

City of Corpus Christi

# Westside

## AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Planning Commission Public Hearing  
November 16, 2022



# Agenda

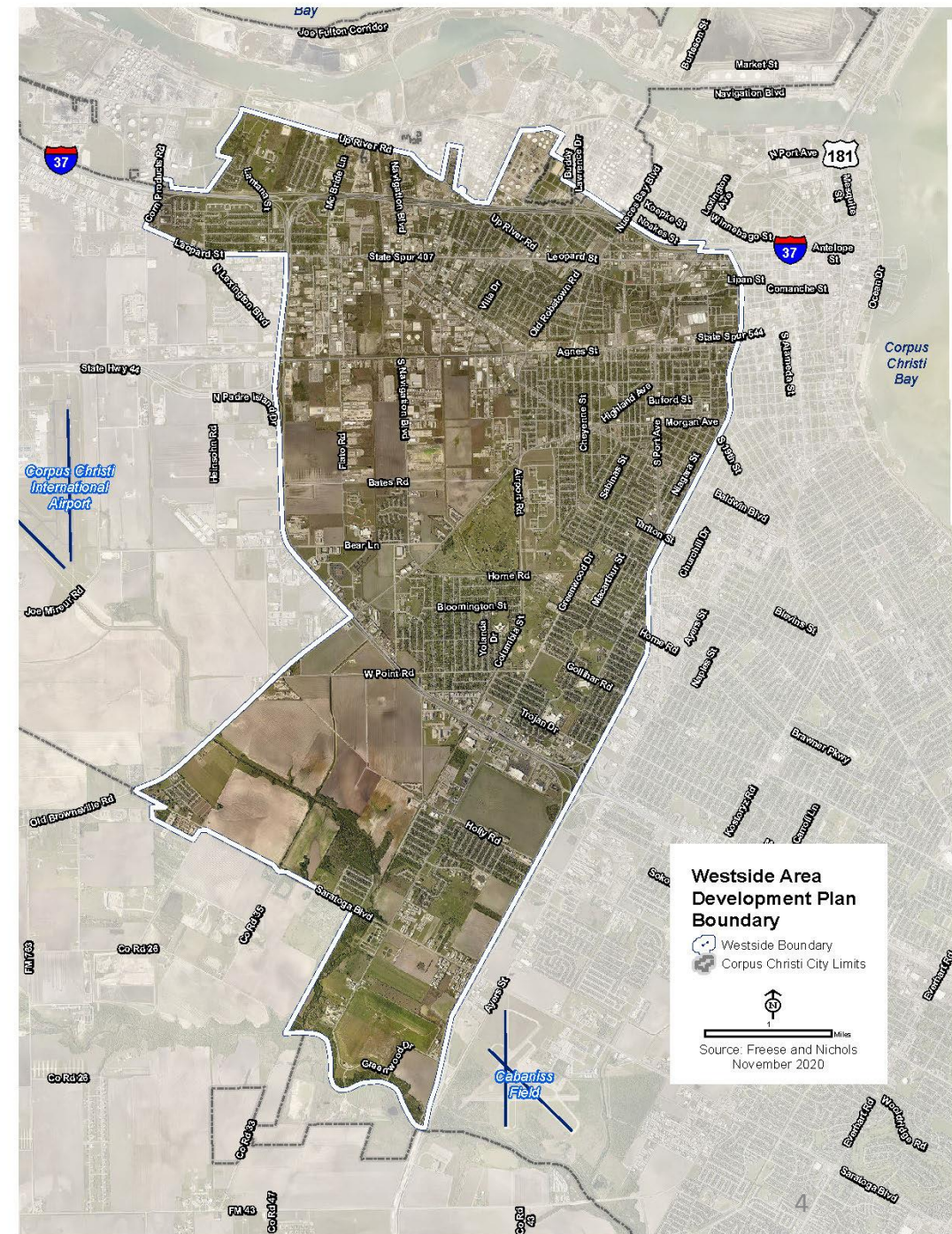
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# Project Overview

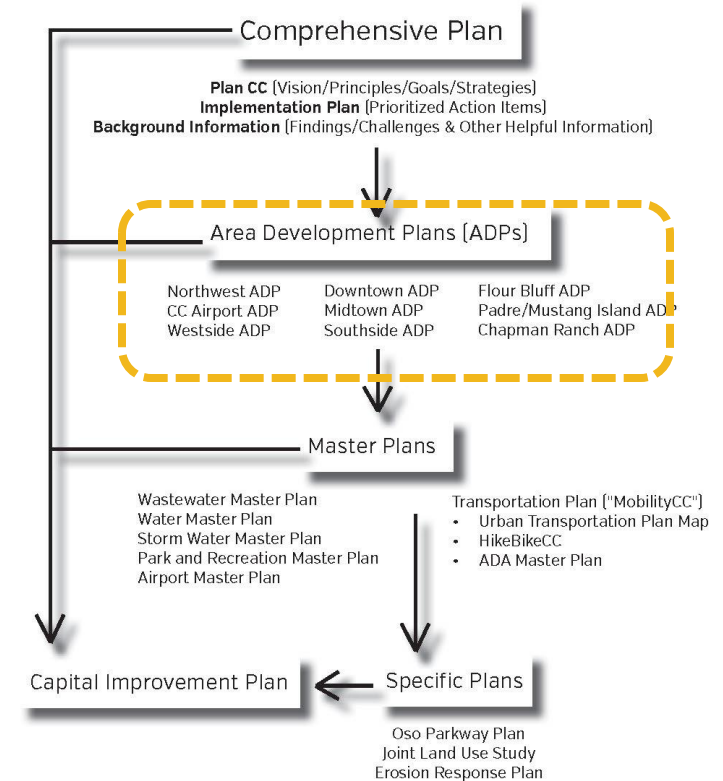
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# Westside ADP Boundary



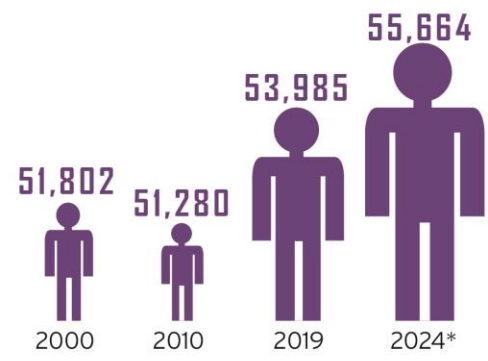
# Area Development Plans

- ❑ Area Development Plans (ADP) are plans for the City’s **nine (9) Planning Districts**.
- ❑ An ADP is similar in content to the City Comprehensive Plan but goes into **more detail** specific to the planning district.
- ❑ The City Planning Department has been working to **update the ADPs** since 2018. Several, including Westside, had not been updated **since the late 1980s**.



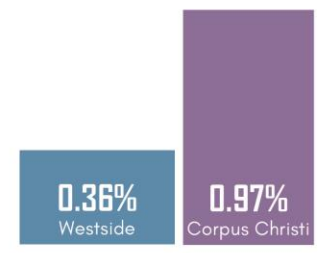
# Demographic Highlights

## POPULATION



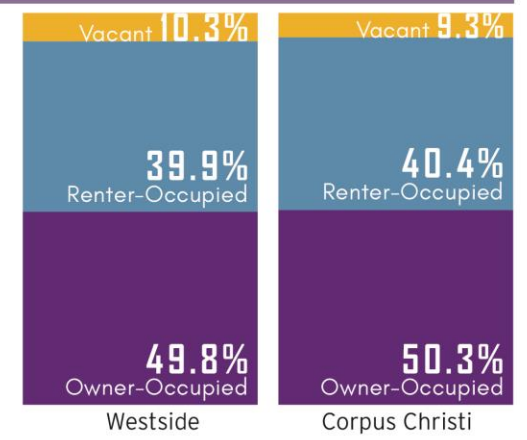
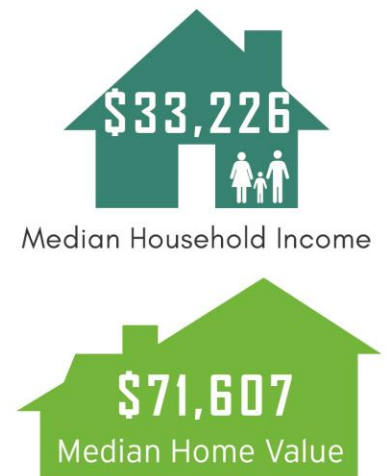
Population Growth by Year

