos. The area is beginning to develop as a residential subdivision (Whisper and Sunset Acres neighborhoods) and some Commercial/Employment Low development. In the future, the North of Airport Community Center is envisioned as a combination of Commercial/Employment Low and Medium, Mixed Use Low, and Neighborhood Medium place types to serve the surrounding neighborhoods.	125	<b>North of Airport</b> (near the intersection of Harris Hill Road and Yarrington Road) is a Community Center envisioned to serve residents in the northern portion of San Marcos. The area is beginning to develop as a residential subdivision (Whisper <del>and Sunset Acres neighborhoods</del> and a few Municipal Utility Districts) and <del>some</del> Commercial/Employment Low development. In the future, the North of Airport Community Center is envisioned as a combination of Commercial/Employment Low and Medium, Mixed Use Low, and Neighborhood Medium place types to serve the surrounding neighborhoods.	97	Stylistic	
165.	<b>Midtown</b> west of IH-35 between Aquarena Springs Drive and Hopkins Street is largely developed today with a mix of residential and commercial uses. The area also includes the Texas State University Bobcat (football) Stadium and Bobcat Track and Field Stadium. In the future, the Midtown Community Center is envisioned as a combination of Mixed Use Medium, Neighborhood High, and Commercial/Employment Medium. While the area is expected to change significantly from its existing condition, there are several opportunities for infill development, redevelopment, and public infrastructure improvements to achieve the vision for the	125	<b>Midtown</b> (west of IH-35 between Aquarena Springs Drive and Hopkins Street) is largely developed today with a mix of residential and commercial uses. The area also includes the Texas State University <del>Bobcat (Football)</del> Stadium and <del>the Bobcat</del> Track and Field Stadium. In the future, the Midtown Community Center is envisioned as a combination of Mixed Use Medium, Neighborhood High, and Commercial/Employment Medium. While the area is <u>not</u> expected to change significantly from its existing condition, there are several opportunities for infill development, redevelopment, and public infrastructure improvements to achieve the vision for the area as a highly walkable, bikeable, transit-focused, vibrant Community Center.	97	Stylistic	



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	area as a highly walkable, bikeable, transit-focused, vibrant Community Center.					
166.	<b>South End</b> east of the intersection of Wonder World Drive and Hunter Road was included in the previous 2013 Comprehensive Plan and is a designated Community Center that is already beginning to develop in a manner consistent with the community's vision for the area. The area includes a variety of commercial and residential developments that are generally consistent with the Preferred Growth Scenario. Place types comprising the South End Community Center include Mixed Use Medium and Neighborhood High	126	<b>South End</b> (east of the intersection of Wonder World Drive and Hunter Road) <del>was included in the previous 2013 Comprehensive Plan and is a designated Community Center that</del> is already beginning to develop in a manner consistent with the community's vision for the area. The area includes a variety of commercial and residential developments that are <del>generally</del> consistent with the Preferred Growth Scenario. Place <del>t</del> Types <del>comprising the South End Community Center</del> include Mixed Use Medium and Neighborhood High.	97	Stylistic	
167.	<b>Medical District</b> at the intersection of Wonder World Drive/Redwood Road and SH-123 is a designated Community Center in the Preferred Growth Scenario. Medical uses are already developing in the area, primarily along Wonder World Drive west of SH-123. A small amount of multifamily housing also exists in the area. Place Types comprising the Medical District Community Center include Mixed Use Medium, Neighborhood High, and Commercial/Employment Medium	126	<b>Medical District</b> <del>is located</del> at the intersection of Wonder World Drive/Redwood Road and SH-123 <del>is a designated Community Center in the Preferred Growth Scenario</del> . Medical uses are <del>already developing in the area</del> , primarily along Wonder World Drive west of SH-123. <del>A small notable amount of</del> Multifamily housing also exists in the area. Place Types <del>comprising the Medical District Community Center</del> include Mixed Use Medium, Neighborhood High, and Commercial/Employment Medium	97	Stylistic	
168.	<b>Northeast Highway 110</b> is an undeveloped area along FM-110 where the community expressed a strong desire for new mixed use development to serve potential new residential developments. Due to the environmental assets and constraints pervasive in and near this location, the intensity of development is expected to be low to medium. Place types comprising the Northeast Highway 110 Community Center include Mixed Use Low and Neighborhood Medium.	126	<b>Northeast Highway 110</b> is an <del>undeveloped</del> <del>developing</del> area along FM-110, <del>including Whisper, where the community expressed a strong desire for new mixed use development to serve potential new residential developments</del> . Due to the environmental assets and constraints <del>pervasive in and near this location, the</del> <del>48</del> going <del>48</del> intensity of development <del>is expected to will</del> be low to medium. Place <del>t</del> Types <del>comprising the Northeast Highway 110 Community Center</del> include Mixed Use Low and Neighborhood Medium.	98	Notable	The below text reflects staff's recommended language and was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.  <b>Central Northeast Highway 110</b> is an undeveloped area along FM-110 where the community expressed a strong desire for new mixed use development to serve potential new residential developments. Due to the environmental assets and constraints pervasive in and near this



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						location, the intensity of development is expected to be low to medium. Place Types comprising the <del>Central</del> <del>Northeast</del> Highway 110 Community Center include Mixed Use Low and Neighborhood Medium.
169.	<b>Highway 110 and Staples Road</b> is also a largely undeveloped area along FM-110, but the area does include a small amount of commercial and residential development east of FM-110. Place types comprising the Highway 110 and Staples Road Community Center include Commercial/Employment Low and Medium, Mixed Use Medium, and Neighborhood Medium	127	<b>Highway 110 and Staples Road</b> is <del>also</del> a largely undeveloped area along FM-110, <del>but the area does include</del> a small amount of commercial and residential development east of FM-110. Place <del>types</del> comprising the <del>Highway 110 and Staples Road Community Center</del> include Commercial/Employment Low and Medium, Mixed Use Medium, and Neighborhood Medium	98	Stylistic	
170.	<b>Kissing Tree/Centerpoint Drive West</b> is an envisioned Community Center with limited development today. There are only a handful of commercial and institutional uses today, but the area is envisioned as a mixed use Community Center in the future. Place types comprising the Kissing Tree/Centerpoint Drive West Community Center include Mixed Use Medium, and Commercial/Employment Low and Medium.	127	<b>Kissing Tree/ <u>West</u> Centerpoint Drive</b> <del>West has is an envisioned Community Center with</del> limited development today <del>with expectations of growth in the future. There are only a handful of commercial and institutional uses today, but the area is envisioned as a mixed use Community Center in the future.</del> Place <del>types</del> comprising the <del>Kissing Tree/Centerpoint Drive West Community Center</del> include Mixed Use Medium, and Commercial/Employment Low and Medium.	98	Stylistic	
171.	<b>Centerpoint Drive East</b> is an envisioned Community Center that is largely undeveloped today. Like the Kissing Tree/Centerpoint Drive West Community Center, the Centerpoint Drive East Community Center benefits from close proximity to the Tanger and Premium Outlets. Place types comprising the Centerpoint Drive East Community Center include Mixed Use Medium, and Neighborhood Medium and High.	127	<del>East Centerpoint Drive East is an envisioned Community Center that is</del> largely undeveloped today <del>and will.</del> Like the Kissing Tree/Centerpoint Drive West Community Center, the <del>Centerpoint Drive East Community Center</del> benefits from close proximity to the Tanger and Premium Outlets. Place <del>types</del> comprising the <del>Centerpoint Drive East Community Center</del> include Mixed Use Medium, and Neighborhood Medium and High.	98	Stylistic	
172.	<b>Neighborhood Centers:</b> Neighborhood Centers are small, walkable mixed-use areas	128	<b>Neighborhood Centers:</b> Neighborhood Centers are small, walkable, mixed-use areas that provide	99	Notable	

