



Guadalupe Westside Community Plan

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

Goals, Objectives and Action Steps





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The **Infrastructure and Facilities** chapter focuses on public amenities and necessities that are expensive to build and maintain. Issues addressed include: **Storm water, Parks, Libraries, Streets, Sidewalks, Bicycles, Traffic Safety, Alleys, Bus/Transit, Railroads**



RR Tracks in Planning Area



Plaza Guadalupe



Area Creekway - potential amenity given enhancements

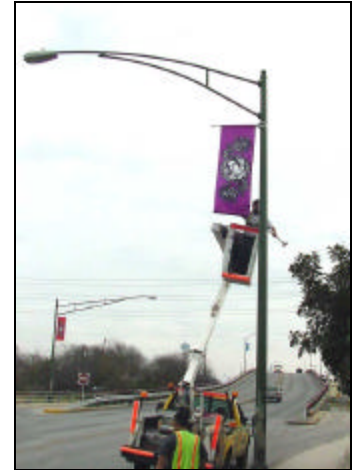


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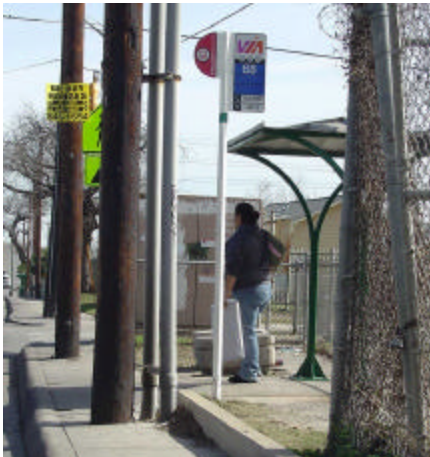




Area Park with Amenities



Installing Banners Along Guadalupe Bridge



Infrastructure Obstacles to Pedestrians



Tennis Courts in Need of Repair in Planning Area



Area Bus Shelter



Sidewalks Needed





GOAL 1: STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Improve basic infrastructure maintenance and upgrade existing infrastructure so the storm water management (drainage) networks in the community function properly to keep homes and streets from flooding.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: MAINTAIN DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Increase the capacity and enhance the performance of drainage infrastructure to reduce street and home flooding in the community.

1.1.1 Encourage residents to call 311 to report any incidents of street, and especially, home flooding.

- When contacting 311, request a call back from the department and ask to be provided with an incident tracking number for follow-up purposes. Maintain a record of all calls.
- A representative from Public Works will contact the person reporting the incident and arrange for a site visit.
- The investigator will determine the nature of the issue (drainage versus street design) and then coordinate with city engineers to determine how flooding can be alleviated.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee, Area Residents

Partnerships: COSA Public Works Storm Water Division, 311

Proposed Funding Sources: Volunteer / Bond funding or Capital Program Funds for any needed projects

1.1.2 Continually monitor the City's maintenance of drainage facilities to ensure that the current drainage system remains clean and unobstructed.

- Encourage residents to report drainage obstructions to 311 and to take photos of the problem area.
- Obtain the Mowing Schedule for the Vegetation Control division of Storm Water Operations (available from the COSA Public Works website, <http://www.sanantonio.gov/publicworks/>).
- Monitor the maintenance schedule to ensure that the major drainage channels in the community (Alazan and Apache Creeks) are mowed and maintained on a regular basis.
- Organize the community to periodically to help clean up drainage inlets, especially after major rainstorms.
- Explore best practices for water efficiency, emphasizing environmentally sound improvements.





Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Groups, COSA Public Works, City Council Person, Church Youth Groups, High School Social Service Groups, Communities Organized for Public Service (COPS)/Metro Alliance

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

OBJECTIVE 1.2: IMPROVE DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

1.2.1 Communicate with Capital Projects Officer (CPO) about projects scheduled.

- Maintain a regular dialogue with the community's assigned Capital Projects Officer (CPO) and the Storm Water Utility's San Antonio Watershed Team Engineer concerning any potential drainage projects in the area.

The City maintains a five-year Capital Improvement Program that is updated annually. When new bonds are issued, an additional list of projects will be created. A copy of the annual update document can be obtained from the City Clerk.