\*Projected Population



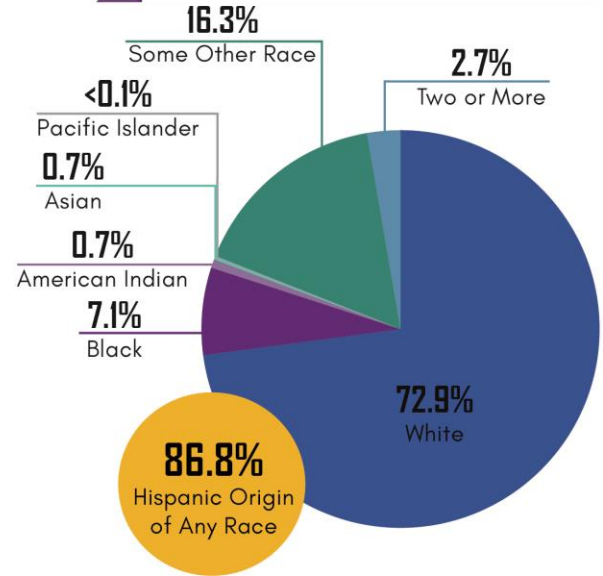
Average Annual Growth Rate 2000-2019

## HOUSING (2019)<sup>1</sup>

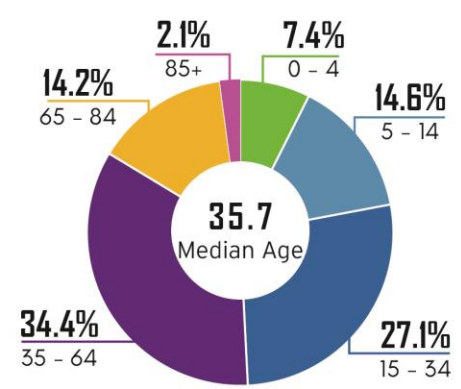


Occupied Housing Units

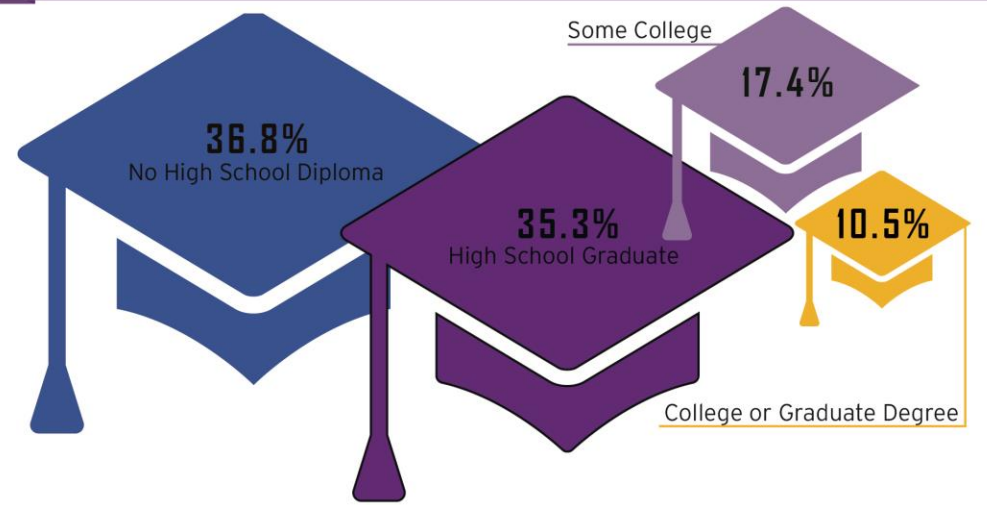
## RACE & ETHNICITY (2019)<sup>1</sup>



## AGE (2019)<sup>1</sup>

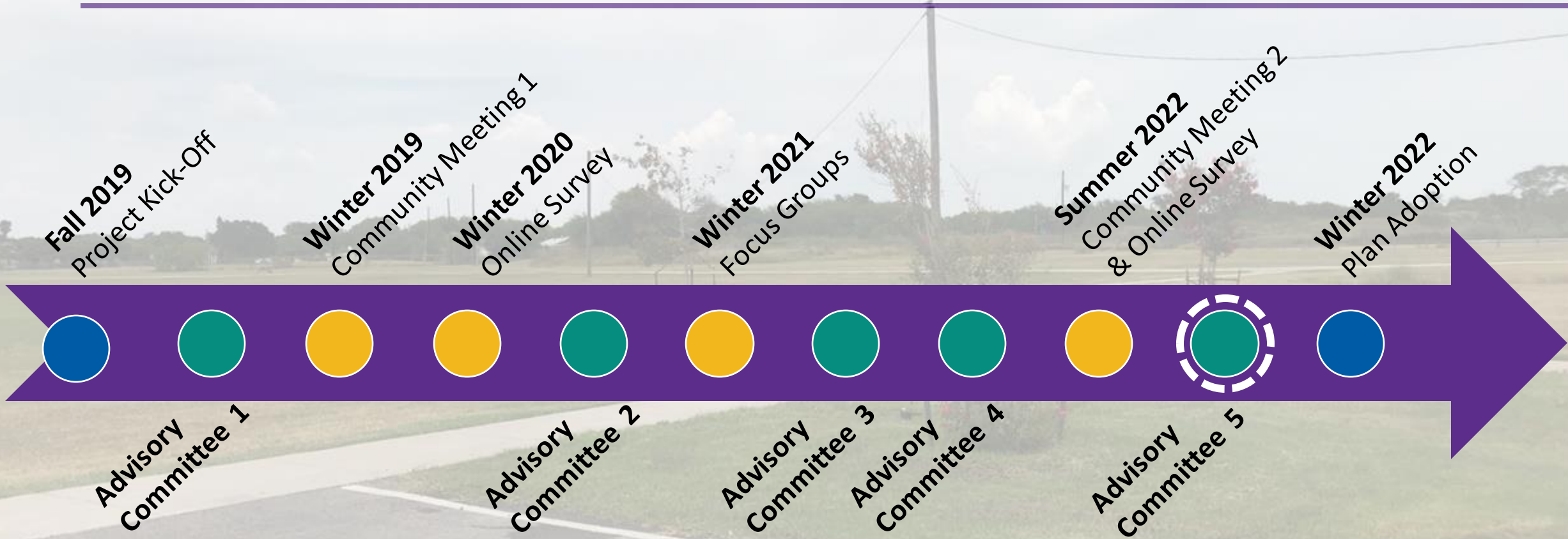


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 25+ (2019)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2019 and 2024. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

# Timeline of Events and Activities



5 Advisory Committee Meetings Throughout Process

Developing Baseline Analysis

Drafting Plan

Finalizing Plan

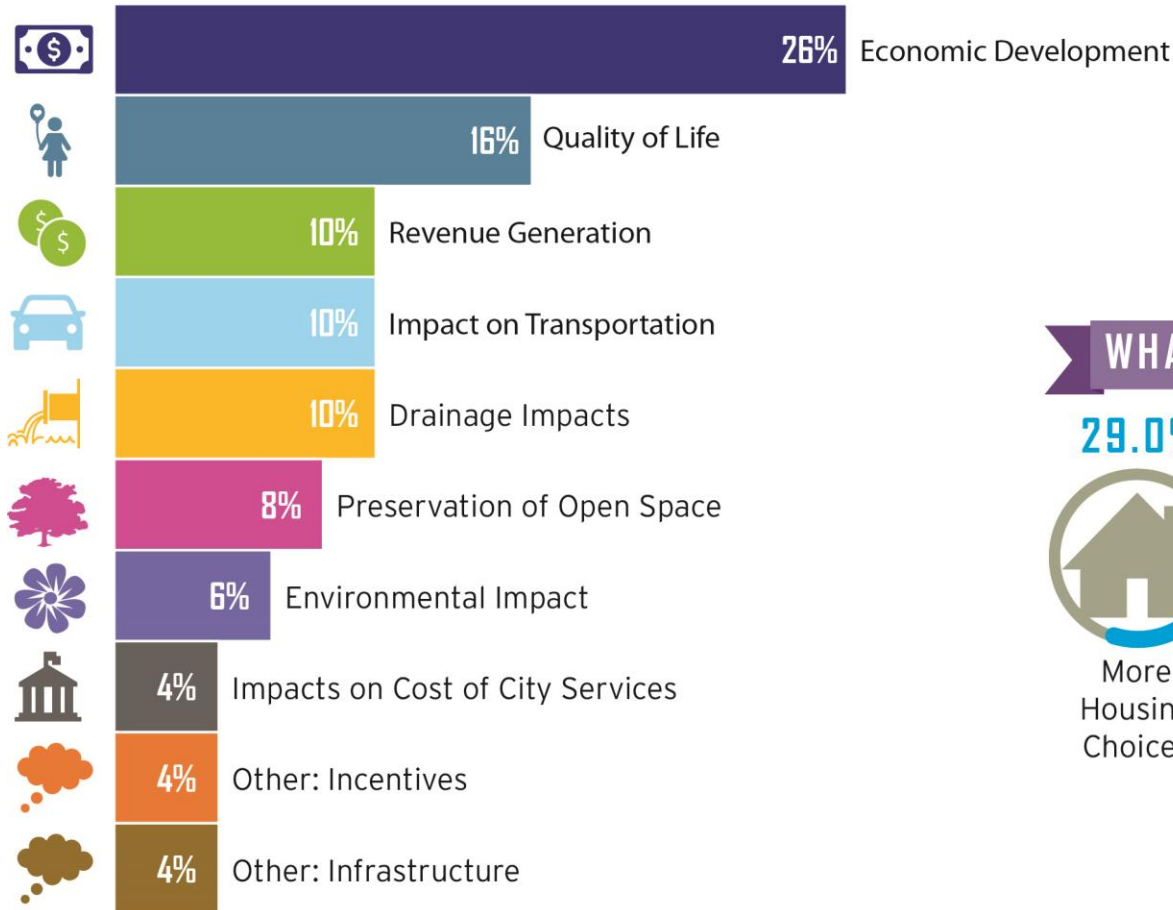
# Engagement Summary

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# 1st Open House Summary

## WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR WHEN CONSIDERING FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS?



## WHAT IS MISSING MOST IN THE WESTSIDE?



# 1<sup>st</sup> Online Survey Summary

## What are your top priorities regarding the quality of life in the Westside?



**326**  
Participants

**76%**  
Respond That They  
Live in the Westside

## Rate Your Priorities

### Current Amenities and Services



**Water Quality** is the most Important Environmental Issue



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Survey Summary

SURVEY DATES:  
JUNE 23 - JULY 18, 2022

**180**

**Participants**

**43%**

**Respond That They  
Live in the Westside**

**30%**

**Respond That They  
Live & Work in the  
Westside**

# Project Webpage Guest Book

## 44 Comments Left



“More **playgrounds for children** as toddler ages. **More green areas, exercise areas.** Street repairs. **Homeless problems** need to be solved.”

