

Downtown Commercial Development Plan

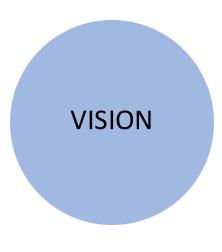






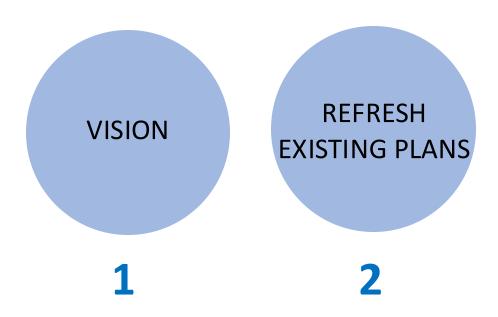




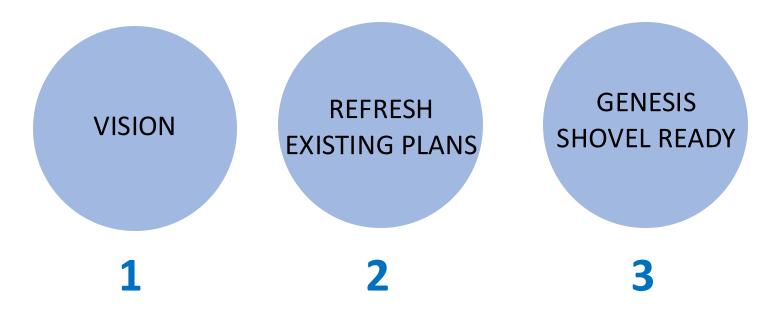


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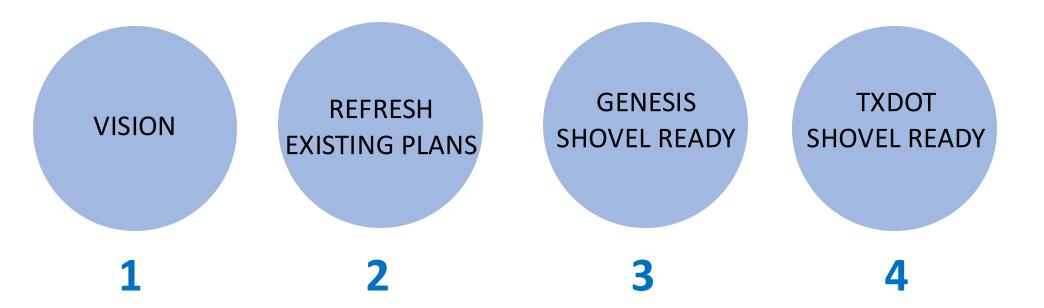




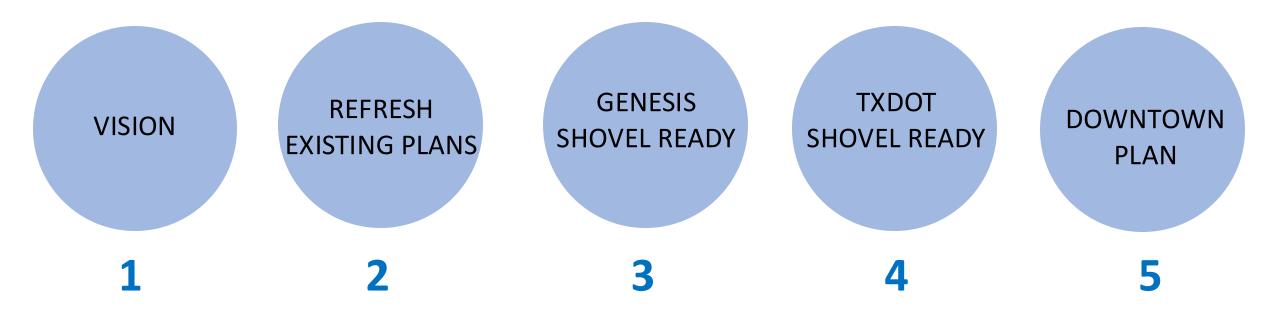












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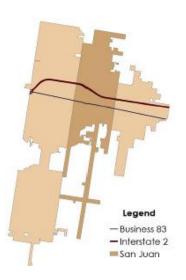
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## Planning Goals



#### Six Drivers Were Identified for Pursuing Goals:

- Design Guidelines
- Parking & Infrastructure
- Policies & Programs
- Arts & Culture
- Catalyst Sites
- Immediate Action Items