1.2.2 Identify and advocate for priority capital improvement projects in the area.

- Identify areas with persistent drainage issues and work with COSA Public Works Storm Water Utility to identify potential remediation projects in problematic areas (Guadalupe, Tampico and Colorado Streets).
- Prioritize projects and coordinate efforts with the City Council district office and COSA Public Works.
- Petition City Council person for project funding.

Timeline: Short - Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, City Council Representative

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer, General Fund, Bonds, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget for major projects





GOAL 2: ENHANCE COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Enhance and improve the many schools, parks and other community facilities in the area and provide additional community facilities of all types to meet the community's needs.

OBJECTIVE 2.1: IMPROVE PARK AMENITIES, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY

Enhance and improve the parks in the community that are in need of maintenance and/or facility upgrades.

2.1.1 Routinely monitor basic maintenance in community parks.

- Routinely monitor basic maintenance in community parks. Basic maintenance includes: mowing, graffiti/tagging clean-up, broken equipment, excessive trash, and security.
- Solicit community input concerning basic park maintenance issues at Neighborhood Association meetings, PTA and Church meetings and other community based forums.
- Establish an "Adopt-a-Park" committee to identify local residents and/or business owners to be "Community Captains" for the different parks within the planning area.
- Contact the COSA Customer Call Center (using 311) to report all park maintenance issues.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations, Community Non-profits, Local Churches, PTA's, COSA Neighborhood Services Department, COSA Parks & Recreation Department, San Antonio Parks Foundation

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

2.1.2 Evaluate existing park facilities as they relate to desired enhancements.

- Through Neighborhood Association and community organization meetings and mailings, survey residents concerning their desired amenities and upgrades for existing park facilities.
- Compare the desired amenities with the proposed (but non-funded) upgrades in the Parks & Recreation System Strategic Plan 2006 – 2016 (which can be found on the COSA Parks and Recreation – Capital Projects webpage).

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations, Local Community Organizations, COSA Parks & Recreation Department

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer





- List of Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities:**
- San Juan Brady
 - Cassiano
 - Father Albert Benavides
 - Patrolman Guadalupe Martinez
 - Amistad
 - Escobar Field
 - Calderon Boys & Girls Club
 - San Antonio Natatorium
 - Apache Creek

2.1.3 Prioritize and work to obtain needed and desired improvements at area parks and recreation facilities.

Below are some examples of improvements:

- Vegetation, such as trees and native landscaping
- Amenities such as benches, picnic areas, bathrooms, trash cans and playscapes
- Walking trails
- The inclusion of culturally specific design and amenities that take into consideration the unique identity and history of the planning area

Timeline: Mid - Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Local Businesses, COSA Parks and Recreation Department, COSA Community Initiatives Department, COSA Public Works – Public Art & Design Enhancement Program, Local Civic Clubs, United Way, Community Members, San Antonio Parks Foundation, Bexar Land Trust

Funding Sources: General funds, Bond Program, private

2.1.4 Request more visible security at area parks.

- Contact COSA Park & Recreation Park Police regarding increased patrol and community policing programs for park areas identified as having security issues
- Work with the COSA Park & Recreation Department to install more park signage that denotes the telephone numbers to call for security related issues.
- Advocate for better and more lighting in existing park areas.

Timeline: Short- Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: COSA Parks and Recreation Department, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Adopt-a-Park Committee

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer





OBJECTIVE 2.2: PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Develop more usable parks and open space in the community.

2.2.1 Develop a linear park system along Apache and Alazan Creeks.

- Work with the COSA Planning, COSA Public Works and COSA Parks & Recreation to investigate the development of a hike and bike trail along Apache Creek.
- Plan and develop a system of landscaped linear parks, trails and greenways using vacant land, rights-of-way, and drainage areas to link all parks.
- Participate in future Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan updates to ensure that, if desired, a hike and bike trail along Apache Creek is included as a recommended future project.
- Use Linear Creekway Guidelines adopted for Salado and Leon Creek Improvements.

Timeline: Mid - Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, City Council Person, Making Connections San Antonio (MCSA), COSA Parks and Receptions Department, COSA Public Works Departments, COSA Asset Management Department, Bexar Land Trust, TxDOT, San Antonio River Authority (SARA), US Army Corps of Engineers

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund, Bonds, US Army Corps of Engineers

2.2.2 Establish “community gardens” as a multi-generational gathering place where youths learn horticultural techniques from the experienced generation of gardeners.