“More strict **code enforcement** in the area...”

“We need to bring **more businesses** to the Westside. We have **a lot of land** that can be developed for businesses. We have also slowly **lost schools** such as Cunningham Middle School and Garcia Elementary.”

“...**clean** the area of drug-related activity and then put some **housing for middle-class families...**”

# Future Land Use Map

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# What is Future Land Use Planning?

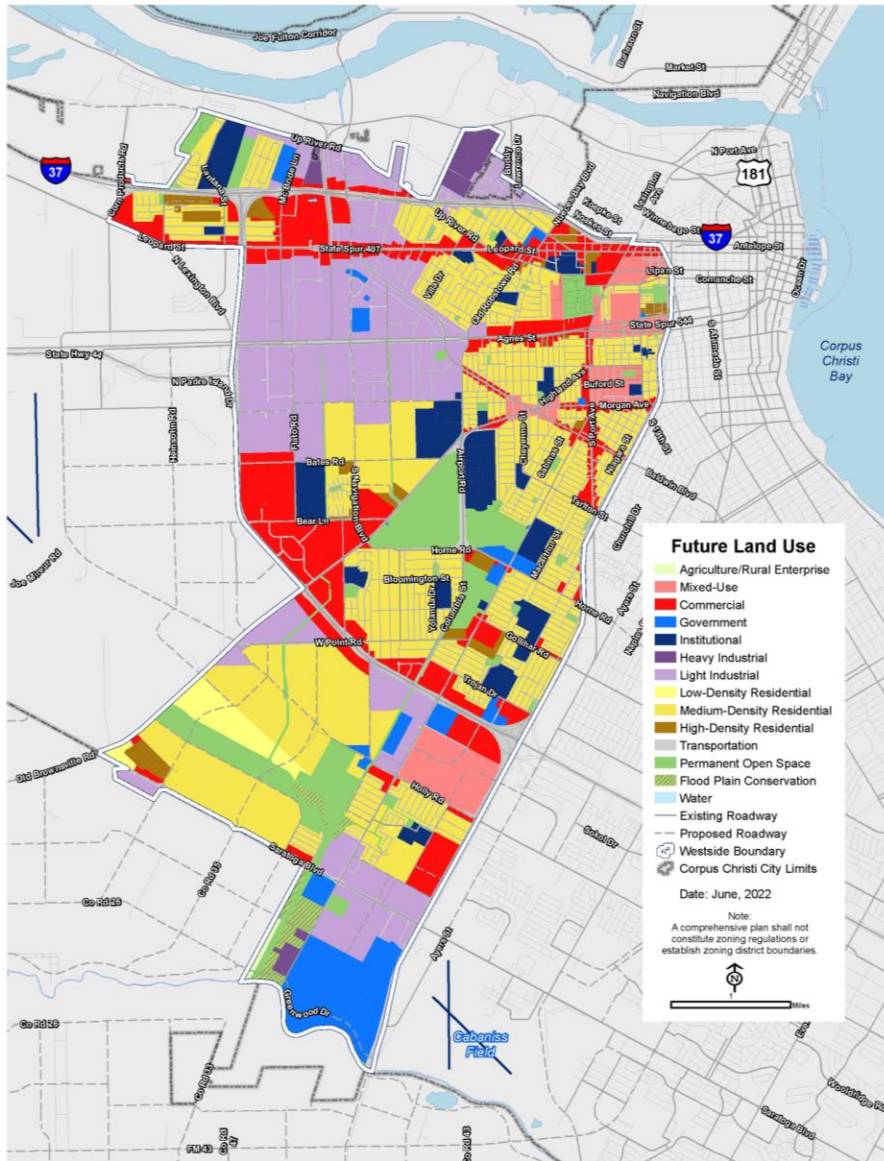
- ❖ It helps us envision how an area can or should develop in the future.
- ❖ Informs rezoning decisions.

## Why is this important?

- ❖ Helps to keep development organized
- ❖ Assists with planning for growth

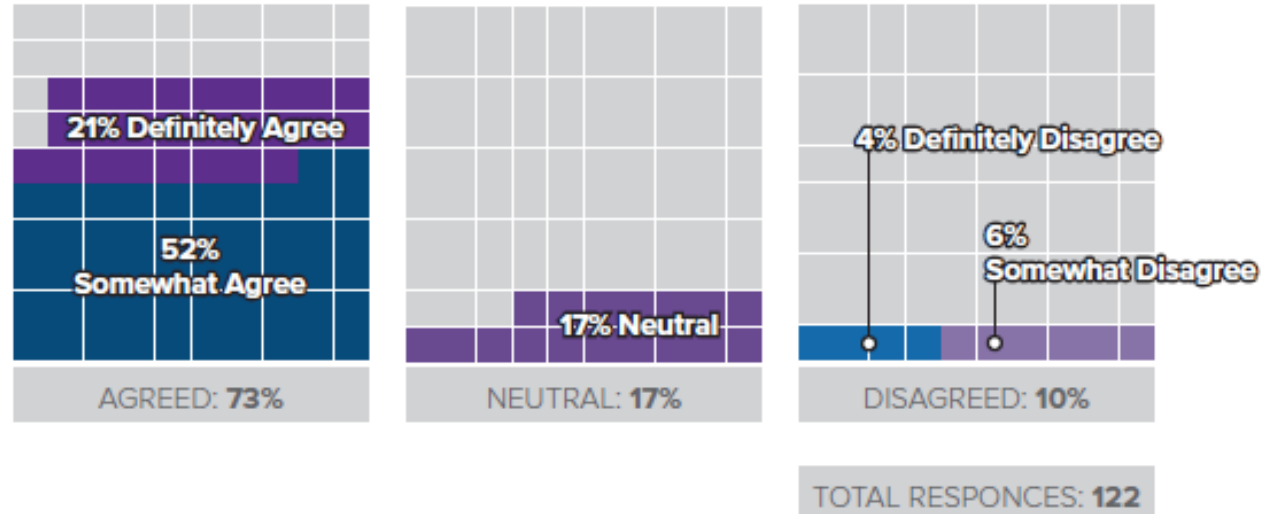


# Future Land Use Map (p.17)



## SUPPORT FOR THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

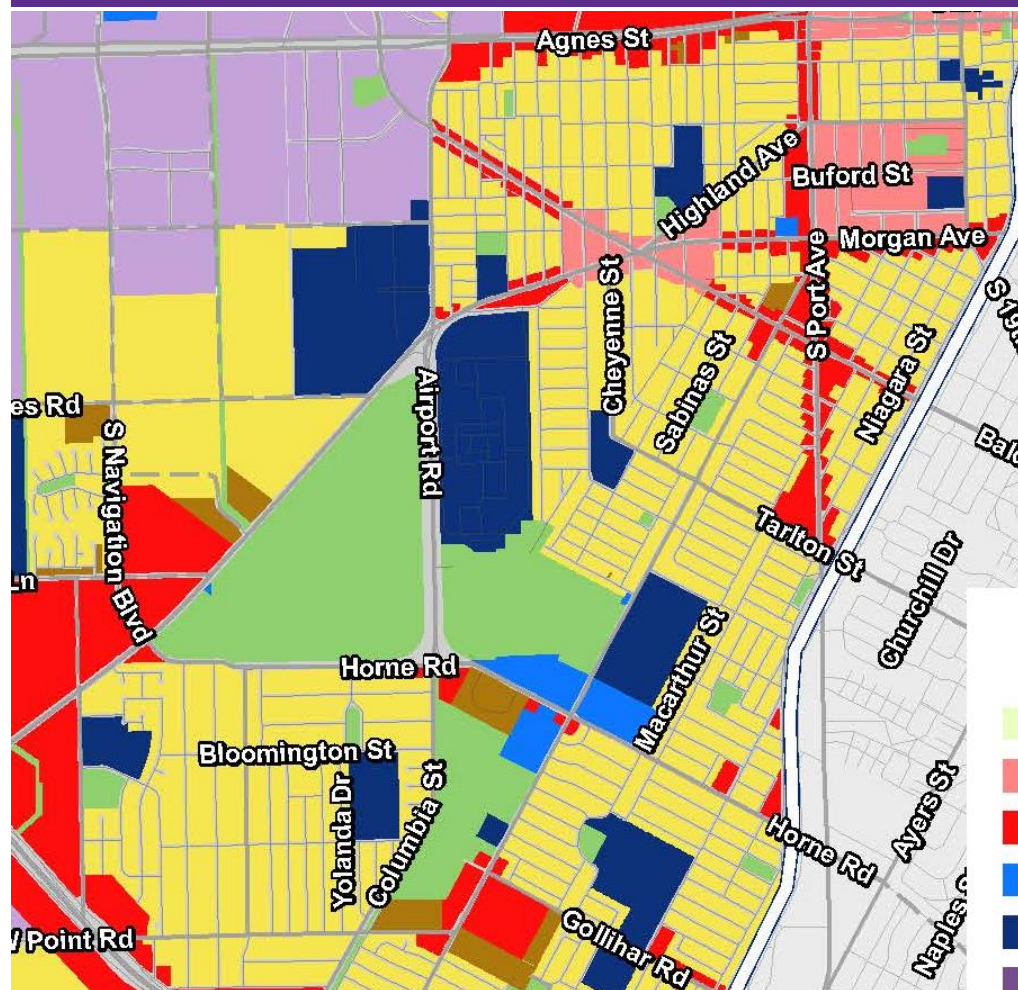
Do you agree or disagree with the Future Land Use Map?



