



Presentation on Station Area Planning

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What is Station Area Planning?

Station Area Planning is the development of a vision for future land use within a half mile of the LRT station. Station area plans usually cultivate opportunities for Transit Oriented Development:

- A wide spectrum of uses
- Housing
- Live/work units
- Employment sites
- Shops and restaurants
- Green spaces
- A dynamic pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment



Why is Station Area Planning important?



- **To take full advantage of the LRT investment by maximizing ridership**
Promote transit compatible land uses and intensification around stations



- **Assure access to stations**
Create a pedestrian, bicycle, and bus-transfer friendly station environment and street activity
- **Allow the community to realize their vision for the stations**

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Objective:

To define each station area according to its existing character, and realize unique opportunities for development and infrastructure changes over the next 25-30 years with the introduction of LRT.

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Process:

- Visioning Session #1

Potential uses, vision for station areas identified

- Visioning Session #2

Initial concepts reviewed

- Public Open House #1

Introduce concept plans







- Public Open House #2

Refined concept plans presented

Conceptual Site Development Plan



LAND USE KEY

	Residential Redevelopment
	Commercial
	Mixed Use
	Civic / Institutional / Office
	Industrial
	Parks, Open Space



How will Station Area Plans be used?

- Southwest Transitway will compete for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Funds. Station area plans are an increasingly important part of the funding application.
- Station area plans will also be used by the cities to inform changes to their comprehensive plans and zoning codes.
- Station area planning engages the public in thinking more concretely about how LRT will fit into their communities.
- Caveat: Station area plans are only conceptual and are not construction blueprints or implementation plans.

For more information and to view station area
concept plans please visit:

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