- Inventory vacant, underdeveloped or underutilized land and research ownership information, particularly noting publicly-owned land or land located in a flood plain.
- Approach land owner about a no cost lease agreement in exchange for upkeep of garden.
- Coordinate efforts to reinvigorate local community gardens that were previously started but that currently lack regular upkeep; for example, the community garden at the San Jacinto Senior Center.
- Establish a resource center for residents’ personal gardens.
- Collaborate with area schools to have applicable information added into the curriculum.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Bexar Land Trust, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, SAISD, San Antonio Botanical Gardens, COSA Arborist, Mexican Christian Church, San Jacinto Senior Center, Community Elders

Proposed Funding Sources: Private funds and donations





2.2.3 Discuss with neighborhood institutions, especially area schools, the possibility of sharing the use of athletic fields, plazas and other open space.

- Develop and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the neighborhood associations and the school districts, outlining privileges, responsibilities and liability limits.
- Coordinate additional after-hours playground supervision by citizen groups, neighbors and neighborhood association members.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: PTA, Schools, Volunteers in School Program

Proposed Funding Sources: SAISD

OBJECTIVE 2.3: EXPAND ACCESS TO LIBRARIES

Expand library facilities and resources to better serve the community.

2.3.1 Establish new libraries and learning centers and improve/expand existing facilities and programs.

- Investigate the viability of extending hours and days of operation at Bazan Library facilities.
- Collaborate with the Margarita Huantes Learning Center to coordinate a regular number of available volunteers to oversee the computer lab to maximize hours of operation.
- Support the "Friends of the Bazan Library" used book sale event and promote more frequent events.
- Look into grants for technology improvements to expand resources at the Bazan Library.
- Establish on-going reading programs, book trades and cultural programming for all ages.

Timeline: Mid to Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and San Antonio Library Board

Partnerships: Friends of Bazan Library, Bazan Library, Margarita Huantes Learning Center, COSA Department of Community Initiatives, SAISD

Proposed Funding Sources: Pubic Funds, Grants, Volunteers

2.3.2 Increase technological resources that allow residents greater opportunity to share the resources offered by the school district, the college and university system and the City of San Antonio Library.

Timeline: Mid to Long





Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: City of San Antonio Library Department, SAISD, Alamo Community College district, UT System, Texas A&M System, St. Mary's University, Our Lady of the Lake University

Proposed Funding Sources: Grants; AT&T Foundation; Ka Boom! (www.grantsalert.com)

GOAL 3: MAINTAIN & IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Improve basic infrastructure maintenance and upgrade existing infrastructure where needed so that street and bicycle path networks in the community function safely and conveniently.

OBJECTIVE 3.1 MAINTENANCE OF STREETS

Maintain and repair streets so pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists can safely and conveniently travel throughout the community.

3.1.1 Report streets in need of repair by calling 311.

- Encourage residents to call 311 to report potholes and other urgent and on-going street repair needs. Request a call back from the department and ask to be provided with an incident tracking number for follow-up purposes. Maintain a record of calls.
- Inform residents about the 311 reporting mechanism through Neighborhood Association and Community Organization meetings and newsletter circulation.
- Invite officials from the Street Maintenance Division of COSA Public Works to speak at Neighborhood Association/Community Organization meetings regarding proper terminology to use when reporting items 311 to help expedite prompt action.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, COSA Public Works Street Maintenance Division

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

3.1.2 Monitor the City's Street Maintenance Program.

- Monitor Street Maintenance Program to ensure that streets within the planning area are addressed. (Street Maintenance schedule is available from COSA Public Works on the Public Works website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/publicworks/>)

The Street Maintenance Program is based on several factors including but not limited to an index of pavement condition (updated regularly by Public Works), funding available, and the discretion of the City Council.





3.1.3 Request that streets in need of repair be added to maintenance program and monitor streets to ensure that maintenance is being performed in accordance with maintenance program.