“This would not help **create a walkable community** or community at all. There should be some **more high-density housing** options too.”




“...My business brings in many people from out of town who would enjoy seeing the historic side of our neighborhood improved. Mixed Use zoning would be best for these areas and especially for my business, which has been around since 1933. The Future Land Use Map needs to **be mindful of historical areas.**”

# Future Land Use Map (p.14)



## RESIDENTIAL USES \*

The predominant residential land use in the City of Corpus Christi is the single-family dwelling at a range of densities. All residential categories also include schools, churches, and neighborhood-serving public uses.

-  Low-density residential: up to 3 units per acre
-  Medium-density residential: 4 to 13 units per acre (including two-family dwellings)
-  High-density residential: more than 13 units per acre

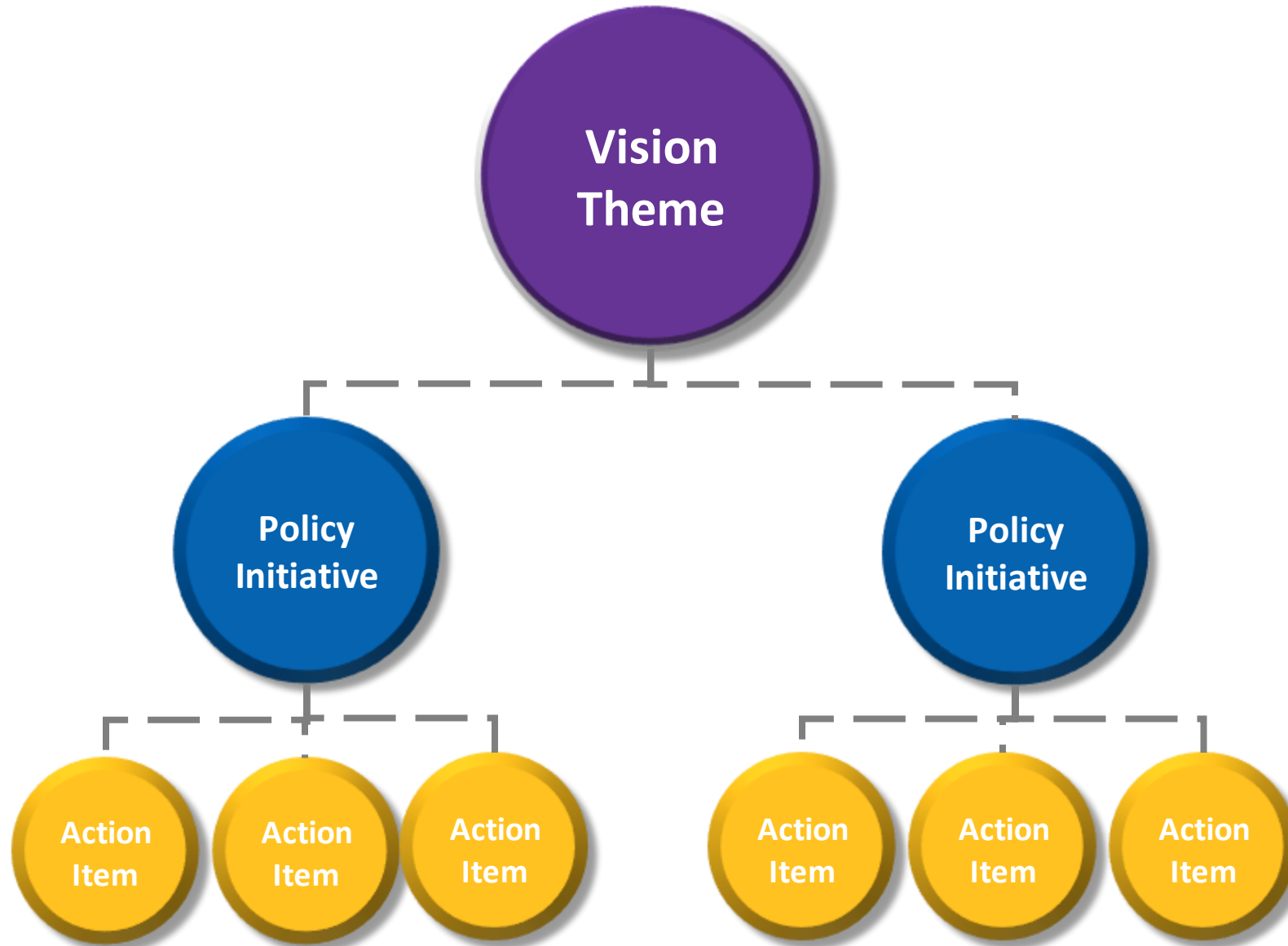
\* Where deemed compatible with residential uses and typically at intersections, continue to allow neighborhood retail and personal services in residential areas. Doing so will enable residents without vehicles or the ability to drive to more easily reach services by walking, biking or using wheelchairs.



# Vision Themes and Policy Initiatives

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# How the Plan is Set Up



# Vision Themes Changes (p.20)

## 1. Revitalization

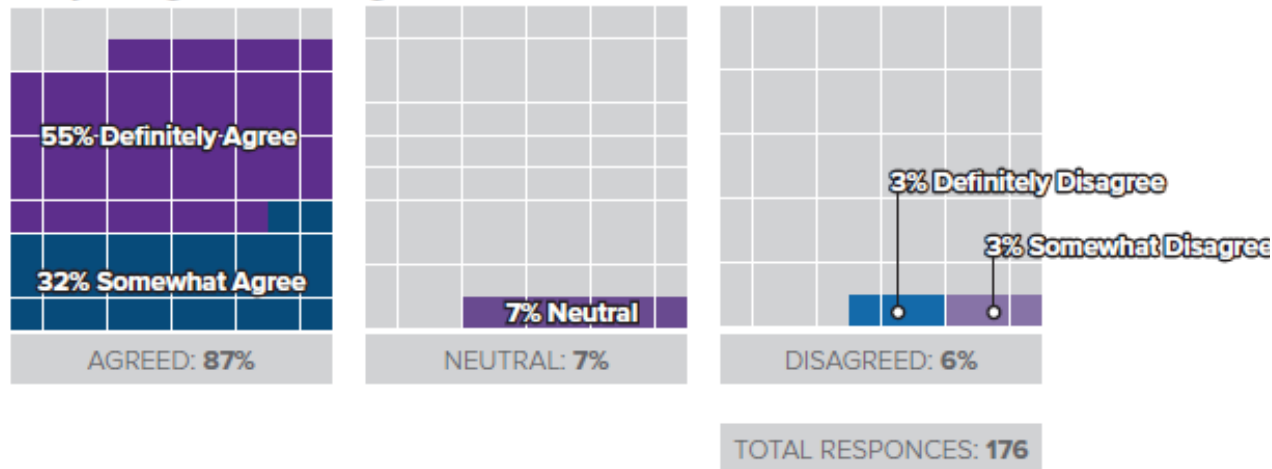
West side neighborhoods are invigorated by economic development, preserved and enhanced neighborhoods, and access to job training and educational opportunities.



# Vision Themes Comments

## 1. Revitalization

Do you agree or disagree with the vision statement?



### COMMUNITY INPUT

- “Restore/Rebuild Older Neighborhoods.”
- “All the business left Leopard. It use to be good. Make Leopard St. great again.”
- “There should be protected bicycle lanes along each major corridor...”
- “Would love to see growth in my Neighborhood.”
- “Revitalization can’t come at the price of affordability.”
- “Fix streets/sidewalks to spur re-investment.”

# Vision Themes (p.21)

## 2. Culture

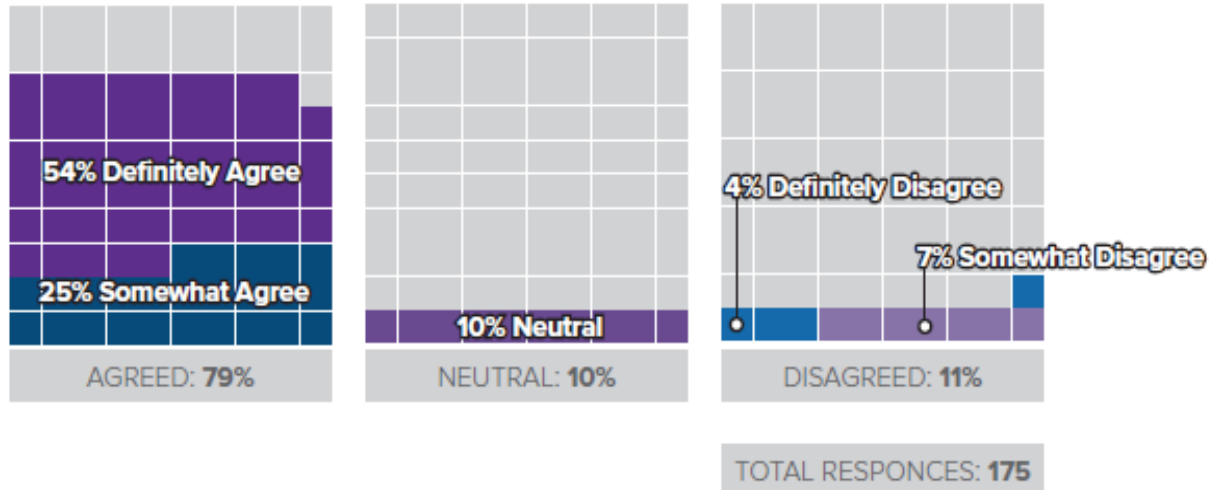
The City celebrates the heritage of west side neighborhoods by building on their deep-rooted culture.