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	that provide convenient access to goods, services, dining, and residential for nearby residents. These areas are characterized by smaller commercial centers that are walkable and typically embedded in or near neighborhoods so that residents have convenient, safe, and equitable access to services. They should be concentrated to small geographies and distributed throughout the city. The primary place types comprising neighborhood centers include Mixed Use Low; Neighborhood Medium; Commercial/Employment Low; and Neighborhood Transition.		convenient access to goods, services, <del>and dining, and residential</del> for nearby residents. These areas are characterized by smaller commercial centers <del>that are walkable and</del> typically embedded <del>in or</del> near neighborhoods so that residents have convenient, safe, and equitable access to services. <del>They should be concentrated to small geographies and distributed throughout the city.</del> The primary place types comprising neighborhood centers include Mixed Use Low; Neighborhood Medium; Commercial/Employment Low; and Neighborhood Transition.			
173.	<b>Riverway Avenue and Cotter Avenue</b> is an envisioned Neighborhood Center that has minimal development today, although has seen increased development in recent years. Existing uses include a multifamily apartment complex and an auto dealership with nearby office and warehouse uses. Place types comprising the Riverway and Cotter Avenue Neighborhood Center in the future include Commercial/Employment Medium, Mixed Use Medium, and Neighborhood High.	128	<b>Riverway Avenue and Cotter Avenue</b> <del>is an envisioned Neighborhood Center that</del> has minimal development today, <del>although has seen with</del> increased development in recent years. Existing uses include a multifamily apartment complex and <del>an</del> <u>two</u> auto dealerships with nearby office and warehouse uses. Place <del>t</del> ypes <del>comprising the Riverway and Cotter Avenue Neighborhood Center in the future</del> include Commercial/Employment Medium, Mixed Use Medium, and Neighborhood High.	99	Stylistic	
174.	<b>Mill Street and Uhland Road</b> is an area that is mostly built out today with a combination of commercial, single-family residential, and multifamily residential uses. With that said, there are opportunities for infill and some strategic redevelopment. Place types comprising the Mill Street and Uhland Road Neighborhood Center in the future include Mixed Use Low and Medium, Neighborhood Low, Medium and High, and Neighborhood Transition.	128	<b>Mill Street and Uhland Road</b> is an area that is mostly built out today with a combination of commercial, single-family residential, and multifamily residential uses. <del>With that said, t</del> There are opportunities for infill and some strategic redevelopment. Place <del>t</del> ypes <del>comprising the Mill Street and Uhland Road Neighborhood Center in the future</del> include Mixed Use Low and Medium, Neighborhood Low, Medium and High, and Neighborhood Transition.	99	Stylistic	
175.	<b>North LBJ Drive and Sessom Drive</b> is already functioning as a Neighborhood Center today	129	<b>North LBJ Drive and Sessom Drive</b> <del>is already functioning as a Neighborhood Center today and is</del>	99	Stylistic	

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	and is envisioned as a Neighborhood Center in the future. The area mainly includes commercial development and multifamily residential development today. Place Types comprising the N LBJ Drive and Sessom Drive Neighborhood Center in the future include Mixed Use Low and Medium, Commercial/Employment Medium, and Neighborhood Low, Medium and High. As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing a Neighborhood Area Plan for this area.		<del>envisioned as a Neighborhood Center in the future. The area mainly</del> includes commercial development and multifamily residential development today. Place Types <del>comprising the N LBJ Drive and Sessom Drive Neighborhood Center in the future</del> include Mixed Use Low and Medium, Commercial/Employment <del>Medium Low</del> , and Neighborhood Low, Medium and High. As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing a Neighborhood Area Plan for this area.			
176.	<b>Old Ranch Road 12</b> is a collection of commercial and institutional uses today with opportunities to evolve into a true Neighborhood Center. Place Types comprising the Old Ranch Road 12 Neighborhood Center in the future include Mixed Use Low surrounded by Conserve/ Reserve and Neighborhood Low with Neighborhood Medium and High nearby. As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing a Neighborhood Area Plan for this area.	129	<b>Old Ranch Road 12 at the intersection of Country Estates Drive</b> is a collection of commercial and institutional uses <del>today with opportunities to evolve into a true Neighborhood Center</del> . Place Types <del>comprising the Old Ranch Road 12 Neighborhood Center in the future</del> include Mixed Use Low surrounded by Conserve/ Reserve and Neighborhood Low with Neighborhood Medium and High nearby. As part of the Vision SMTX effort, the community is developing a Neighborhood Area Plan for this area.	99	Stylistic	
177.	<b>Craddock Avenue/Bishop Street</b> is an area that includes a relatively large area of undeveloped land surrounded by a small pocket of commercial development and a combination of single-family residential and multifamily residential. Place types comprising the Craddock Avenue/ Bishop Street Neighborhood Center in the future include Mixed Use Low and Medium surrounded by Neighborhood Low and Medium.	129	<b>Craddock Avenue/Bishop Street</b> <del>is an area that</del> includes <del>a relatively large area of</del> undeveloped land <del>surrounded by a small pocket of commercial development</del> and a combination of single-family residential and multifamily residential. Place <del>t</del> Types <del>comprising the Craddock Avenue/ Bishop Street Neighborhood Center in the future</del> include Mixed Use Low and Medium surrounded by Neighborhood Low and Medium.	99	Stylistic	
178.	<b>Old Bastrop Highway and Redwood Road</b> is an area that is only partially developed. The area west of the Old Bastrop Highway and Redwood Road intersection has a small	130	<b>Old Bastrop Highway and Redwood Road</b> is <del>an area that is</del> only partially developed. The area west of the Old Bastrop Highway and Redwood Road intersection has a small commercial use at the corner and a large	99	Stylistic	

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	commercial use at the corner and a large single-family neighborhood west of that. The other three corners are undeveloped. Place types comprising the Old Bastrop Highway and Redwood Road Neighborhood Center in the future include Neighborhood High and Commercial/Employment Low surrounded by Neighborhood Low and High		single-family neighborhood <del>nearby west of that. Development is underway in the area. The other three corners are undeveloped.</del> Place <del>t</del> Types comprising the Old Bastrop Highway and Redwood Road Neighborhood Center in the future include Neighborhood High and Commercial/Employment Low surrounded by Neighborhood Low and High			
179.	<b>El Rio Street (South)</b> is an area at the south end of San Marcos just east of IH-35 that is undeveloped, but multifamily development is occurring just to the northeast and existing commercial and multifamily zoning exists in and around the area. Place types comprising the El Rio Street (South) Neighborhood Center in the future include Mixed Use Medium and Commercial/Employment Low surrounded by Neighborhood Medium and High.	130	<b>El Rio Street (Trace South)</b> is an area at the south end of San Marcos just east of IH-35 that is undeveloped, <del>but m</del> Multifamily development is occurring just to the northeast and existing commercial and multifamily zoning exists <del>in and around</del> the area. Place <del>t</del> Types comprising the El Rio Street (South) Neighborhood Center in the future include Mixed Use Medium and Commercial/Employment Low surrounded by Neighborhood Medium and High.	100	Stylistic	
180.	<b>RELATIONSHIP TO ZONING CODE AND OTHER REGULATIONS</b> The Preferred Growth Scenario Map and place types do not explicitly address zoning. The Place Types section identifies desired land uses and a variety of other characteristics for each designation on the Preferred Growth Scenario Map. Both the map and the Place Type descriptions and graphics are generalized tools used to guide development and amendments to the City's Land Development Code.	131	<b>RELATIONSHIP TO ZONING CODE AND OTHER REGULATIONS</b> The Preferred Growth Scenario Map and <del>p</del> Place <del>t</del> Types do not explicitly address zoning. The Place Types section identifies desired land uses and a variety of other characteristics for each designation on the Preferred Growth Scenario Map. Both the map and the Place Type descriptions <del>and graphics</del> are generalized tools used to guide development and amendments to the City's Land Development Code.	101	Stylistic	
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	shape this change in a way that provides opportunities for new development and redevelopment while preserving the community's cultural and environmental heritage. A comprehensive plan articulates the community's vision for the future; zoning and other regulatory and budget tools implement that community vision. It follows, therefore, that the first		development and redevelopment while preserving the community's <u>historical</u> , cultural, and environmental heritage. A comprehensive plan articulates the community's vision for the future; <del>zoning and other regulatory and budget tools implement that community vision. It follows, therefore, that the first</del> <u>o</u>			
182.	N/A	131	<u>The single-family nature of traditional neighborhoods will be preserved while welcoming multiple types of housing in new developments.</u>	101	Notable	
183.	It follows, therefore, that the first question in any zoning case should be, "Does this request comply with the comprehensive plan?" The plan's goals, the Preferred Scenario Map and the Place Types provide that first level of guidance.	131	<del>It follows, therefore, that the first</del> <u>o</u> <del>One of the</del> questions in any zoning case should be, "Does this request comply with the comprehensive plan?" The plan's goals, <del>the</del> Preferred Scenario Map, <u>Areas Plans, Neighborhood Character Studies,</u> and <del>the</del> Place Types provide that <u>first level of</u> guidance.	101	Stylistic	
184.	<b>AREA PLANNING</b> A key element of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan is establishing area plans for the first set of geographies across San Marcos. Area planning includes detailed conversations and recommendations for Regional Centers and Neighborhood Areas throughout the community. This section provides an overview of the Area Planning approach to be applied now and moving forward for additional Neighborhood Areas, as well as a summary of the areas being planned as part of the initial Vision SMTX process.	133	<b>AREA PLANNING</b> <del>A</del> <u>Key elements</u> of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan <del>is establishing are a</del> <u>Area p</u> <del>lans, for the first set of geographies across San Marcos.</del> Area planning includes detailed conversations and recommendations for Regional Centers and <u>selected</u> Neighborhood Areas throughout the community. This section provides an overview of the Area Planning approach <del>to be applied now and moving forward for additional Neighborhood Areas,</del> as well as a summary of the areas being planned as part of the initial Vision SMTX process.	103	Stylistic	
185.	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> An important part of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan process was the inclusion of Area Planning. Whereas the Comprehensive Plan articulates a vision, guiding principles, goals, and policies for the	134	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> <u>Area Plans are A</u> <del>an</del> important part of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan process <del>was the inclusion of Area Planning. Whereas the</del> <u>Comprehensive Plan</u> articulates a vision, guiding principles, goals, and <u>policies considerations</u> for the entire City. <del>and its</del> <u>The</u>	104	Stylistic	