#### Corresponding Goals Were Established:

- Invest in local businesses
- Bring dollars to downtown
- Link Basilica and downtown
- Attract future residents
- Spur economic activity downtown
- Improve pedestrian experience
- Right-size parking infrastructure

## Study Area





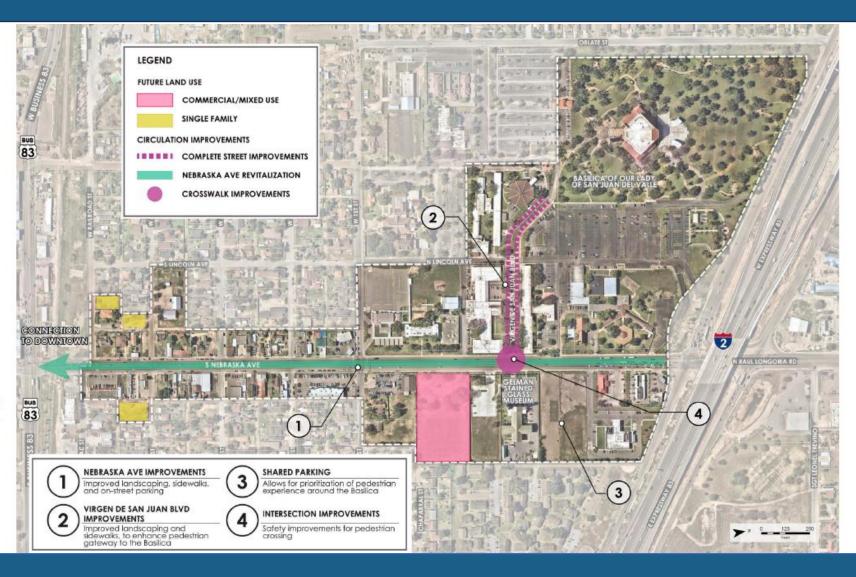
Downtown Opportunities By Land Use and Infrastructure:

- New retail/restaurants
- Shared and designated parking
- Open space/park designation
- Mixed-use/multifamily housing
- Wayfinding/signage
- Landscaping improvements
- Sidewalk improvements
- Alley designations and improvements
- Adding sufficient and dark-sky compliant lighting
- Designated bike lanes

# Downtown Opportunities - TxDOT

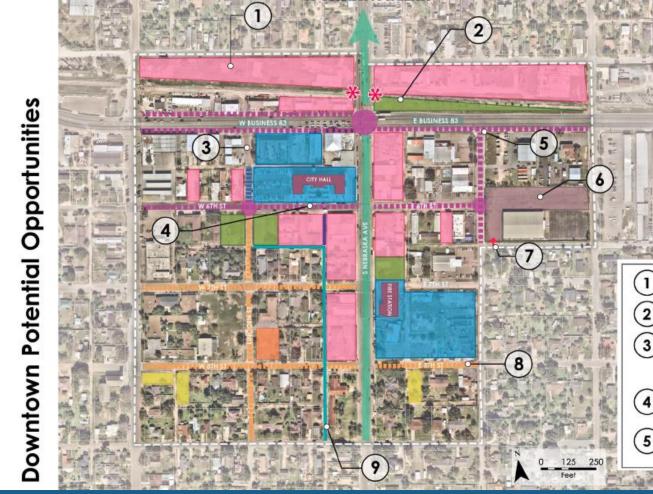






# Downtown Opportunities - Genesis





CONTINUATION OF NEBRASKA AVE CORRIDOR

LEGEND **FUTURE LAND USE** COMMERCIAL/MIXED USE MULTIFAMILY SINGLE FAMILY PARK / OPEN SPACE MUNICIPAL CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE STREET IMPROVEMENTS RESIDENTIAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS NEBRASKA AVE REVITALIZATION ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS BICYCLE LANE LINCOLN ST CLOSURE CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS RAILROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

NEW RETAIL / RESTAURANTS

Pedestrian-scaled commercial development fronting Railroad St

LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

LINCOLN STREET PLAZA

Scheduled clasures of the southern scheduled classifies of the south half of the block. Converted to pedestrian plaza featuring: • Activated food truck area • Added plantings

**6TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS** 

Enhanced streetscape features
Improve pedestrian safety and camfort
Tree canopy

WAYFINDING

Improved signage at intersections throughout to guide vehicles to shared parking and pedestrians to destinations.