# Vision Themes Comments

## 2. Culture

Do you agree or disagree with the vision statement?



## COMMUNITY INPUT

“The historic fabric of the Westside neighborhoods has the tried and true recipe for more walkable communities. Identify and promote the key elements of density and mixed use that have developed in these neighborhoods over the years and feature the successes.”

My favorite part of the Westside is... “My Home. My Life.”, “Tradition”, “Family, Diversity”

“Culturally rich community”, “Keep the local character”, “Cultural heart of the city”

“Protected bike paths and more pedestrian friendly ways to be inclusive of everyone!”

# Vision Themes (p.24)

## 3. Health and Safety

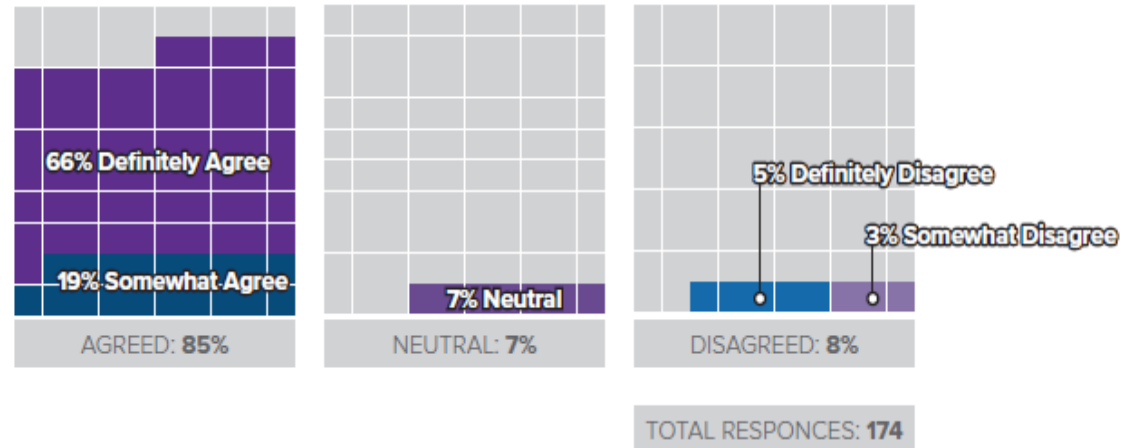
West side neighborhoods are safe, family-oriented communities that support a high quality of life.



# Vision Themes Comments

## 3. Health and Safety

Do you agree or disagree with the vision statement?



### COMMUNITY INPUT

“Believe it or not people want to be healthy also, make some nice trail environments with lots of trees so we get quality air and peaceful spots to go with family and pets”

“Getting to know fellow neighbors is a great way to build a safe strong neighborhood.”

“Lighting would support a high quality of life to prevent criminal activity”

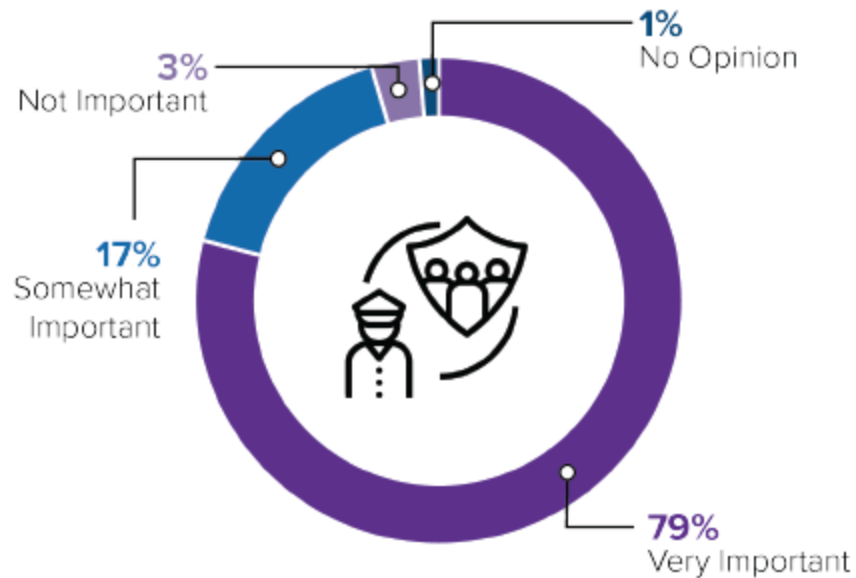
“Safe walking paths or sidewalks to school”



# Policy Initiatives and Action Items

## 1. Safety (p.28)

Enhance the overall sense of safety through improved programming and environmental design.



OVERALL,  
**96%**, SAY ITS IMPORTANT

TOTAL RESPONSES: 157

\*No survey takers selected "Important" as a response

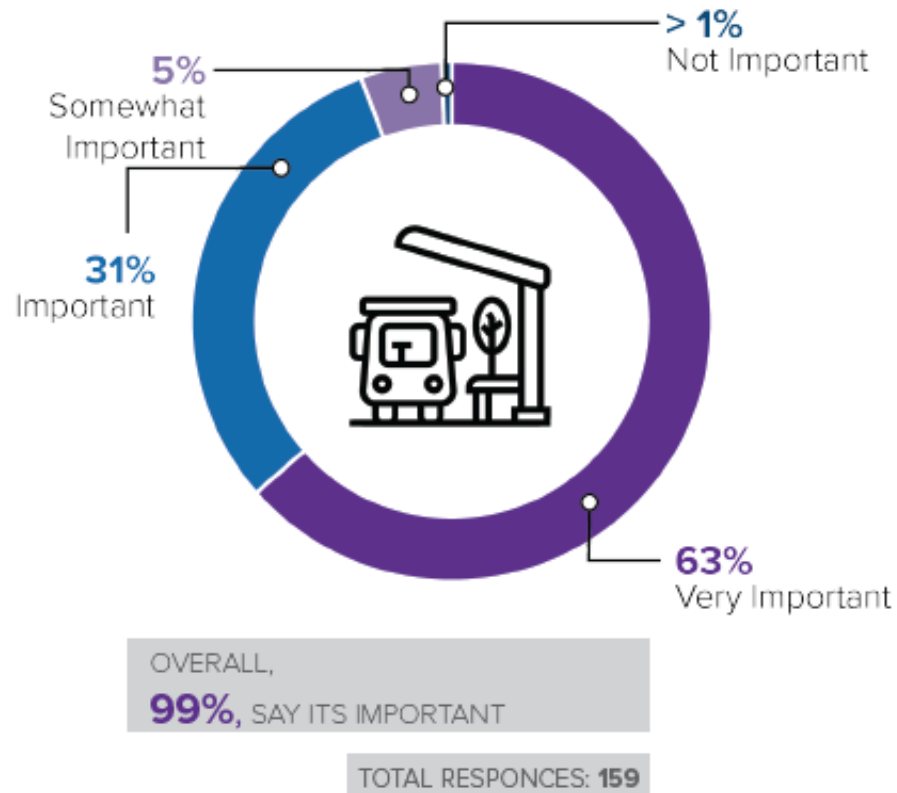
## High-Ranking Action Items by Importance

- 95%** Increase **lighting** for safety
- 94%** Implement **Crime Prevention** Through Environmental Design
- 92%** Support programs to assist with **home repair**
- 91%** Support neighborhood **cleanup events**
- 90%** Buy and prepare **abandoned properties** for redevelopment

# Policy Initiatives and Action Items

## 2. Transportation and Drainage (p.31)

Improve transportation and drainage infrastructure to create a safe environment for all road users and mitigate impacts on the community from flooding.



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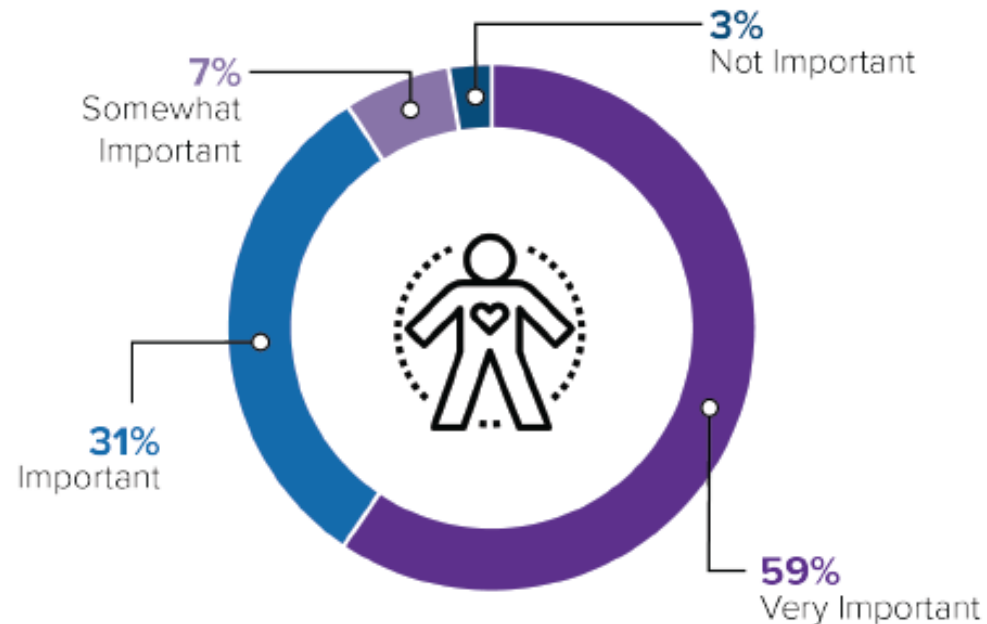
### High-Ranking Action Items by Importance

- 95%** Keep **drainage ditches** free of trash.
- 93%** Create **safe transportation facilities** for all users - bikes, pedestrians, bus riders, and motorized vehicles.
- 90%** Ensure public infrastructure and facility projects of all types – like parks, libraries, and street projects – include improvements to **increase storm water capacity**.
- 89%** Develop the **La Volla Creek** Regional Detention Pond to reduce flooding in Las Colonias and Molina neighborhoods and include park-like features
- 89%** Ensure that priority streets are in the City's Infrastructure Management Plan (**IMP**).