- Partner with COSA Public Works Street Maintenance Division and City Council Representative to request that streets in need of repair be added to maintenance program.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: COSA Public Works Street Maintenance Division, City Council Person, VIA Metropolitan Transit

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund (existing programs), VIA Metropolitan Transit

OBJECTIVE 3.2. IMPROVE STREET INFRASTRUCTURE

3.2.1 Monitor Capital Improvement and Bond Programs

- Annually monitor progress on the Capital Improvement Program to know if your community's projects are listed. (List of Capital Improvement Projects available on Internet from COSA Public Works website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/capprog/>)

The City maintains a five-year Capital Improvement Program that is updated annually. When new bonds are issued, an additional list of projects will be created.

3.2.2 Request capital improvement projects be added to project list.

- Make sure the top projects in the Planning Area are forwarded to Neighborhood Planning Department for inclusion in the AIPR (Annual Improvement Project Report). The AIPR includes the top CIP Projects for all adopted Community Plans.
- Partner with City Council Representative and Capital Projects Officer to add projects to the CIP list for items not already listed.
- Dialogue with the area's Capital Improvement Projects Officer and the City Council Representative to ensure timely start and completion of programmed Street Improvement Projects.

Timeline: Long and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: COSA Capital Programs Division – Capital Improvement Projects Officer, City Council Person

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer





3.2.3 Request improvements in street lighting.

- Coordinate with Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations to create and carry out a survey of the planning area to determine areas in need of street lighting.
- Contact the Street Lighting representative in COSA Development Services to request additional streetlights for areas found necessary.
- If the area does not meet the requirements for publicly funded street lighting, private individuals have the option to request the installation of a street light at a minimal fee paid monthly to CPS.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: COSA Development Service Department, CPS, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund, CPS, Private

3.2.4 Explore options for bridges over Apache Creek.

- Bridge access may increase street connectivity for pedestrian, bicycle, and auto travel.
- Discuss with Public Works and City Council Person the feasibility and appropriateness of bridge access.
- Work with neighborhood associations and community organizations to gather public input from all affected participants (residents, business owners, schools, emergency response units, etc.) on priority locations for a bridge.
- If desired by neighborhood, work with the City Council Person to gain approval from City Council for the project and to gain funding from a future bond election.

Timeline: Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and Neighborhood Associations/Community Organizations

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), City Council Person, TxDOT

Proposed Funding Sources: Federal Funds, Future Bond elections

OBJECTIVE 3.3. INCREASE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY

3.3.1 Explore conversion of narrow two-way streets into one-way streets.

- The community can work with Public Works to explore the pros and cons of one-way streets and possible streets where this strategy might be appropriate.





- If, after community evaluation, certain streets are deemed as appropriate for conversion into one-way streets, the community can work with the City Council representative and Public Works to complete these conversions.

Timeline: Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, COSA Public Works, City Council Person, TxDOT

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund, Hazard Elimination Safety

GOAL 4: MAINTAIN & IMPROVE SIDEWALKS

Improve basic infrastructure maintenance and upgrade existing infrastructure where needed so that sidewalks function safely and efficiently with streets and bicycle paths within the transportation network.

OBJECTIVE 4.1 MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS

Sidewalk maintenance and repair is the responsibility of the property owner. Sidewalks are not dedicated to the City like streets - they remain the property of the business or resident they front. Some public funding is available for new (and some rehabilitation) sidewalk construction to help communities that don't currently have sidewalks.

4.1.1 Educate property owners about sidewalk responsibility.

- Inform residents about sidewalk maintenance responsibility, including Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, at Neighborhood Association and Community Organization meetings and newsletter circulation.
- Provide community-based support to assist property owners, such as the elderly, with repair issues.
- Explore City programs available through Housing and Neighborhood Services and Public Works to assist home and business owners and invite representatives from these departments to community meetings to explain the process.

Timeline: Short - Mid and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, City Council Person

Proposed Funding Sources: Property Owners, Neighborhood Groups, COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Department





OBJECTIVE 4.2 CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF SIDEWALKS

4.2.1 Evaluate the need for new or rebuilt sidewalks.

- Conduct a survey identifying new sidewalk and sidewalk repair needs within the community and prioritize these needs.
- Apply to the San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for a walkable community workshop to help evaluate the need for new and improved sidewalks.
- Coordinate with the City Council Representative and the Public Works Capital Project Officer (CPO) to see if projects identified are on the list of COSA sidewalk priorities.
- Seek to add high priority projects not already on the list.

