

## **AGENDA ITEM #5**

**POSTING LANGUAGE:** Briefing and possible action on the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning Department]

**MEETING:** Planning and Community Development Committee

**DATE:** October 28, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Bridgett White, AICP

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Districts 4 and 5

**SUBJECT:** Briefing on the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan

### **SUMMARY:**

The Planning Department will provide a briefing on the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan, the sixth SA Tomorrow Sub-Area Plan slated for adoption. The Sub-Area Plans implement the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is one of three growth-related plans addressing how the City of San Antonio's expected population growth will be balanced with social, economic, and environmental resources. The Comprehensive Plan provides strategic direction for decision making and public investment to prepare our communities for anticipated growth at the citywide level. The major "building blocks" of the Comprehensive Plan include:

- Regional Centers
- Urban Centers
- Corridors
- Neighborhoods

The Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan aims to create a realistic and implementable strategy to address projected growth in the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center, one of the thirteen (13) Regional Centers identified in the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. The Port San Antonio Area is located between I-35, Loop 410, and

US Highway 90, and is anchored by Port San Antonio – the redevelopment of Kelly Air Force Base. The Port San Antonio Area Regional Center is a significant economic driver for the city. Existing major employers provide a strong economic base while Port San Antonio's foreign trade zone designation and strategic master plan will help attract the City's targeted industries. The main topics covered by the Plan include Land Use, Focus Areas, Mobility, Amenities and Public Space, Housing, and Economic Development.

As success of the Sub-Area Plan depends on broad participation from area stakeholders, Planning Department staff worked with a wide range of community members throughout the planning process. These included neighborhood associations, business and property owners, residents, employers, educational and cultural institutions, public and nonprofit organizations, and other City departments.

#### **ISSUE:**

A Public Draft of the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan was released to the public for comment on May 19, 2021, and public input was gathered through July 18, 2021. Comments received were considered for incorporation in the Administrative Draft for the adoption process, which is currently available online:

<https://portsanantonio.sacompplan.com/>.

The Planning Commission received a briefing on the plan on September 22, 2021, and held a public hearing on October 13, 2021, where the Commission recommended the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan be adopted by City Council as a component of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. The item is tentatively scheduled to be considered by City Council on December 2, 2021.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

This briefing is for informational purposes only.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this briefing.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Planning and Community Development Committee forward the Port San Antonio Area Regional Center Plan to the City Council for formal adoption.

#### **Attachments:**

Admin Draft PDF