# Policy Initiatives and Action Items

## 3. Healthy Living (p.34)

Improve or expand facilities and programming to support a healthy lifestyle.



OVERALL,  
**97%**, SAY ITS IMPORTANT

TOTAL RESPONCES: 153

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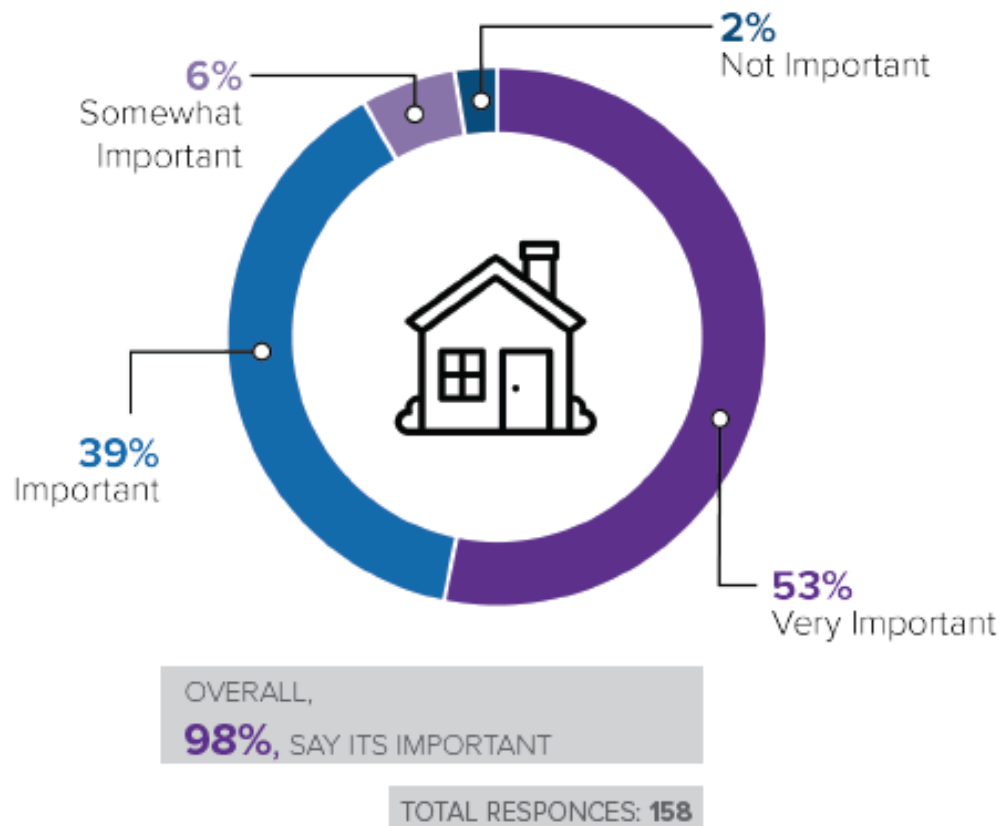
## High-Ranking Action Items by Importance

- 93%** Pursue programs that **help kids walk/bike** to school safely
- 92%** Improve **pedestrian connectivity** between neighborhoods, stores, services, and parks.
- 91%** Help ensure residents have access to fresh and **affordable food**.
- 90%** Expand **bike/pedestrian infrastructure** for those who cannot drive
- 90%** Improve **access to healthcare** and social services

# Policy Initiatives and Action Items

## 4. Housing and Neighborhoods (p.37)

Support a variety of housing options and affordability levels to encourage homeownership and sustain the existing housing stock.



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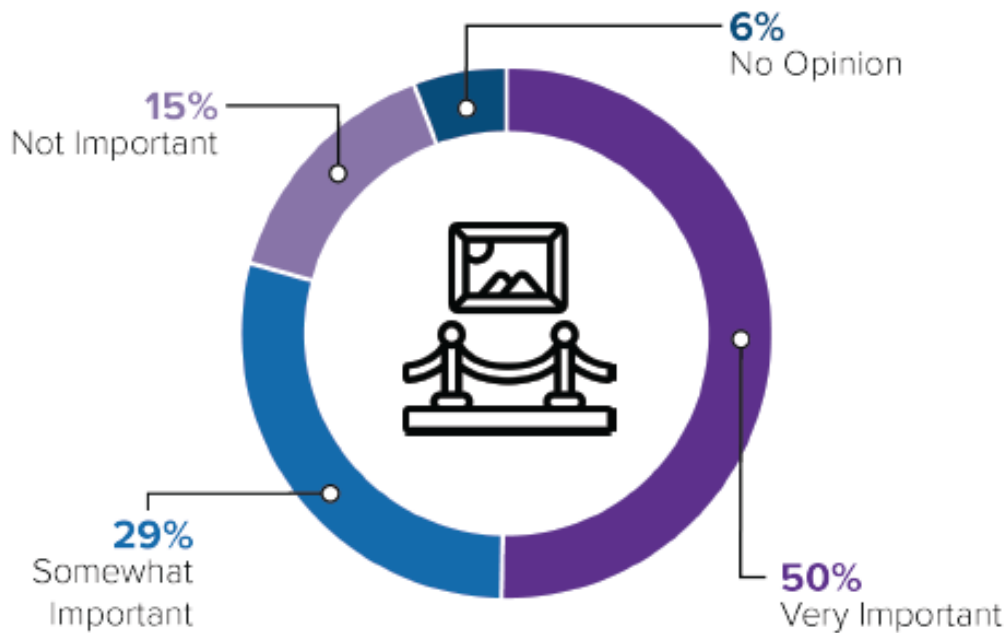
## High-Ranking Action Items by Importance

- 91%** **Update codes** to allow more housing types like backyard apartments or new houses in Manufactured Home or Office zoning districts.
- 86%** Support building new homes in existing neighborhoods (**infill**).
- 86%** Improve **drainage** in neighborhoods such as through projects that **reduce run-off** and upsizing deficient storm pipes
- 85%** Implement neighborhood **improvement projects**
- 84%** Protect neighborhoods from **incompatible** commercial or industrial **development**.
- 84%** Incentivize the **rehabilitation** of houses in historic neighborhoods.

# Policy Initiatives and Action Items

## 5. Culture and History

Preserve, promote, and celebrate the local history and culture of the Westside.



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OVERALL,  
**79%**, SAY ITS IMPORTANT

TOTAL RESPONSES: 159

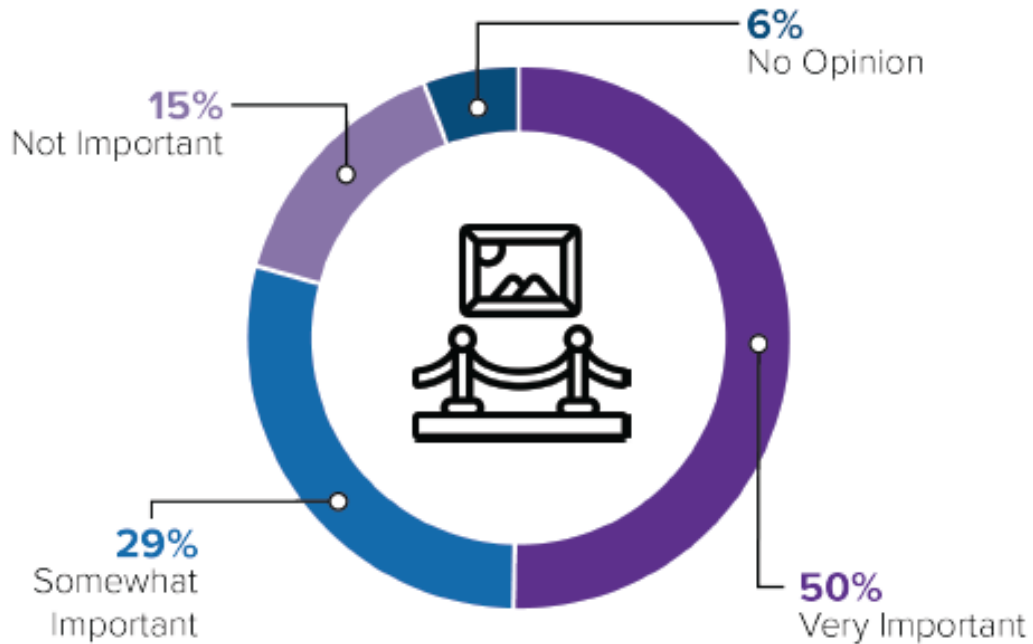
## High-Ranking Action Items by Importance

- 83%** Hold **cultural events** that celebrate the community's heritage in a west side location.
- 83%** Support the physical and **programmatic growth** of the Antonio E. Garcia Arts and Education Center
- 83%** Increase exposure to the **arts**.
- 80%** Identify, preserve, and build upon the city's **historic** west side neighborhoods.

# Policy Initiatives and Action Items

## 6. Community Services and Programs

Expand public and private community services and programs.