Sidewalk funds may be built through a variety of programs such as:

- Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program (NAMP)
- Advanced Transportation District (ADT)
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Voter Approved Bond Projects
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- Safe Routes to School Program

4.2.2 Pursue the construction of new sidewalks.

- Attend the MPO's Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC) meetings, which are open to the public and held on the third Wednesday of each month.
- Coordinate with the City Council Representative and the Public Works Capital Project Officer (CPO) to add projects to the official list of COSA sidewalk priorities.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: City Council Representative, Public Works, Neighborhood Associations, MPO Pedestrian Mobility Coordinator

Proposed Funding Sources: Federal and General Funds (existing programs)

4.2.3 Initiate a "Safe Routes to Schools" workshop.

- "Safe Routes to Schools" workshops are a partnership between school districts and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).





- “Safe Routes to Schools” workshops help identify pedestrian routes around schools that need sidewalks, sidewalk repair, or other pedestrian amenities so that all students have a safe pedestrian route to their school.
- Work with area school principals and PTAs to initiate “Safe Routes to Schools” workshops for area schools.
- The end product of the workshop is a pedestrian network plan for the school and its surrounding area that is sent to all transportation agencies in the City.
- TxDOT (Texas Dept. of Transportation) allots funding every year for “Safe Routes to Schools” project implementation.

Timeline: Short – Mid and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and Area PTAs

Partnerships: School Principals, MPO Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinators, VIA Metropolitan Transit, TxDOT, City Council Person

Proposed Funding Sources: MPO (funds program), TxDOT (provides implementation funding)

OBJECTIVE 4.3 IMPROVE SIDEWALK ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

4.3.1 Improve access to sidewalks and crosswalks for persons with disabilities.

- Install pedestrian crossing signs, signals and ADA compliant crosswalks
- Address the obstruction of utility poles that exist in the middle of sidewalks, particularly around Guadalupe St. and investigate ways in which greater lengths of neighborhood sidewalks can be made ADA accessible.

Timeline: Mid-Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: COSA Public Works Disability Access Office, CPS, VIA Metropolitan Transit, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Proposed Funding Sources: COSA Safety Program, NAMP, Bond

GOAL 5: PROVIDE SAFE BICYCLE NETWORKS

Create a safe, functional and well-connected network of bicycle lanes and trails that connect residential areas with schools, parks, transit stops and commercial development.

OBJECTIVE 5.1: EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR BICYCLE PATHS

5.1.1 Form a committee to assess needs for bike routes within the Westside Community.

- Survey residents concerning priority bicycling enhancements in the community, including bike lanes, bike racks, routes and paths





- Consider paths to schools and parks throughout the Westside Community.

Timeline: Mid to Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee, Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, MPO, TxDOT, Schools

Proposed Funding Sources: Public Funding (General fund, MPO), Community Development Block Grants, Safe Routes to Schools

5.1.2 Identify and promote potential bicycle trail projects within the Westside Community.

- Review the San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) Bicycle Master Plan and identify community priorities not included in the plan.
- Attend MPO Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee meeting to petition for the inclusion of community bicycling project priorities in the Bicycle Master Plan.
- Provide education on bike safety; have bike awareness incorporated into defensive driving courses and driver training manuals.
- Create and distribute a bike lane map of the neighborhood.

Timeline: Mid to Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Partnerships: MPO Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee, COSA Public Works, City Council Person, TXDPS, the San Antonio Wheelmen, VIA Metropolitan Transit

Proposed Funding Sources: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), General Fund, MPO

GOAL 6: INCREASE SAFETY OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Provide a safe and efficient transportation network that allows for a broad range of transportation options including well-designed automobile, public transit, pedestrian and bicycle routes.

OBJECTIVE 6.1: SAFETY AT INTERSECTIONS AND CROSSWALKS

Install or enhance traffic management devices at intersections and around schools throughout the community to improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety at these locations.

6.1.1 Report dangerous intersection and crossings and explore options available from public works to address intersection safety.

- The community can call 311 to report intersections where safety is a concern. Request a call back from the department and ask to be provided with an incident tracking number for follow-up purposes. Public Works will research all calls.
- Maintain community log of dangerous intersections and crossings.