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	entire City and its Preferred Growth Scenario assigns Place Types to smaller areas throughout the community. , the citywide guidance provided by the Plan does not address more localized needs within neighborhoods and smaller areas nearby. Place Types and their more robust description of land use, built form, mobility, and amenities establish additional direction for the types of improvements and investments appropriate in existing and new areas of the community , but they do not benefit from more localized discussions and recommendations specific to a specific geography.		Preferred Growth Scenario assigns Place Types to smaller areas throughout the community. <del>the</del> citywide guidance provided by the Plan does not address more localized needs within neighborhoods and smaller areas nearby. Place Types and their <del>more robust</del> description of land use, <del>built form</del> , mobility, and amenities establish additional direction for the types of improvements and investments appropriate in existing and new areas of the community. <del>but they do not benefit from</del> <u>However</u> , more localized discussions and recommendations <u>regarding the selected areas are needed</u> . <del>specific to a specific geography</del> .			
186.	The <i>Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us Comprehensive Plan</i> (Vision San Marcos) identified Neighborhood Character Studies as an important next step to determine the types of projects that would be supported in existing neighborhoods (referred to as Areas of Stability in that document).	134	The <i>Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us Comprehensive Plan</i> (Vision San Marcos) identified Neighborhood Character Studies as an important <del>next</del> step to determine the types of projects that would be supported in existing neighborhoods (referred to as Areas of Stability in that document).	104	Stylistic	
187.	Thus, seven Area Plans are included in the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan planning process. While two of those Area Plans focus on higher intensity mixed use regional centers, the remaining five focus on neighborhoods around San Marcos. The Neighborhood Character Studies promised in the Vision San Marcos are included as a major component of the five Area Plans focusing on neighborhoods.	134	<del>Thus, s</del> Seven Area Plans are included in the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan planning process. While two of those Area Plans focus on higher intensity mixed use regional centers <u>of Downtown and East Village</u> , the remaining five focus on neighborhoods around San Marcos. The Neighborhood Character Studies promised in the Vision San Marcos are included as a major component of the five Area Plans focusing on neighborhoods. <u>These Area Plans will have the same power and effect as Neighborhood Character Studies noted in the statement above from the Vision San Marcos 2013 Comprehensive Plan.</u>	104	Notable	The below text was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting. Staff has no concerns.  <del>Thus, s</del> Seven Area Plans are included in the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan planning process. While two of those Area Plans focus on higher intensity mixed use regional centers <u>of Downtown and East Village</u> , the remaining five focus on neighborhoods around San Marcos. The Neighborhood Character Studies promised in the Vision San Marcos are included as a major component of the five Area Plans focusing on

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						neighborhoods. <u>These Area Plans will guide future development.</u>
188.	The first five neighborhood-focused Area Plans are establishing a template for community engagement, the approach to analysis, types of recommendations, and documentation that will be utilized in developing additional Area Plans, including Neighborhood Character Studies, in the coming years.	134	The first five neighborhood-focused Area Plans <del>are</del> <u>establishing</u> a template for community engagement, the approach to analysis, types of recommendations, and documentation that will be utilized in developing additional Area Plans, including Neighborhood Character Studies, in the coming years.	104	Stylistic	
189.	<b>AREA PLAN APPROACH</b> Area Plans are intended to provide a coordinated, consistent, and effective approach for the planning of neighborhoods and Regional Centers in San Marcos. A more localized and/or neighborhood-based approach to more detailed planning of San Marcos establishes an achievable approach to developing plans with detailed recommendations for specific geographies of the community.	135	<b>AREA PLAN APPROACH</b> <del>Area Plans are intended to provide a coordinated, consistent, and effective approach for the planning of neighborhoods and Regional Centers in San Marcos. A more localized and/or neighborhood-based approach to more detailed planning of San Marcos establishes an achievable approach to developing plans with detailed recommendations for specific geographies of the community.</del>	105	Notable	
190.	<b>TYPES OF AREA PLANS</b> As suggested above, the Area Planning approach includes two types of Area Plans. The first type is for the two Regional Centers identified and briefly described in the previous section. The second type incorporates Neighborhood Character Studies and is focused on areas of the community with mainly Neighborhood place types assigned in the Preferred Growth Scenario. With that said, there are benefits to not limiting Neighborhood Area Plans to only geographies with Neighborhood Place Type designations. Planning can and should include other Place Types nearby to help ensure connectivity, compatibility, and a cohesive development pattern that will	135	<b>TYPES OF AREA PLANS</b> <del>As suggested above, the Area Planning approach includes two types of Area Plans. The first type is for the two Regional Centers of Downtown and East Village. identified and briefly described in the previous section. The second type incorporates Neighborhood Character Studies and is are</del> focused on areas of the community with mainly Neighborhood place types assigned in the Preferred Growth Scenario. <del>With that said, there are benefits to not limiting</del> Neighborhood Area Plans <del>should include to only</del> geographies with Neighborhood Place Type designations. Planning can, and should, include other Place Types nearby to help ensure connectivity, compatibility, and a cohesive development pattern. <del>that will contribute to creating more complete communities throughout San Marcos.</del>	105	Notable	



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191.	<p><b>Regional Center Area Plans</b> Based upon direction from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) and City Council, the first type of Area Plans are being developed for the two Regional Centers identified in the Preferred Growth Scenario. There are two primary reasons for developing more detailed and localized direction for the Plan's Regional Centers.</p> <p>In the case of Downtown San Marcos, the area signifies the historic heart of the community. The existing Downtown Master Plan was adopted in 2008 and there has been a significant amount of change in the Downtown Area and many of the factors influencing its livelihood and long-term success. The focus of that Area Plan is to continue attracting investment and diversity to Downtown San Marcos while retaining the historic character and charm that make the area unique and memorable.</p>	136	<p><b>Regional Center Area Plans</b> <del>Based upon direction from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) and the City Council,</del> The first type of Area Plans are being developed for the two Regional Centers identified in the Preferred Growth Scenario. <del>There are two primary reasons for developing more detailed and localized direction for the Plan's Regional Centers.</del> <del>In the case of</del> Downtown San Marcos <del>is,</del> the area signifies the historic heart of the community. The existing Downtown Master Plan was adopted in 2008. <del>and</del> There has been a significant amount of change in the Downtown Area, <del>and many of the factors influencing its livelihood and long-term success.</del> The focus of that Area Plan is to continue attracting investment <del>of commercial uses and diversity to Downtown San Marcos</del> while retaining the historic character and charm that make the area unique and memorable.</p>	105	Notable	
192.	For the Second City Center, the Preferred Growth Scenario and associated modeling project a large amount of residential and employment growth in the area designated as a Regional Center and much of the area nearby. Although the area was already identified as a targeted growth area in the Vision San Marcos, the area is largely undeveloped and development that is occurring is not implementing the vision articulated for the East Village in the previous Comprehensive Plan. A Regional Center Area Plan for the Second City Center will evaluate and update that vision, aligning it with	137	For the <del>Second City Center</del> East Village, the Preferred Growth Scenario and associated modeling project a large amount of residential and employment growth in the area designated as a Regional Center and much of the area nearby. <del>Although the area was already identified as a targeted growth area in the Vision San Marcos, the area is largely undeveloped and development that is occurring is not implementing the vision articulated for the East Village in the previous Comprehensive Plan. A Regional Center Area Plan for the Second City Center will evaluate and update that vision, aligning it with direction from the Preferred Growth Scenario, as well as current and projected market conditions.</del>	105	Notable	