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OVERALL,  
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TOTAL RESPONCES: 159

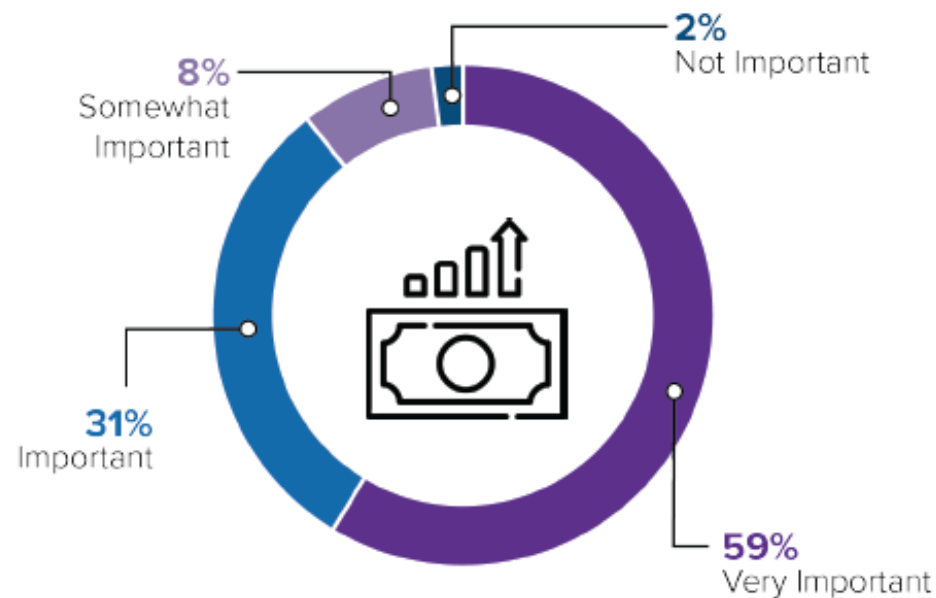
## High-Ranking Action Items by Importance

- 94%** Increase **access to youth programs** through schools and non-profits.
- 90%** Continue programs that improve conditions for those experiencing **homelessness**.
- 87%** Partner with local churches, non-profits and leaders to **promote community services/ resources**.

# Policy Initiatives and Action Items

## 7. Economic Development

Foster an environment for economic development that attracts new businesses, increases employment, and revitalizes or enhances existing commercial and industrial areas.



OVERALL,  
**98%**, SAY ITS IMPORTANT

TOTAL RESPONSES: 150

\*No survey takers selected "No Opinion" as a response

## High-Ranking Action Items by Importance

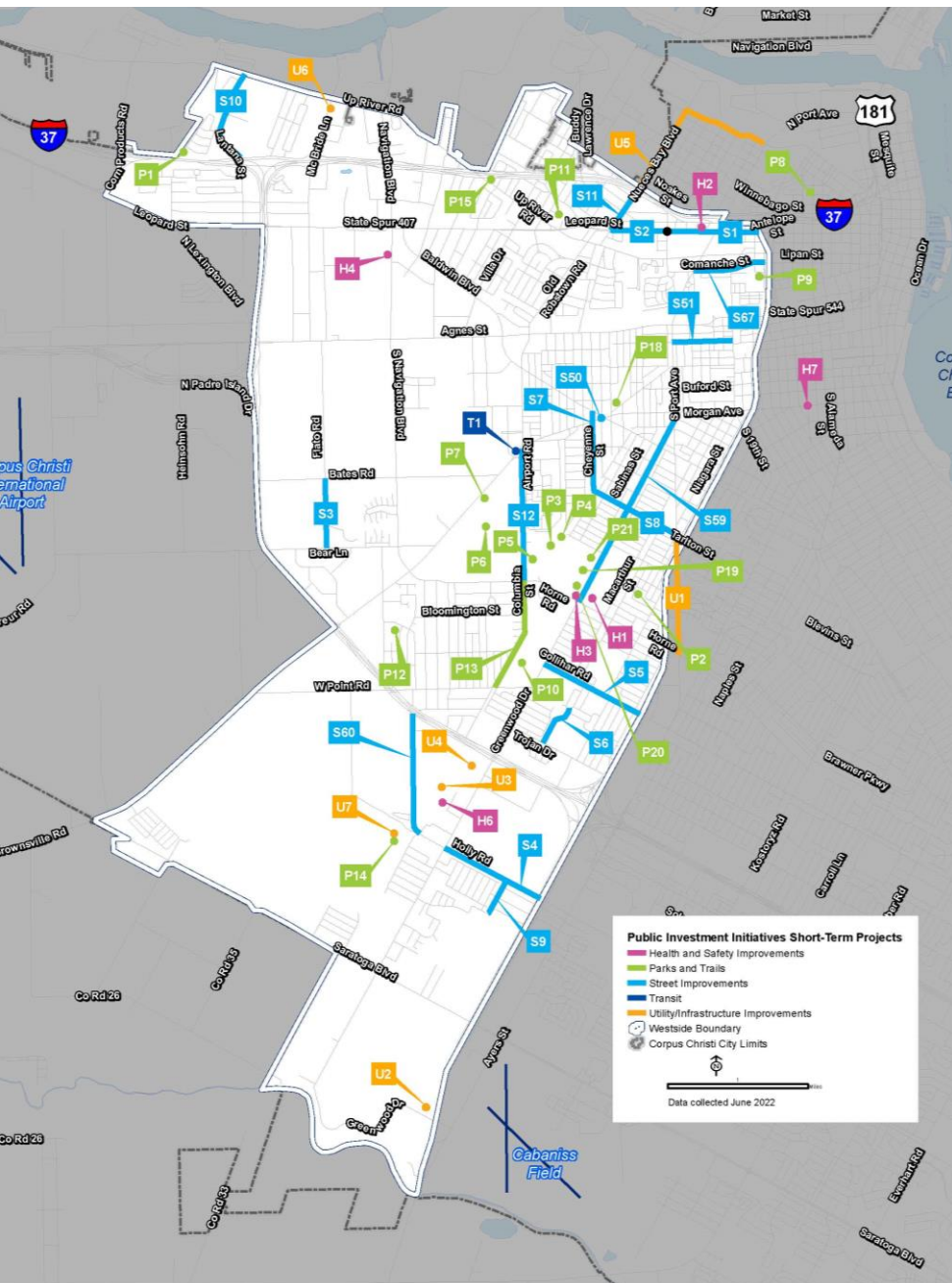
- 89%** Attract and **incentivize investment** and job creation in the west side area.
- 85%** **Expand water and wastewater** infrastructure to undeveloped areas of the westside district
- 82%** Support **public markets** and along accessible routes.
- 80%** Help provide resources to **small businesses**.

# Public Investment Initiatives

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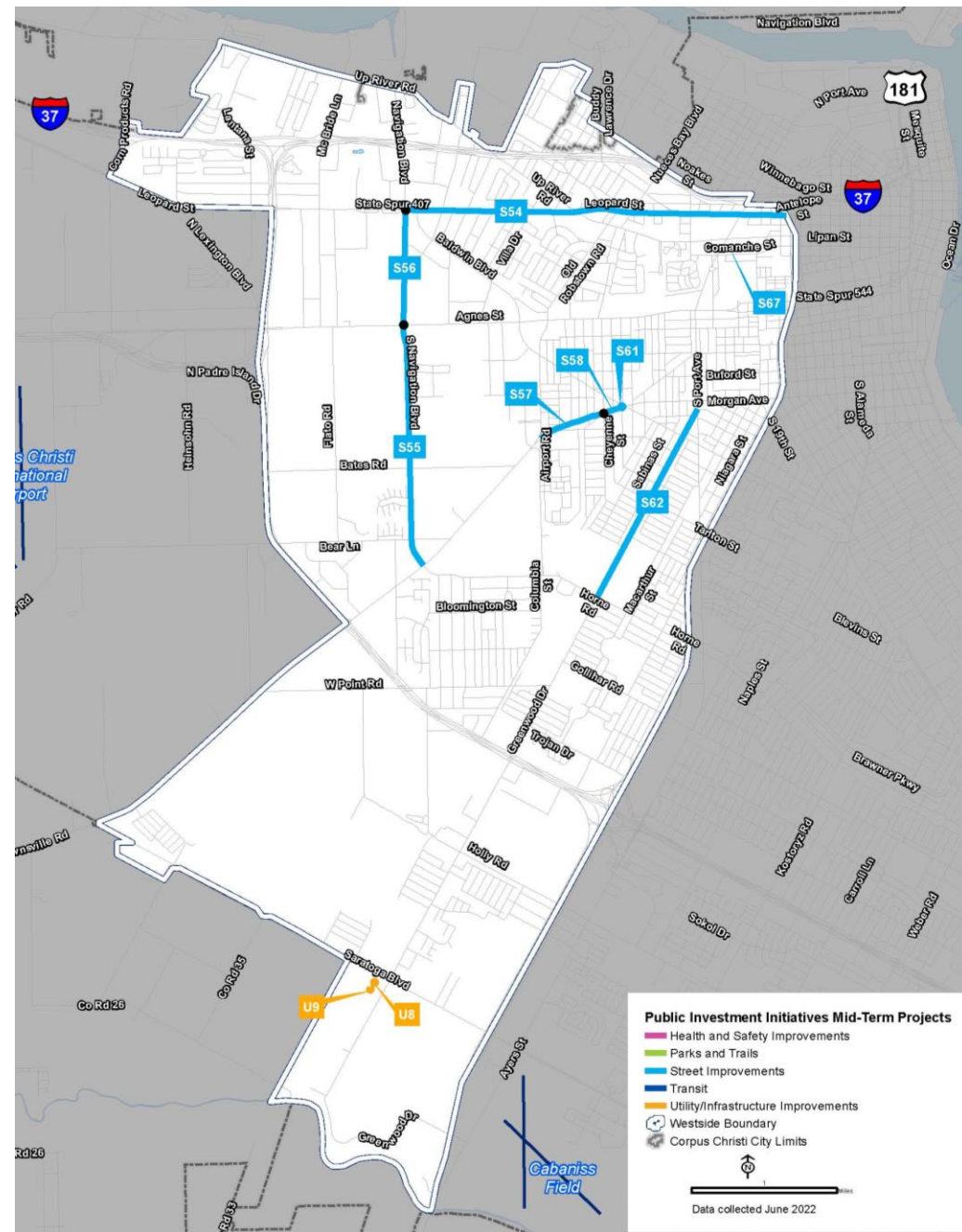