Allows for prioritization of pedestrian

SERVICE ENTRANCE

Add driveway for access

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Provides connectivity and enhances walkability

MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY

Bike lanes could connect to area-wide bike trails



#### **Mixed-Use Development**

This catalyst site scenario at the corner of Business 83 and Nebraska Avenue could provide residential, commercial and cultural spaces, fostering a dynamic downtown environment. There is also an opportunity here for flexible district parking that could be restricted or shared depending on the time of the day or day of the week.



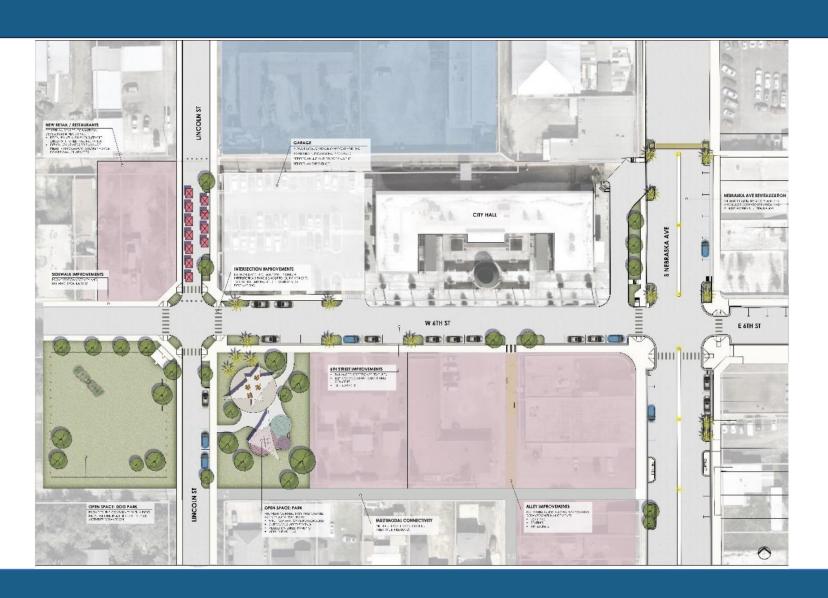






#### San Juan Plazita

This catalyst site scenario could transform the block across from City Hall into a cultural hub with parks, arts areas, and commercial spaces to serve the community, increase property values, and attract new businesses.



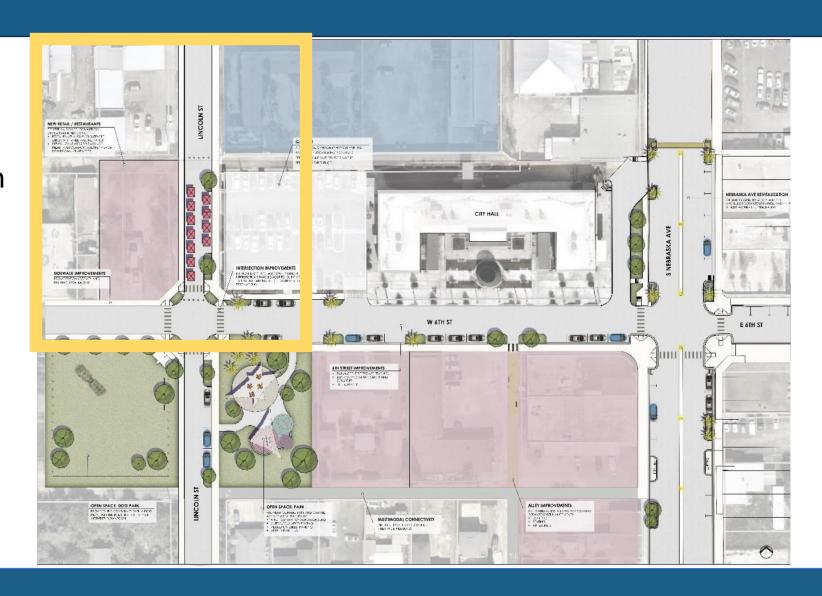






#### **Lincoln Street Activation**

A portion of Lincoln Street between Business 83 and W. 6th Street could be dedicated for scheduled pedestrian-only activity, with patio-like seating or stalls for a weekend market. Would only use the southern half of the block, leaving access to the existing mechanic shop open to vehicular traffic.