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	<p>direction from the Preferred Growth Scenario, as well as current and projected market conditions.</p> <p>The approach to Regional Center Area Plans in San Marcos includes:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans for existing and future higher intensity, mixed use centers in San Marcos</li> <li>Focus on land use, built form, connectivity, public spaces, housing and employment</li> </ul>		<p>The approach to Regional Center Area Plans in San Marcos includes:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans for <del>existing and future</del> higher intensity, mixed use centers in San Marcos</li> <li>Focus on land use, <del>built form</del>, connectivity, public spaces, housing and employment</li> </ul>			
193.	<p><b>Neighborhood Area Plans</b></p> <p>The CPSC and City Council also provided strong guidance for the second type of Area Plan included in the overall Vision SMTX planning effort.</p> <p>...</p> <p>City Council also provided direction indicating that each distinct neighborhood included in a Neighborhood Area will have its own Neighborhood Character Study as a means of recognizing and protecting the unique character of each individual neighborhood in San Marcos.</p> <p>The approach to Neighborhood Area Plans in San Marcos includes:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan goals and policies on a neighborhood scale</li> </ul>	137	<p><b>Neighborhood Area Plans</b></p> <p><del>The CPSC and City Council also provided strong guidance for the second type of Area Plan included in the overall Vision SMTX planning effort.</del></p> <p>...</p> <p>City Council <del>also</del> provided direction indicating that each distinct neighborhood included in a Neighborhood Area will have its own Neighborhood Character Study as a means of recognizing and protecting the unique character of each individual neighborhood in San Marcos.</p> <p>The approach to Neighborhood Area Plans <del>in San Marcos</del> includes:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Implementation of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan goals and policies on a neighborhood scale</del></li> </ul>	106	Notable	
194.	<p><b>Documentation of Area Identity and Existing Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Description of the area, its boundaries, and unique assets and constraints</li> <li>Summary of previous and concurrent planning efforts</li> </ul>	138	<p><b>Documentation of Area Identity and Existing Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Description of the area, its boundaries, and unique assets and constraints</li> <li>Summary of previous and concurrent planning efforts</li> </ul>	107	Notable	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An economic snapshot of employment and market conditions</li> </ul> <p><b>Area Vision and Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment with the Comprehensive Plan’s Vision, Guiding Principles and Goals</li> <li>Identify additional unique goals for the Area, if applicable</li> </ul> <p><b>Plan Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendations for History, Art and Culture</li> <li>Recommendations for Transportation, Mobility and Connectivity</li> <li>Recommendations for Streetscapes</li> <li>Recommendations for Public Spaces and Amenities</li> <li>Recommendations for Housing</li> <li>Recommendations for Business Community</li> <li>Recommendations for Building form and Development, including place types and transition strategies</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>An e</del>Economic snapshot of employment and market conditions</li> <li><del>Identify</del>ification of additional unique goals for the Area, if applicable</li> </ul> <p><del>Area Vision and Goals</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Alignment with the Comprehensive Plan’s Vision, Guiding Principles and Goals</del></li> <li><del>Identify additional unique goals for the Area, if applicable</del></li> </ul> <p><del>Recommendations Plan Framework</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Recommendations for</del>History, Art and Culture</li> <li><del>Recommendations for</del>Transportation, Mobility and Connectivity</li> <li><del>Recommendations for</del>Streetscapes</li> <li><del>Recommendations for</del>Public Spaces and Amenities</li> <li><del>Recommendations for</del>Housing</li> <li><del>Recommendations for</del>Business Community</li> <li><del>Recommendations for Building form and Development, including p</del>Place <del>t</del>Types and transition strategies</li> </ul>			
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196.	<p><b>AREA PLAN PROCESS</b></p> <p>Area Plans should protect and enhance the character of San Marcos’ Downtown and neighborhoods. The Regional Center Plan for the Second City Center contributes to this charge by providing a market feasible vision and specific direction for creating a new higher intensity growth area that will relieve</p>	140	<p><b>AREA PLAN PROCESS</b></p> <p>Area Plans should protect and enhance the character of San Marcos’ Downtown and neighborhoods. The Regional Center Plan for the <del>Second City Center East Village contributes to this charge by providing will</del> provide a market feasible vision and specific direction for creating a new higher intensity growth area that will relieve development pressure <del>on Downtown and</del></p>	108	Notable	

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	development pressure on Downtown and neighborhoods throughout the community. Area Plans are developed through resident driven engagement efforts and intended to provide detailed strategies for places, transportation, infrastructure and community facilities and amenities. Area Plans will build on resident and property owner knowledge and feedback to catalog and celebrate community character and develop and enhance places through 1) the further exploration of how an area can achieve the aspirational aspects of place types included in the Preferred Growth Scenario, and 2) protect, enhance, and add community assets to improve access and equity for neighborhoods throughout San Marcos.		neighborhoods <del>throughout the community</del> . Area Plans are developed through resident driven engagement efforts and intended to provide detailed strategies for places, transportation, infrastructure and community facilities and amenities. Area Plans will build on resident and property owner knowledge and feedback to catalog and celebrate community character <del>and develop and enhance places through 1) the further exploration of how an area can achieve the aspirational aspects of place types included in the Preferred Growth Scenario, and 2) protect, enhance, and add community assets to improve access and equity for neighborhoods throughout San Marcos.</del> Area Plans will serve as a guide for potential <u>development in existing neighborhoods and may include provisions to enhance the area while maintaining the character.</u>			
197.	Area Plans should integrate previous neighborhood plans and studies, as well as recommendations from citywide system plans (e.g., Transportation Master Plan). The purpose of the Area Plans is to develop actionable strategies for the city's neighborhoods at a manageable and implementable scale.	141	Area Plans should integrate previous neighborhood plans and studies, as well as recommendations from citywide system plans (e.g., Transportation Master Plan). The purpose of <del>the an</del> Area Plans is <u>to preserve the character of the city's neighborhoods and</u> to develop actionable strategies for the city's neighborhoods at a manageable and implementable scale.	108	Notable	
198.	In addition, developing a single plan that represents multiple neighborhoods (or single neighborhoods with larger footprints) is a more effective way to elevate neighborhood-level issues for consideration of policy changes and funding priorities. The planning process for Area Plans will generally range from six to nine months and should include a robust community engagement strategy. They should be updated approximately every 10-12 years. Criteria for determining prioritization will take into account the Community Area's proximity to regional centers;	141	In addition, developing a single plan that represents multiple neighborhoods (or single neighborhoods with larger footprints) is an <del>more</del> effective way to <u>identify elevate neighborhood level</u> issues for consideration of policy changes and funding priorities. The planning process for Area Plans will generally range from six to nine months and should include a robust community engagement strategy. They should be updated approximately every 10-12 years. Criteria <del>for determining prioritization</del> will take into account the <del>Community Area's</del> proximity to regional centers; ...	108	Stylistic	

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	<p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At a minimum, the community engagement strategy for Area Plans should include at least: one community survey or questionnaire, a series of community meetings, a Steering Committee, and additional meetings and/or pop-up engagement at community events to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>educate residents, business owners, and property owners about the process,</li> <li>gather input on neighborhood character, assets, and challenges, and</li> <li>solicit feedback on draft recommendations, interim deliverables, and the draft plan report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p><del>At a minimum, the</del> community engagement strategy for Area Plans should include at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>one</del> community survey or questionnaire,</li> <li><del>a series of</del> community meetings, <del>a Steering Committee, and</del></li> <li>additional meetings and/or pop-up engagement at community events to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>educate residents, business owners, and property owners about the process,</li> <li>gather input on neighborhood character, assets, and challenges, <del>and</del></li> <li>solicit feedback on draft recommendations, interim deliverables, and the draft plan report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
199.	SUMMARY OF INITIAL AREA PLANNING	142 - 151	SUMMARY OF INITIAL AREA PLANNING <b>REMOVE ALL OF THIS SECTION</b>	n/a	Notable	
200.	<p><b>IMPLEMENTATION</b></p> <p>This section clarifies and establishes parameters and priorities for implementation of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan. The Implementation section includes recommendations for an approach to coordinating and aligning planning in San Marcos; key findings from a Fiscal Impact Analysis; a suggested approach to identifying and prioritizing public projects; organizational considerations; and a road map for tracking progress moving forward.</p>	153	<p><b>IMPLEMENTATION</b></p> <p><del>This section clarifies and establishes parameters and priorities for implementation of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan . The Implementation section includes recommendations for an approach to coordinating and aligning planning in San Marcos; key findings from a Fiscal Impact Analysis; a suggested approach to identifying and prioritizing public projects; organizational considerations; and a road map for tracking progress moving forward.</del></p> <p><u>This section establishes parameters and priorities for implementation of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan and includes recommendations for</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>an approach to coordinating planning</u></li> <li><u>key findings from a Fiscal Impact Analysis</u></li> <li><u>a suggested approach to identifying and prioritizing public projects</u></li> </ul>	111	Notable	