## SHORT-TERM (1-5 YEARS)

#	PROJECT NAME
<b>TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
T1	FY24 Westside Station near Del Mar College West Campus
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
H1	Public Health Department Building Improvements
H2	Former Frost Bank Renovations for Development Services, Fire Headquarters & Emergency Operations Center
H3	Fire Station #10 Demolition and Replacement
H4	Fire Station #9 Demolition and Replacement
H6	Police Property Warehouse Renovation
H7	Fire Station #3 Demolition and Replacement
<b>PARK AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
P1	Academy Park (District 1 Parks)
P2	Temple Park (District 2 Parks)
P3	Salinas Park (District 3 Parks)
P4	Salinas Park Neighborhood Connections
P5	Salinas Park Sports Field Lighting
P6	Gabe Lozano Golf Course
P7	Gabe Lozano Golf Course Club House Improvements
P8	Harbor Bridge Parks Mitigation
P9	Ben Garza Park (Harbor Bridge Mitigation & Support Projects)
P10	Sports Field Improvements (Greenwood Park)
P11	Oak Park Recreation Center
P12	Westhaven Park Improvements
P13	Dr. Hector P. Garcia Hike and Bike Trail Along Ditch
P14	La Volla Creek Detention Pond Recreational Amenities
P15	Oak Park Entrance Enhancement on I-37
P18	Joe Garza Rec Center/Zavala Senior Center Multi-Generational Facility
P19	Universal League Field Improvements
P20	Westside Pony Field Improvements

#	PROJECT NAME
P21	Sparkling City Field Improvements
<b>STREET IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
S1	Leopard Street (Crosstown Expwy. to Palm Dr.)
S2	Leopard Street (Palm Dr. to Nueces Bay Blvd.)
S3	Flato Road (Bates Road to Bear Ln.)
S4	Holly Road (Crosstown Expwy. to Greenwood Dr.)
S5	Gollihar Road (Crosstown Expwy. to Greenwood Dr.)
S6	Castenon Street (Trojan Dr. to Delgado St.)
S7	Cheyenne Street (Baldwin Blvd. to Tarlton St.)
S8	Tarlton Street (Port Ave. to Cheyenne St.)
S9	Martin Street (Holly Rd. to Dorado St.)
S10	Lantana Street (IH 37 to Up River Rd.)
S11	Nueces Bay Boulevard (Leopard St. to IH 37)
S12	Airport Road (Morgan Ave. to Horne Rd.)
S50	Baldwin/Morgan Intersection Evaluation
S51	Mary Street Crime Prevention Evaluation
S52	Street Lighting Assessment*
S59	Greenwood Drive Preliminary Design (Port Ave. to Horne Rd.)
S60	Bush Street (S. Padre Island Dr. to Holly Rd.)
S67	Lipan Street Sidewalk and Traffic Improvements
<b>UTILITY/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
U1	Port Avenue Water Line Replacement
U2	JC Elliott Landfill & Transfer Station Improvements
U3	Drainage Culvert Improvements for Molina
U4	Greenwood Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
U5	Nueces Bay Blvd & Poth Lane - Water line
U6	McBride Lift Station and Force Main Improvements
U7	La Volla Creek Regional Detention Pond

# Public Investment Initiatives

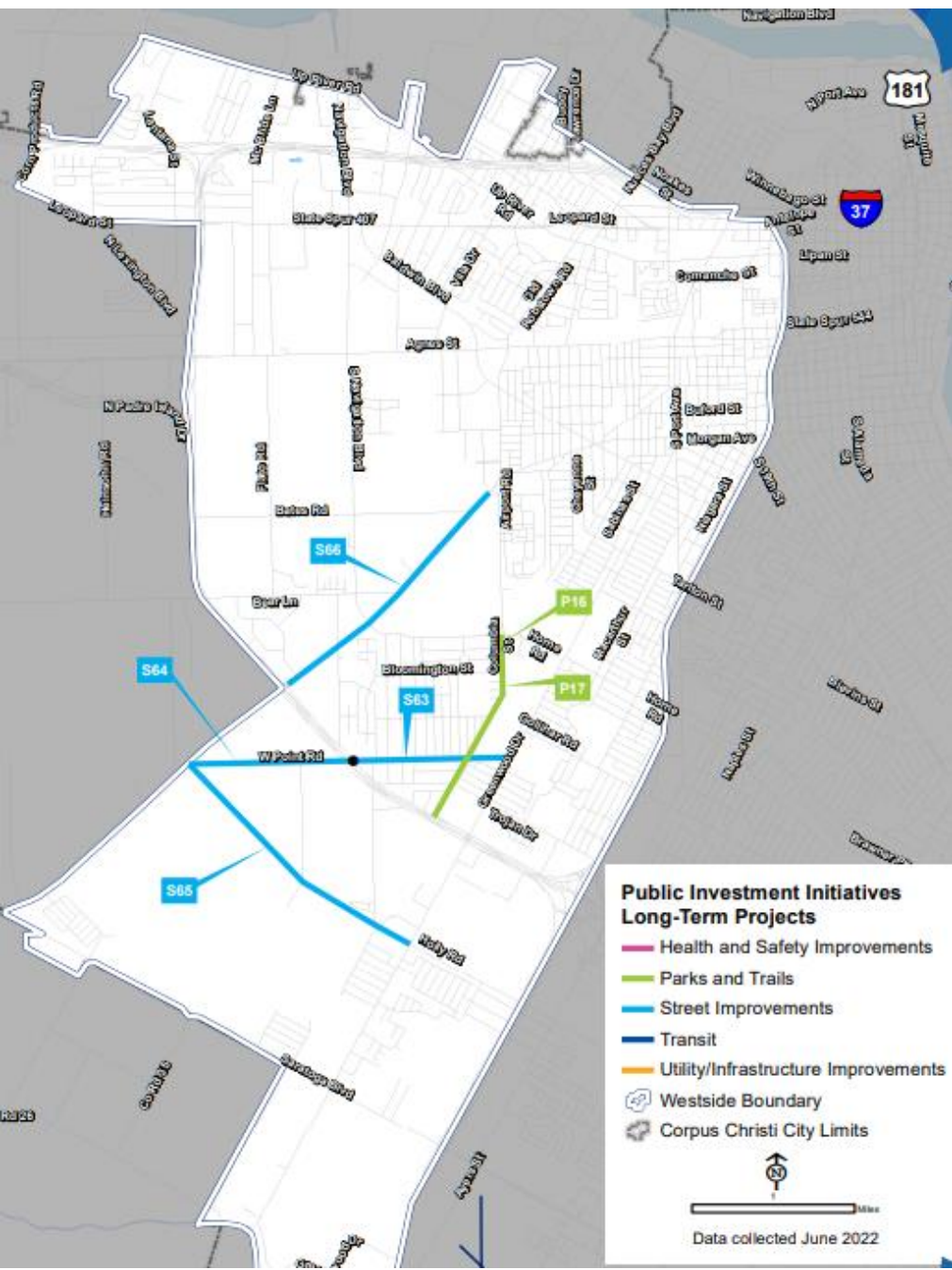


## MID-TERM (6-10 YEARS)

#	PROJECT NAME
<b>TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
T2	Add Bus Service to Salinas Park*
<b>STREET IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
S54	Leopard Street N & S (Navigation Blvd. to SPID)
S55	Navigation Boulevard (Old Brownsville to Agnes St.)
S56	Navigation Boulevard (Agnes St. to Leopard St.)
S57	Morgan Avenue (Virginia Ave. to Airport Rd.)
S58	Morgan Ave (Baldwin Blvd. to Virginia Ave.)
S61	Morgan Ave./Baldwin Ave. Intersection Reconstruction
S62	Greenwood Dr. Reconstruction (Port Ave. to Horne Rd.)
<b>UTILITY/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
U8	Greenwood Wastewater Treatment Plan Process Upgrade (DAF and Odor Control)
U9	Greenwood Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

\*Project Not Mapped

# Public Investment Initiatives



## LONG-TERM (10+ YEARS)

#	PROJECT NAME
<b>PARK AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
P16	Purchase Property at Southeast Corner of Horne Rd. and Columbia St. to Improve Park Access
P17	Upgrade Columbia Ditch in Park Areas to Grass-lined & Reconstruct Pedestrian Bridges
<b>STREET IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
S63	West Point Road (Greenwood to S. Padre Island Dr.)
S64	West Point Road (S. Padre Island Dr. to Old Brownsville Rd.)
S65	Holly Road Extension (Greenwood Dr. to Old Brownsville Rd.)
S66	Feasibility Study for Old Brownsville Rd. (SPID to Airport Rd.)
<b>UTILITY/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS</b>	
U10	Develop and Install a Solar Array to Benefit the Community and Counter Rising Energy Costs*

\*Project Not Mapped

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends adoption
- Project Advisory Committee recommends adoption

## Next Steps

- Receive Planning Commission's Recommendation
- City Council Public Hearing for adoption



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