# Sustainable and Smart Infrastructure

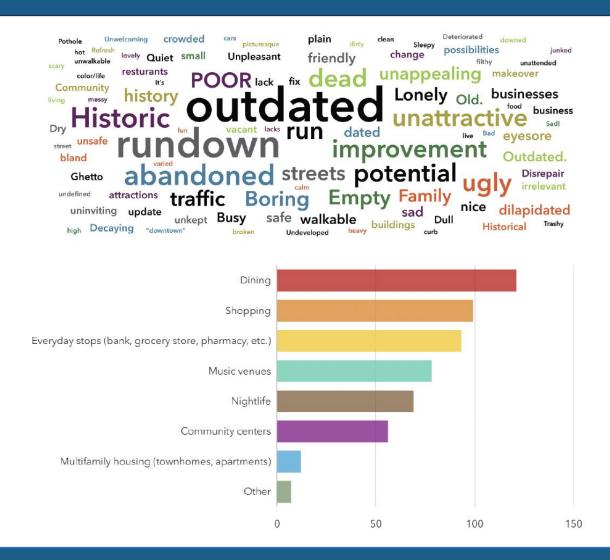
Implementing sustainable practices and smart infrastructure can attract ecoconscious businesses and residents. This could include elements like green building standards, smart technologies and public transit and mobility measures.



## Public Engagement



- Survey of the community was distributed online and through hard copy versions available in city buildings.
- Over 150 responses were received through the survey.
- Held four public meetings at San Juan Memorial Library on May 2 and 3 and on June 26 and 27, 2024.



## **Key Strategies**



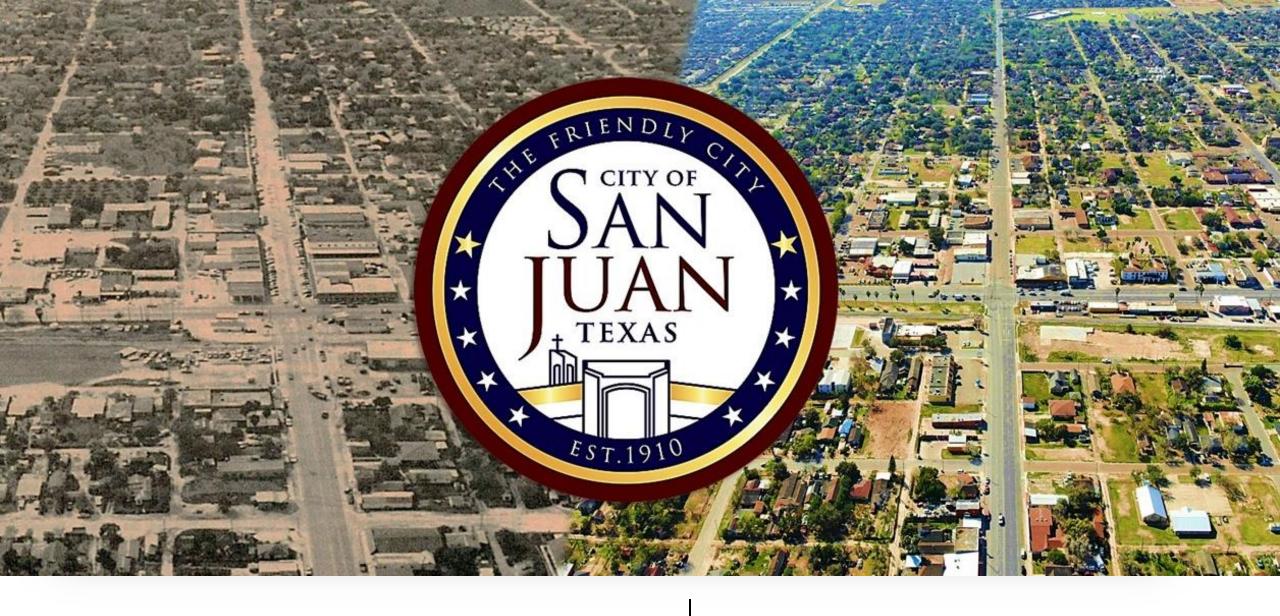
Business Development Parking Traffic **Support Policies** & Regulation & Programs Tools Place Making Developer Implementation Schedule **Elements** Engagement

#### Immediate Action Items



- Continue Nebraska Ave. Revitalization
- Focus On Strategies and Actions
- Initiate Policy Change
- Develop Downtown Business Grants
- Engage Partners & Investors
- Market Feasibility & Retail Analysis





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