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	3	Area	Downtown Area Plan; Second City Center Area Plan; Dunbar/Heritage Neighborhoods Area Plan; Blanco Gardens Neighborhood Area Plan, Additional Area Plans, etc.					
	4	Specific	Corridor Study/Plan; Site Master Plan or Regulating Plan; Campus Master Plan; Concept Plans; etc.					
	3	Area	<a href="#">Airport Master Plan</a> , Downtown Area Plan; <a href="#">Second City Center East Village</a> Area Plan; Dunbar/Heritage Neighborhoods Area Plan; Blanco Gardens Neighborhood Area Plan, <a href="#">Additional Area Plans, etc.</a> <a href="#">[List the future area plans here]</a>					
	4	Specific	Corridor Study/Plan; Site Master Plan or Regulating Plan; <a href="#">Texas State University</a> , Campus Master Plan; Concept Plans; <a href="#">Historic Resources Survey</a> ; <a href="#">Strategic Housing Action Plan (upon adoption)</a> etc.					
203.	<b>Level 1: The Comprehensive Plan</b> is developed in collaboration with community members, departments across the City, elected and appointed officials, partner agencies, and other community and regional partners to provide the highest policy level guidance for future development and redevelopment, infrastructure improvements and other public investments, transportation and land use connections, and a host of factors contributing to quality of life, affordability, equity and sustainability.		155	<b>Level 1: The Comprehensive Plan</b> is developed in collaboration with community members, departments across the City, elected and appointed officials, partner agencies, and other community <del>and regional</del> partners. <a href="#">This plan is</a> to provide the highest policy level guidance for future development and redevelopment, infrastructure improvements and other public investments, transportation and land use connections, and a host of factors contributing to quality of life, affordability, equity and sustainability.		113	Stylistic	
204.	<b>Level 2: Citywide Strategic and Action Plans</b> direct specialized components of city planning and implementation such as transportation, infrastructure, economic development, parks and recreation, housing, natural resources, and sustainability. City-		155	<b>Level 2: Citywide <del>Strategic Master and Action</del> Plans</b> direct specialized components of city planning and implementation such as transportation, infrastructure, economic development, parks and recreation, housing, natural resources, and sustainability. City-wide plans that address a specific		113	Stylistic	

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	<p>wide plans that address a specific system or topic must align with and support the vision, goals, policies, and place guidance in the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan. Citywide Plans typically come in two varieties, although variations exist and sometimes the two primary types of plans are combined. <b>Strategic Plans</b> build on the higher-level policy guidance and direction set in the Level 1 Comprehensive Plan and set more specific goals, objectives, policy direction and performance measures/metrics for a specific topic with consideration for the entire City.</p>		<p>system or topic <del>should be brought into alignment must align</del> with and support the vision, goals, policies, and place guidance in the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan <del>as each plan is updated. Citywide Plans typically come in two varieties, although variations exist and sometimes the two primary types of plans are combined.</del> <b>Strategic Master Plans</b> build on the higher-level policy guidance and direction set in the Level 1 Comprehensive Plan and set more specific goals, objectives, policy direction and performance measures/metrics for a specific topic with consideration for the entire City.</p>			
205.	<p>As Strategic and Action Plans are updated in the coming years, there are several ways they incorporate direction provided by the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...</li> <li>• Utilizing updated projections for population, housing units, and employment</li> <li>• Basing updated and new infrastructure investments on the Preferred Growth Scenario (Section 3 of the Plan)</li> <li>• Developing tailored standards and guidelines for various areas of the community utilizing Place Types to inform organization and content (Section 3 of the Plan)</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul> <p>In addition, Strategic and Action Plans should evaluate, coordinate, and incorporate specific direction for topics provided by adopted Area Plans (see below).</p>	155	<p><del>As Strategic Master and Action</del> Plans are updated in the coming years, there are several ways <del>they to</del> incorporate direction provided by the Comprehensive Plan Rewrite, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...</li> <li>• Utiliz<u>ing</u> updated projections for population, housing units, and employment</li> <li>• Bas<u>ing</u> updated and new infrastructure investments on the Preferred Growth Scenario (Section 3 of the Plan)</li> <li>• Develop<u>ing</u> tailored standards and guidelines for various areas of the community utilizing Place Types to inform organization and content (Section 3 of the Plan)</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul> <p>In addition, <del>Strategic Master and Action</del> Plans should evaluate, coordinate, and incorporate specific direction for topics provided by adopted Area Plans (see <u>below next</u>).</p>	113	Stylistic	
206.	<p><b>Level 3: Area Plans</b> ...</p>	156	<p><b>Level 3: Area Plans</b> ...</p>	114	Stylistic	

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	<p>The purpose of Area Plans is to engage and unite neighborhoods to plan their own communities within a framework that efficiently and effectively uses the resources available to ensure the entire City has neighborhood level input and guidance for more specific localized recommendations. Guidance for aligning the Area Plans with the Comprehensive Plan is provided in the previous section focused on Area Planning (Section 4 of the Plan).</p>		<p>The purpose of Area Plans is to engage and unite neighborhoods to plan their own communities within a framework that <del>efficiently and effectively</del> uses the resources available to ensure <u>input and guidance from neighborhoods the entire City has neighborhood level input and guidance</u> for more specific localized recommendations. <del>Guidance for aligning the Area Plans with the Comprehensive Plan is provided in the previous section focused on Area Planning (Section 4 of the Plan).</del> <u>Area Plans will include Neighborhood Character Studies when applicable.</u></p>			
207.	<p><b>Level 4: Specific Plans</b> Plans address smaller scale, targeted geographies and are focused on implementation. They should be guided by higher order plans (Levels 1, 2, and 3 above), but generally focus on further conceptualizing, planning and sometimes designing a specific small geography. Thus, the Strategic and Action Plans, and Area Plans typically provide the relevant guidance and direction for a single large property, a grouping of properties, or a place. Prioritization of Specific Plan efforts should be informed by the Comprehensive Plan’s Preferred Growth Scenario and associated Place Types and Centers framework.</p>	156	<p><b>Level 4: Specific Plans</b> <del>Plans</del> address smaller scale, targeted geographies and are focused on implementation. They should be guided by higher order plans (Levels 1, 2, and 3 above), but generally focus on further conceptualizing, planning and sometimes designing a specific small geography. <del>Thus, the Strategic and Action Plans, and Area Plans typically provide the relevant guidance and direction for a single large property, a grouping of properties, or a place.</del> Prioritization of Specific Plan efforts should be <u>informed-guided</u> by the Comprehensive Plan’s Preferred Growth Scenario and associated <del>Place Types and Regional, Community, and Neighborhood Centers</del> <u>framework.</u></p>	115	Stylistic	
208.	<p><b>EXISTING REGULATIONS</b> The City Charter in summary states the Comprehensive Plan must be adopted by ordinance and used as a guide for growth and development as well as preservation and open space. City ordinances should be consistent with the plan. Review of the plan</p>	156	<p><b>EXISTING REGULATIONS</b> The City Charter in summary states the Comprehensive Plan must be adopted by ordinance and used as a guide for growth and development as well as preservation <del>and</del> <u>of</u> open space. <u>The Comprehensive Plan is reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission who makes a recommendation to</u></p>	114	Stylistic	