- Coordinate with the COSA Public Works Department to educate the community concerning intersection issues and strategies to enhance the safety of intersections for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- Request Public Works representative to address neighborhood regarding existence of unsafe intersections and crossings.
- Request Public Works representative to provide options available such as yield signs, stop signs, or traffic lights to make streets safer.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and Community Residents

Partnerships: COSA Public Works

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

6.1.2 Work with area school principals and PTAs to install pedestrian safety devices where they are needed.

- School districts and COSA Public Works must evenly split the cost of school pedestrian safety devices and improvements.
- The community and PTAs can encourage school principals to work with school district administration to fund pedestrian safety projects around area schools.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and Area PTAs

Partnerships: School Principals, MPO, COSA Police Department School Safety Program (Crossing Guard Program / Mama Patrols)

Proposed Funding Sources: MPO / Volunteer

6.1.3 Work with area schools and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to sponsor pedestrian safety education programs.

- MPO can provide classroom presentations for local schools that focus on pedestrian safety.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee and Area PTAs

Partnerships: School Principals, MPO, COSA PD School Safety Program, SAFFE Officers

Proposed Funding Sources: MPO / Volunteer

6.1.4 Request improvements desired be placed in future budget or bond projects.

- The community can formulate and prioritize intersection improvement projects and present project priorities to the City Council representative for inclusion in the City budget and/or in a bond election.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee





Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations, COSA Public Works, City Council representative. TxDOT, 311

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund, bond, Hazard Elimination Safety Funds (TxDOT)

OBJECTIVE 6.2: REDUCE SPEEDING

Control speeding on community streets, making them safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

6.2.1 Monitor and report locations and incidents of speeding.

- Identify and prioritize streets with significant speeding issues such as Brady and Laredo Streets and Guadalupe Street.
- Dialogue with San Antonio Police Department and SAFFE Officer concerning the feasibility of increased traffic patrols during peak hours and priority traffic locations.
- The community can call 311 to report these areas where speeding is a concern and Public Works will research all calls.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: San Antonio Police Department, SAFFE Officer, COSA Public Works, City Council Person

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

6.2.2 Research options available for traffic calming.

- Neighborhood Associations and other community groups can contact the Public Works transportation division (using 311) to arrange for a representative to talk with the neighborhood about strategies to address speeding issues.
- Traffic calming measures may include speed humps, traffic circles, "bump outs," planting street trees, allowing curb parking, adding bike lanes, etc.
- The community can formulate and prioritize intersection improvement projects and present project priorities to the City Council representative for inclusion in the City budget or in a bond election.

Timeline: Mid-Long

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: City Council Representative, COSA Public Works

Proposed Funding Sources: Capital Improvement Projects, Bond, Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Program (NAMP)





GOAL 7: CLEAN, SAFE, AND FUNCTIONAL ALLEYS

OBJECTIVE 7.1: MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE ALLEYS

Alley maintenance and repair is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Alleys are public ROW but are to be maintained by adjacent property owner.

7.1.1 Work with the community and Public Works to improve alley maintenance.

- Working with neighborhood associations, educate residents about their responsibility for alley maintenance and their importance to the community.
- Coordinate with area agencies and organizations to provide alley clean-up assistance, especially for elderly homeowners. The COSA Environmental Services Department / Keep San Antonio Beautiful provides a Dial-a-Trailer service that may be utilized by neighborhood groups to aid local residents in maintaining alley vegetation.
- COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services can assist in the maintenance of alleys through the Neighborhood Sweep Program. An application for the program can be found at the COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services website.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, COSA Environmental Services Department, COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, COSA Public Works

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs and Volunteer Work

7.1.2 Explore alternatives for the future of alleys in the neighborhood.

- Maintain open discussion with the City Council Representative, COSA Environmental Services and other public utility agencies concerning the transition to automated garbage collection and how this might affect those areas of the community that currently have alley garbage pick-up.
- Discuss possible utilization of alleys as appropriate locations for underground utilities including electric, telephone, cable, gas, water and emergency service access.
- Dialogue with Neighborhood Associations in other planning areas regarding the successful management of alleys.
- Invite representatives from COSA Asset Management to neighborhood meetings to discuss possibilities for closing unused alleys and selling this right-of-way to abutting property owners.





Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: City Council Representative, COSA Environmental Services, COSA Asset Management, Neighborhood Associations, CPS, SAWS

Proposed Funding Sources: Volunteer Work/Possible private resident funding to buy alley right-of-way

GOAL 8: IMPROVE ACCESS TO TRANSIT FACILITIES

Enhance the convenience and availability of public transit in the community.

OBJECTIVE 8.1 MONITOR TRANSIT ROUTES

8.1.1 Stay informed about new transit routes and route alterations in the Guadalupe Westside planning area.

- Route changes for VIA Metropolitan Transit occur four times a year. Public input regarding route changes is collected in January, March, June, and September.
- The neighborhood should contact VIA during these months to obtain a list of proposed route changes in the area and how to comment on these changes; emphasizing the community's significant dependence upon public transportation and need for appropriate coverage.
- Community members may also call the VIA Planning staff at 362-2166 to find out about route changes being considered as well as possible new bus stops and bus stop amenities planned for the area.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: VIA Metropolitan Transit, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: VIA Metropolitan Transit

OBJECTIVE 8.2 ENSURE ADEQUATE AMENITIES AT BUS STOPS

8.2.1 Identify need for additional bus stops, shelters, trash cans and information boards at bus shelters.

8.2.2 Help VIA get permission from property owners to install new stops or shelters.

- Work with area businesses, especially those included in the Guadalupe Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) district, to permit VIA to install benches and shelters where they are needed.

Timeline: Mid





Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: VIA, property owners, COSA NCR Managers, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: VIA

OBJECTIVE 8.3 PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENTS

8.3.1 Petition the VIA board for route or service needs

- Petition the VIA board for route or service needs, including emission controls, at their monthly public meeting (4th Tuesday of every month).

Timeline: Short - Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Proposed Partnerships: VIA, Neighborhood Associations, Communities Organized for Public Service (COPS)

Proposed Funding Sources: VIA

GOAL 9: ENSURE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY OF RAILROADS

Enhance the safety and efficiency of the rail network in the community.

OBJECTIVE 9.1 IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF AREA RAILROADS

Enhance the safety of the rail network.

9.1.1 Address safety of Hazard Materials being transported on rail cargo.

- Invite representatives from the COSA Fire and Police Departments to speak to the Planning Team and neighborhood groups about Hazard Material safety, specifically as it relates to railroads, including how to report and safely respond to hazardous material situations, how the City handles hazardous material emergencies and the evacuation plan for the community in the event of a hazardous material crisis.

Timeline: Mid and on-going

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee, Neighborhood Associations / Community Organizations, COSA Emergency Management Response System, COSA Public Works

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Fire and Police Departments

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer Work





OBJECTIVE 9.2 IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF AREA RAILROADS

Enhance the efficiency of the rail network to minimize traffic delays and noise pollution within the community.

9.2.1 Consider strategies for reducing wait times at rail crossings.

- Areas of particular concern: Frio Street at Zarzamora and Merida Street at Zarzamora.
- Dialogue with Union Pacific to consider strategies for reducing wait times caused by immobile trains at rail crossings.
- Currently Union Pacific is examining methods of reducing stopped trains in areas around the Guadalupe Westside planning area. Discuss with Union Pacific and the City Council representative, current strategies for reducing stopped trains in the community.

Timeline: Short to Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Union Pacific, City Council representative

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer Work

9.2.2 Prioritize railroad crossings and explore the possibility of over/under passes.

- Explore the possibility of one or more above or below-grade railroad crossings in the community to facilitate better traffic flow through the community.
- Meet with Union Pacific, COSA Public Works, and the City Council representative to discuss the feasibility of above or below-grade crossings.
- If feasible, work with the City Council representative to include such a project in a bond election.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Infrastructure & Facilities Committee

Partnerships: Union Pacific, Neighborhood Associations / Community Organizations, COSA Public Works, City Council representative

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund, Bond

9.2.3 Bring railroad related noise levels down within the community.

- Consider Quiet Zones where, in tandem with alternative safety measures, the train horn is silenced for a portion of the day, typically between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. More information regarding this federal program can be found on the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) website at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1318>





- Investigate the viability of construction of different types of sound barriers along the railroad.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: City Council Office, COSA Public Works Department

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Federal Railroad Commission, City Council Office

Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer





Capital Improvement Projects Map





Traffic Accidents Map





Traffic Volumes Map





VIA Bus Routes and Stops Map