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	<p>must be ongoing, and any changes must go through the public hearing process outlined in the Development Code.</p>		<p><a href="#">the City Council regarding adoption.</a> City ordinances should be consistent with the plan. Review of the plan must be ongoing, and any changes must go through the public hearing process outlined in the Development Code.</p> <p><a href="#">Area Plans are considered part of the Comprehensive Plan, so those plans will also be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption</a></p>			
209.	<p><b>RELATIONSHIP TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multi-year schedule for the construction or substantial renovation of public facilities such as city-owned buildings, utility expansion, drainage and stormwater projects, multimodal infrastructure, including roads.</p> <p>...</p> <p>In addition, the Plan lays out an updated and comprehensive set of goals the community wants to achieve in the next 20 years The plan also introduces Place Types and an updated Preferred Growth Scenario for considering where and how investments should be made in the community to achieve desired land use patterns and to address disparities and inequities.</p>	157	<p><b>RELATIONSHIP TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN</b></p> <p>The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multi-year schedule for the construction or substantial renovation of public facilities such as city-owned buildings, utility expansion, drainage and stormwater projects, <a href="#">and</a> multimodal infrastructure, including roads.</p> <p>...</p> <p>In addition, the <a href="#">Comprehensive</a> Plan lays out an updated and comprehensive set of goals the community wants to achieve in the next 20 years The <a href="#">Comprehensive</a> <del>p</del>Plan also introduces Place Types and an updated Preferred Growth Scenario for considering where and how investments should be made <a href="#">in the community</a> to achieve desired land use patterns and to address disparities and inequities.</p>	115	Stylistic	
210.	<p><b>ANNEXATION AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION</b></p> <p>Annexation decisions should be policy driven and evaluated in terms of how it fits with the annexation-related goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>...</p>	158	<p><b>ANNEXATION AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ)</b></p> <p>Annexation decisions should be policy driven and evaluated in terms of <del>how it fits with</del> the annexation-related goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>...</p>	116	Stylistic	

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	The purpose of the ETJ is to allow cities to plan for growth in the area outside their corporate boundaries.		The purpose of <del>the an</del> ETJ is to allow cities to plan for growth in the area outside their corporate boundaries.			
211.	The analysis helped identify which Place Types were beneficial to the City’s fiscal health and the locations within the City’s extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) that are more costly to serve. The analysis results illustrate the importance of a balanced land use plan that accommodates real estate market demands, but within land use patterns that are more cost effective to serve for the City. The fiscal impact findings for each Place Type are provided in Chapter 3. Second, the net fiscal impact of the Preferred Growth Scenario was compared to the Existing Trends scenario that illustrated the continuation of recent development patterns. The fiscal impact analysis of the scenarios found that the Preferred Growth Scenario produces a net positive annual impact on the City’s General Fund (\$3.9 million annually, which is 3.9% of estimated total new annual expenditures). The Preferred Growth Scenario also produced a greater net positive fiscal benefit to the City than the Existing Trends scenario. The Preferred Growth Scenario provides for a greater diversity of housing and lower potential for low density/intensity employment uses. This growth pattern produces a more cost-effective built environment for the City to serve.	159	The analysis helped identify which Place Types were beneficial to the City’s fiscal health and <del>which the</del> locations within the City’s extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) <del>that</del> are more costly to serve. The analysis <del>results</del> illustrates the importance of a balanced land use plan that accommodates real estate market demands, but within land use patterns that are more cost effective to serve <del>for the City</del> . The fiscal impact findings for each Place Type are provided in <del>Chapter 3</del> <del>the Appendix for 2023</del> . <del>Second, the net fiscal impact of the Preferred Growth Scenario was compared to the Existing Trends scenario that illustrated the continuation of recent development patterns.</del> The fiscal impact analysis of <del>the scenarios</del> found that the Preferred Growth Scenario produces a net positive annual impact on the City’s General Fund (\$3.9 million annually, which is 3.9% of estimated total new annual expenditures). <del>The Preferred Growth Scenario also produced a greater net positive fiscal benefit to the City than the Existing Trends scenario.</del> The Preferred Growth Scenario provides for a greater diversity of housing and <del>lower</del> potential for <del>low</del> <del>higher</del> density/intensity employment uses. This growth pattern produces a more cost-effective built environment for the City to serve.	117	Notable	
212.	Lastly, the fiscal impact analysis identified a few major findings related to the location of growth that impact land use and future annexation decisions.	160	Lastly, the fiscal impact analysis identified <del>a few</del> major findings related to the location of growth that impact land use and future annexation decisions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="814 1377 1373 1437">• <del>The City of San Marcos’ ETJ is within four different counties (Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe,</del></li> </ul>	118	Notable	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City of San Marcos' ETJ is within four different counties (Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, and Hays). Most of San Marcos and its future growth potential is within Hays County, which is more convenient for service provision since San Marcos is the Hays County seat. Growth in the other three counties produces greater service costs (especially for police service).</li> <li>The location of growth significantly impacts the effectiveness and cost of fire service. Fire service effectiveness is driven by a few key factors including response time to calls for service and the utilization of firefighter units and apparatus.</li> </ul>		<p><del>and Hays). Most of San Marcos and its future growth potential is within Hays County, which is more convenient for service provision since San Marcos is the Hays County seat. Growth in the other three counties produces greater service costs (especially for police service).</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The location of growth significantly impacts the effectiveness and cost of fire service. Fire service effectiveness is driven by <u>a few key factors including</u> response time to calls for service and the utilization of firefighter units and apparatus. Development that is far from existing fire stations (i.e., with a response time greater than four to six minutes) impacts response times and utilization of units. New development outside existing fire station service areas has a much greater cost to serve as it will generate the need for new stations and firefighter staffing.</li> <li><u>The location of growth also impacts police response as new developments are farther from the core of the city. Response times will be longer, and this generates the need for more districts and more officers. In addition, t</u>The City of San Marcos' ETJ is within four different counties (Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, and Hays). <del>Most of San Marcos and its future growth potential is within Hays County, which is more convenient for service provision since San Marcos is the Hays County seat. Growth that</del> <u>occurs in Caldwell, Comal, and Guadalupe counties within the San Marcos ETJ</u> <del>the other three counties</del> produces greater service costs than Hays County. This includes farther distances that may need to be traveled to <u>coordinate or process incidents.</u> <del>(especially for police service).</del></li> </ul>			
213.	CROSS DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY COORDINATION	163	CROSS DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY COORDINATION	119	Stylistic	

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	<p>The success of the Vision SMTX process can in part be attributed to the fact that the Plan was not only developed by the P&amp;DS Department.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Moving forward into Plan implementations, it will be important to continue collaborating across departments and agencies to ensure that resources are prioritized appropriately, collective impacts are realized, responsibilities are assigned appropriately, and the San Marcos community's short-, medium-, and long-term vision are represented in all local and regional discussions and decision-making.</p>		<p>The success of the Vision SMTX process can in part be attributed to the fact that the Plan was not <del>only</del> developed <u>only</u> by the P&amp;DS Department.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Moving forward into Plan implementations, it will be important to continue collaborating across departments and agencies to ensure that resources are prioritized appropriately, collective impacts are realized, responsibilities are assigned appropriately, and the <del>San Marcos</del>-community's <del>short-, medium-, and long-term</del> vision are represented in all local and regional discussions and decision-making.</p>			
214.	<p><b>IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The level of community engagement and cross-department and agency coordination that has occurred in the development of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan can provide a strong foundation for ongoing collaboration for aligning implementation efforts, leveraging available resources, ensuring maximum collective impact, and ensuring accountability. The composition of an Implementation Committee appointed by City Council should include community representatives and representatives of various departments, agencies and organizations that participated in crafting the plan. The Implementation Committee should meet at least annually, contribute to an annual reporting of implementation progress and evaluation metrics, serve as stewards of the Comprehensive Plan, and ensure future efforts are aligned with the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	164	<p><del>IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE</del></p> <p>The level of community engagement and cross-department and agency coordination that has occurred in the development of the Vision SMTX Comprehensive Plan can provide a strong foundation for ongoing collaboration for <del>aligning</del> implementation efforts, leveraging available resources, ensuring maximum collective impact, and ensuring accountability. The <del>composition of an Implementation Comprehensive Plan Oversight</del> Committee appointed by City Council should include community representatives and <del>representatives of various departments</del>, agencies and organizations that participated in crafting the plan. The <del>Implementation Comprehensive Plan Oversight</del> Committee should meet at least <del>annually</del>, <u>regularly</u> contribute to an annual reporting of implementation progress and evaluation metrics, serve as stewards of the Comprehensive Plan, and ensure future efforts are aligned with the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	122	Stylistic	

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215.	<p><b>Additional roles of the Implementation Committee may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharing of process and content updates related to Strategic and Action Plans; Area Plans; and Specific Plans</li> <li>- Participating in Area Planning</li> <li>- Coordinating existing and new programs recommended in the Comprehensive Plan or targeted at achieving a Plan goal and objectives</li> <li>- Identifying and/or discussing potential Plan amendments, including adjustments to the Preferred Growth Scenario</li> </ul>	164	<p><b>Additional roles of the <del>Implementation</del> <u>Comprehensive Plan Oversight</u> Committee may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharing of process and content updates related to <del>Strategic</del><u>Master and Action</u> Plans; Area Plans; and Specific Plans</li> <li>- Participating in Area Planning <u>to ensure Area Plans are completed in a timely manner</u></li> <li>- Coordinating <del>existing and new</del> programs recommended in the Comprehensive Plan or targeted at achieving <del>a</del><u>Plan goals</u> and objectives</li> <li>- Identifying and/or discussing potential Plan amendments, <del>including adjustments to the Preferred Growth Scenario</del></li> </ul>	122	Stylistic	
216.	<p><b>TRACKING PROGRESS</b></p> <p>Each element of the Comprehensive Plan includes a set of objectives. These objectives are intended to measure changes that are desired as a result of the goals and policies associated with each goal. A target metric needs to be identified and defined for each objective including the data source and methodology for measurement. The objective measurements should be updated annually to track the success of the Plan. In addition, tracking of implementation by mapping and otherwise illustrating which major policies (from Section 2) and places (from Section 3) have been implemented.</p>	165	<p><b>TRACKING PROGRESS</b></p> <p>Each element of the Comprehensive Plan includes a set of <del>objectives</del><u>considerations</u>. These <del>objectives</del><u>considerations</u> are intended to measure changes that are desired as a result of the goals and policies associated with each goal. A target metric <del>needs to</del><u>will</u> be identified and defined for each <del>objective</del><u>consideration</u> including the data source and methodology <del>for the</del> measurement. <u>P&amp;DS will update annually</u> <del>The objective measurements should be updated annually</del> to track the success of the Plan. In addition, tracking of implementation by mapping and otherwise illustrating which major policies (from Section 2) and places (from Section 3) have been implemented.</p>	123	Stylistic	
217.	<p>The Implementation Committee can help to define the methodology for measurement and tracking of the objectives.</p>	165	<p>The <del>Implementation-Comprehensive Plan Oversight</del> Committee <del>can will help to</del> define the methodology for measurement and tracking of the <del>objectives</del><u>considerations</u>.</p>	123	Stylistic	
218.	<p><b>Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)</b></p> <p>A structure contained within or separate from the main structure on a single-family or two-family lot that contains separate living</p>	167	<p><b>Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)</b></p> <p>A structure contained within or separate from the main structure on a single-family or two-family lot that contains separate living quarters, including</p>	125	Notable	

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	quarters, including cooking, sleeping, and bathroom facilities. An ADU can be a separate structure, or attached as in a garage apartment or garden apartment which includes a separate entrance. An ADU may be occupied by extended members of a family (such as a grandparent) or by persons unrelated to the owners or occupants of the main structure on the lot. ADUs can be a relatively inexpensive way to add dwelling units in existing neighborhoods without changing its character.		cooking, sleeping, and bathroom facilities. An ADU can be a separate structure, or attached as in a garage apartment or garden apartment which includes a separate entrance. <del>An ADU may be occupied by extended members of a family (such as a grandparent) or by persons unrelated to the owners or occupants of the main structure on the lot. ADUs can be a relatively inexpensive way to add dwelling units in existing neighborhoods without changing its character.</del>			
219.	N/A		<u>Add definition for Complete Community.</u>  <b>Complete Community</b> <u>A community with a variety of places in close proximity to each other that provide opportunities for people to live, work, and play and include high-quality parks, open space, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, parking, and other community benefits.</u>	125		Staff drafted the definition using text from the document.
220.	<b>Cottage Cluster</b> A group of homes, generally one or two stories that are clustered and arranged around a common open space.	167	<b>Cottage Cluster</b> <del>A group of homes, generally one or two stories that are clustered and arranged around a common open space.</del>	n/a	Notable	
221.	<b>Equitable</b> While equality implies treating everyone the same, equity includes the understanding that each community and part of a community has different challenges when it comes to access to various opportunities, and adapting our policies and actions based on those differences to respond to unique needs and create more inclusive access.	167	<b>Equitable</b> <del>While equality implies treating everyone the same, equity includes the understanding that each community and part of a community has different challenges when it comes to access to various opportunities, and adapting our policies and actions based on those differences to respond to unique needs and create more inclusive access.</del>	n/a	Notable	
222.	<b>Goals</b> Priority outcomes that the community wants to accomplish.	168	<b>Goals</b> <del>Priority outcomes that the community wants to accomplish.</del>	n/a	Notable	
223.	<b>Historic Structure</b> Any structure that is:	168	<b>Historic Structure</b> <del>Any structure that is:</del>	n/a	Notable	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;</li> <li>2. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;</li> <li>3. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in accordance with state historic preservation programs that have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or</li> <li>4. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either by the Secretary of the Interior or by an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.</li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>5. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;</del></li> <li><del>6. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;</del></li> <li><del>7. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in accordance with state historic preservation programs that have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or</del></li> <li><del>8. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either by the Secretary of the Interior or by an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.</del></li> </ol>			
<b>224.</b>	<p><b>Mid-Rise Buildings</b> Tends to describe buildings that are five to eight stories in height, but can be used to describe three and four story buildings as well, depending on context.</p>	168	<p><del><b>Mid-Rise Buildings</b> Tends to describe buildings that are five to eight stories in height, but can be used to describe three and four story buildings as well, depending on context.</del></p>	n/a	Notable	
<b>225.</b>	<p><b>Middle Density (or Missing Middle)</b> Development that is built at moderate density, including formats such as two-family housing (duplexes), three-family housing (triplexes), four-family housing (fourplexes), two-or-three story apartment buildings (often with street-level retail on the ground floor), and smaller-scale retail and office</p>	169	<p><del><b>Middle Density (or Missing Middle)</b> Development that is built at moderate density, including formats such as two-family housing (duplexes), three-family housing (triplexes), four-family housing (fourplexes), two-or-three story apartment buildings (often with street-level retail on the ground floor), and smaller-scale retail and office development that supports walkable neighborhoods.</del></p>	n/a	Notable	

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	<p>development that supports walkable neighborhoods. Middle-density development can be less costly to serve with infrastructure such as water and sewer than lower-density single-family development and often is compatible within and on the fringes of lower-density development such as single-family (detached) homes. The increased population density supports the City's goal to create walkable neighborhoods that provide housing in a variety of formats, size, and prices and support neighborhood-level retail and smaller parks. Middle-density development fills the gap between subdivisions that are largely single-family detached homes, and large multi-story apartment buildings, large retail complexes, or office parks.</p>		<p><del>Middle-density development can be less costly to serve with infrastructure such as water and sewer than lower-density single-family development and often is compatible within and on the fringes of lower-density development such as single-family (detached) homes. The increased population density supports the City's goal to create walkable neighborhoods that provide housing in a variety of formats, size, and prices and support neighborhood-level retail and smaller parks. Middle-density development fills the gap between subdivisions that are largely single-family detached homes, and large multi-story apartment buildings, large retail complexes, or office parks.</del></p>			
226.	<p><b>Missing Middle Housing</b> The residential component of middle density neighborhoods. Missing middle housing includes a range of housing types that are missing in most neighborhoods constructed in the last 70 years because they were prohibited by many zoning ordinances and disfavored by the housing development and financing market. Types of housing that qualify as the missing middle include two-family housing (duplexes), three-family housing (triplexes), four-family housing (fourplexes), townhouses, cottage homes, smaller two- and three-story apartment buildings, and live-work buildings. This type of housing often supports a variety of different sizes and price points. Individual missing-middle housing projects can be appropriate infill development in existing neighborhoods. They can gently increase density in existing neighborhoods served by</p>	169	<p><b>Missing Middle Housing</b> <del>The residential component of middle density neighborhoods. Missing middle housing includes a range of housing types that are missing in most neighborhoods constructed in the last 70 years because they were prohibited by many zoning ordinances and disfavored by the housing development and financing market. Types of housing that qualify as the missing middle include two-family housing (duplexes), three-family housing (triplexes), four-family housing (fourplexes), townhouses, cottage homes, smaller two- and three-story apartment buildings, and live-work buildings. This type of housing often supports a variety of different sizes and price points. Individual missing-middle housing projects can be appropriate infill development in existing neighborhoods. They can gently increase density in existing neighborhoods served by utilities without impairing neighborhood identity or charm.</del></p>	n/a	Notable	



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	utilities without impairing neighborhood identity or charm.					
227.	<b>Objectives</b> Metrics for measuring progress toward implementing goals and/or policies.	169	<del>Objectives</del> <b>Considerations</b> Metrics for measuring progress toward implementing goals and/or policies.	n/a	Stylistic	
228.	<b>Placemaking</b> Placemaking inspires people to collectively reimagine and reinvent public spaces as the heart of every community. Strengthening the connection between people and the places they share, placemaking refers to a collaborative process by which we can shape our public realm in order to maximize shared value. More than just promoting better urban design, placemaking facilitates creative patterns of use, paying particular attention to the physical, cultural, and social identities that define a place and support its ongoing evolution.	169	<b>Placemaking</b> Placemaking inspires people to collectively reimagine and reinvent public spaces <del>as the heart of every</del> <b>community</b> . Strengthening the connection between people and the places they share, placemaking refers to a collaborative process by which we can shape our public realm in order to maximize shared value. More than just promoting better urban design, placemaking facilitates creative patterns of use, paying particular attention to the physical, cultural, and social identities that define a place and support its ongoing evolution.	126	Stylistic	
229.	<b>Policies</b> Statements that identify how goals can be reached, including the specific intent of the goal direction as it relates to more specific topics or subtopics.	170	<b>Policies</b> <del>Statements that identify how goals can be reached, including the specific intent of the goal direction as it relates to more specific topics or subtopics.</del>	n/a	Notable	
230.	N/A	N/A	<b>Sustainable Development</b> <del>Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the resources needed for future generations.</del>	126	Notable	
231.	<b>Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)</b> A pattern of higher-density residential, commercial, office, and civic uses with an urban design and high-quality support for walking, bicycling, transit use and other forms of non-vehicular transportation, developed near high-performance transit stations. Transit-oriented development (TOD)	170	<del><b>Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)</b> A pattern of higher-density residential, commercial, office, and civic uses with an urban design and high-quality support for walking, bicycling, transit use and other forms of non-vehicular transportation, developed near high-performance transit stations. Transit-oriented development (TOD) is often encouraged using special development regulations</del>	n/a	Notable	

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	is often encouraged using special development regulations around transit stations which require a higher-quality public realm, limited parking, and connections to adjoining neighborhoods.		<del>around transit stations which require a higher-quality public realm, limited parking, and connections to adjoining neighborhoods.</del>			
232.	<b>Transit Supportive Development</b> An alternative name for Transit-Oriented Development (see above) that places an emphasis on linking adjacent land uses and activities to a transit station or station area.	170	<del><b>Transit Supportive Development</b> An alternative name for Transit-Oriented Development (see above) that places an emphasis on linking adjacent land uses and activities to a transit station or station area.</del>	n/a	Notable	
233.	<b>Underserved Areas</b> A community in which the residents lack resources or the infrastructure (either public or private) is undeveloped, leading to disparities in the ability to access health care, jobs, recreation, social services, housing, transportation services, food, retail, or other elements of daily life.	170	<b>Underserved Areas</b> A community in which the residents lack resources or the infrastructure (either public or private) <del>is undeveloped</del> , leading to disparities in the ability to access health care, jobs, recreation, social services, housing, transportation services, food, retail, or other elements of daily life.	126	Stylistic	

## Additional Submitted Amendments

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234.	62	54	<b>LU-4.4:</b> Adopt standards for impervious cover limits for all of the city and extra-territorial jurisdiction to minimize flooding, <a href="#">protect water quality, and preserve recharge of groundwater. As part of this policy development, consider using net site area in lieu of gross site area to take into account areas of a site that are undevelopable and adopt lower limits for areas that are environmentally sensitive.</a>	Notable	Staff does not recommend the adoption of the second sentence without prior evaluation of the impacts. It is recommended that this is evaluated as part of the Development Code update.  The below text reflects staff's recommended language and was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.  <b>LU-4.4:</b> Adopt standards for impervious cover limits for all of the city and extra-territorial jurisdiction to minimize flooding, <a href="#">protect water quality, and preserve recharge of groundwater.</a>
235.	53	45	ENV-1.5: Establish riparian buffer zones <a href="#">and enhanced setbacks</a> for resource protection of rivers, creeks, retention ponds, and flood mitigation areas.	Notable	Staff has no concerns with this text. It was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.
236.	54 (proposed)	46 (proposed)	<a href="#">ENV-3.#: Adopt a dark skies ordinance to mitigate harassment of wildlife and preserve rural character.</a>	Notable	Staff has no concerns with this text. It was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.
237.	69 (proposed)	61 (proposed)	<a href="#">TR-1.6: Eliminate the extension and expansion of W Centerpoint Rd. (i.e., the "western loop") over and through the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones.</a>	Notable	Staff does not recommend the adoption of this revision and recommends evaluating this as part of the Transportation Master Plan update.
238.	123	95	Change the Place Type from Neighborhood-Low to Mixed Use-Low on the highlighted parcels along Post Road.	Notable	Staff has no issues with the proposed change. Post Road is a major corridor and could warrant some mixed use along the roadway to support existing residences. In addition, the highlighted parcels are between two existing Mixed Use-Low Place Type designated parcels on the Preferred Growth Scenario Map.  It was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.

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239.	<p>These inputs were used to recalculate environmentally constrained areas on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the least constrained and 5 being the most constrained. The Environmental overlay includes all areas scoring a 5 within the City Limits and all areas scoring a 4 or 5 outside the City Limits, but within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). <del>For Scenario planning a maximum of 50% of areas with the environmental overlay were "developed" with allocations of housing and jobs. In addition, high level land use and land use intensity were assigned strategically to minimize the amount of land within the overlays necessary to accommodate projected development.</del></p>	69	Notable	<p>Staff has no concerns with this text. It was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.</p>
240.	<p>Complete Communities consist of a variety of places that provide opportunities for people to live, work, and play. <del>Many areas in San Marcos today are single use. For example, By this definition,</del> some residential neighborhoods <u>would not be considered part of a Complete Community since they</u> have no nearby goods and services, or employment areas. <del>In these areas,</del> residents <u>in those neighborhoods</u> may have to travel farther and longer than they would prefer to access all <del>of</del> their needs.</p>	67	Stylistic	<p>Staff has no concerns with this text. It was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.</p>
241.	<p>Many of San Marcos' original neighborhoods, <del>especially those closest to Downtown,</del> benefit from access to shops, restaurants, cultural amenities, employment opportunities, civic offerings, and recreation.</p>	67	Stylistic	<p>Staff has no concerns with this text. It was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.</p>
242.	<p>This contributes to demand on the roadway network, potential traffic congestion and environmental impacts, and could contribute to a higher cost of living for households. It also means that those who are not able to drive, bike, or use transit may not have their needs met. <del>With these potential impacts in mind, an incomplete community includes few or poorly distributed amenities and services that may have an inequitable impact on transportation, health, quality of life, the environment on residents or areas of San Marcos.</del></p>	67	Notable	<p>Staff has no concerns with this text. It was a proposed amendment by the Planning Commission at their May 9, 2023 meeting.</p>

Staff Proposed Amendments to fix Typos:

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243.	The policies, projects, and programs in this Plan will shape the future of the places where residents live, work, shop, and play by preserving what’s important to the community and guiding investments that help make San Marcos a vibrant and unique city for all.”		The policies, projects, and programs in this Plan will shape the future of the places where residents live, work, shop, and play by preserving what’s important to the community and guiding investments that help make San Marcos a vibrant and unique city for all.”	12	Grammatical	
244.	New developments in existing neighborhoods and along existing corridors need to be compatible with the surrounding context as per the Area Plans and Neighborhood Character Studies, applicable.		New developments in existing neighborhoods and along existing corridors need to be compatible with the surrounding context as per the Area Plans and Neighborhood Character Studies, <u>as</u> applicable.	48	Grammatical	
245.	The maximum land use intensity of Mixed Use and Commercial/ Employment areas is envisioned as medium.		The maximum land use intensity of Mixed Use and Commercial/ Employment areas is envisioned as <u>Mmedium Intensity</u> .	71	Grammatical	
246.	Pockets Parks		Pockets Parks	77, 79, 83, 85, 87	Grammatical	
247.	The Regional Center Plan for the East Village will provide specific direction for creating a new higher intensity growth area that will relieve development pressure neighborhoods.		The Regional Center Plan for the East Village will provide specific direction for creating a new higher intensity growth area that will relieve development pressure <u>on</u> neighborhoods.	108	Grammatical	
248.	In addition, the Comprehensive Plan lays out an updated and comprehensive set of goals the community wants to achieve in the next 20 years		In addition, the Comprehensive Plan lays out an updated and comprehensive set of goals the community wants to achieve in the next 20 years.	115	Grammatical	
249.	The Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee appointed by City Council should include community representatives and, agencies and organizations that participated in crafting the plan.		The Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee, <u>which is</u> appointed by City Council, should include community representatives <del>and</del> , agencies, and organizations that participated in crafting the plan.	122	Grammatical	