

PLAN 2010

People-Powered Goals For San Antonio's Future





Plan 210 is the Beto for Mayor campaign’s policy platform, prioritizing public safety, infrastructure, and economic development. Launched on October 5, 2024—exactly 210 days before the municipal election—it reflects the insights and aspirations gathered from residents citywide during four months of community engagement.

SUSTAINABILITY

San Antonio's sustainability efforts must focus on climate mitigation, improving air quality, and advancing mobility options to create a cleaner, more resilient city for future generations.



San Antonio is at a pivotal point in addressing sustainability challenges that will shape the future of the city and the well-being of its residents. This plan outlines a comprehensive vision for a sustainable San Antonio, focusing on climate mitigation and adaptation, improving air quality, and advancing diverse, accessible mobility options.

As one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States, San Antonio faces unique pressures from urbanization and climate impacts, but with these challenges come opportunities for transformation. By investing in a greener and more resilient urban framework, San Antonio can pave the way for a healthier, more inclusive city that serves as a model for sustainable growth. Through strategic actions, this plan aims to address current environmental risks, reduce emissions, and empower communities, ultimately creating a city that future generations can thrive in and be proud to call home.

MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

San Antonio is a dynamic and rapidly growing city with a diverse population and an expanding economy. However, this growth presents challenges related to climate change and environmental sustainability. Rising temperatures, increased frequency of extreme weather events, and other climate-related impacts necessitate a robust strategy to enhance the city's resilience and reduce its carbon footprint.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. **Expand Green Infrastructure:** Increase the city's green spaces and enhance urban cooling to mitigate heat island effects and improve public health.

KEY ACTIONS

- EXPAND URBAN GREEN SPACES THROUGH TREE PLANTING, PARK DEVELOPMENT, AND GREEN ROOF INITIATIVES.
- IMPLEMENT COOLING STRATEGIES, SUCH AS REFLECTIVE MATERIALS AND SHADE STRUCTURES, IN PUBLIC SPACES AND HIGH-DENSITY AREAS.
- ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN GREEN SPACE PROJECTS AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GREENING EFFORTS.

2. **Enhance Climate Resilience:** Improve the city's resilience to climate impacts by implementing adaptive measures and strengthening infrastructure.

KEY ACTIONS

- INCREASE FUNDING FOR MAJOR HOME REHABILITATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOMES ELIGIBLE FOR WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS, WHICH REDUCES ENERGY COSTS TO HOMEOWNERS.
- PROVIDE GREEN JOB TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIPS THROUGH SA READY TO WORK.
- INVEST IN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, SUCH AS URBAN PARKS, FLOOD MITIGATION SYSTEMS, AND HEAT ISLAND REDUCTION MEASURES.
- DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT RESILIENCE-BUILDING PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

- 3.** **Maximize Tree Mitigation Fund Utilization:** Optimize the use of the Tree Mitigation Fund to increase urban tree planting by 50% within the next 5 years.

KEY ACTIONS

- DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR HIGH-IMPACT TREE PLANTING PROJECTS, PRIORITIZING AREAS WITH LOW CANOPY COVERAGE AND HIGH HEAT ISLAND EFFECTS.
- IMPLEMENT A TRANSPARENT TRACKING AND REPORTING SYSTEM TO MONITOR FUND USAGE AND PROJECT OUTCOMES.
- DEVELOP AND FUND A TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO ENSURE NEWLY PLANTED TREES RECEIVE ADEQUATE CARE AND SUPPORT.
- PROVIDE TRAINING AND RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN TREE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES.

MOBILITY

With rapid population growth and urban expansion, San Antonio faces rising transportation demands that challenge its infrastructure. Historically car-dependent, leaders have recognized the need for diverse transit options to alleviate congestion, and improve accessibility while working to balance its growing mobility needs with sustainable urban planning, and modern transportation solutions.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 1.** **Mobility Hubs:** Mobility hubs are neighborhood-focused, small-scale transportation centers designed to provide convenient, sustainable travel options with minimal disruption to local infrastructure. Our vision is to create a network of integrated mobility hubs across San Antonio, enhancing accessibility, alleviating congestion, and promoting sustainable transportation choices for residents.

KEY ACTIONS

- IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE HIGH-DEMAND AREAS FOR MOBILITY HUBS, ESPECIALLY NEAR MAJOR TRANSIT STATIONS, COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, AND UNDERSERVED NEIGHBORHOODS.
- DESIGN HUBS TO SUPPORT DIVERSE TRANSIT MODES, INCLUDING BUS STOPS, BIKE RACKS, EV CHARGING STATIONS, AND DESIGNATED SPACES FOR CAR-SHARE, RIDESHARE, AND MICROMOBILITY.
- DEVELOP A UNIFIED DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR USERS TO ACCESS REAL-TIME INFORMATION ON TRANSIT SCHEDULES, AVAILABILITY, AND NAVIGATION FOR VARIOUS MOBILITY OPTIONS.
- ENCOURAGE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION BY INCLUDING BIKE LANES, PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS, AND SAFE CROSSING AREAS WITHIN HUB LAYOUTS.

- 2.** **Expand and Enhance Public Transit:** Increase the coverage, frequency, and efficiency of public transit services to better meet the needs of San Antonio’s growing population.

KEY ACTIONS

- WORK WITH VIA TO EXTEND BUS ROUTES AND IMPROVE SERVICE FREQUENCY, PARTICULARLY IN UNDERSERVED SUBURBAN AREAS.
- ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN DIFFERENT TRANSIT MODES AND INTEGRATE REAL-TIME INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR BETTER USER EXPERIENCE.
- UPGRADE TRANSIT FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUS STOPS AND SHELTERS, TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND COMFORT FOR RIDERS.

- 3.** **Develop Active Transportation Infrastructure:** We aim to promote and support active transportation by expanding and enhancing biking and walking infrastructure. Improving walkability and bikeability boosts quality of life and plays a vital role in attracting and retaining talent, making San Antonio a more welcoming and livable city.

KEY ACTIONS

- IMPROVE AND EXPAND PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS, CROSSWALKS, AND SAFETY FEATURES TO ENCOURAGE WALKING AND ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.
- DEVELOP AND CONNECT BIKE LANES, TRAILS, AND BIKE-SHARING PROGRAMS TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE NETWORK.
- INTEGRATE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE WITH EXISTING ROADWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSIT TO CREATE A SEAMLESS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

- 4.** **Increase Funding for Vision Zero Initiatives:** Secure and allocate increased funding for Vision Zero programs to enhance pedestrian safety and connectivity.

KEY ACTIONS

- EXPLORE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING GRANTS AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAMS.
- INCREASE THE BUDGET FOR VISION ZERO INITIATIVES, PRIORITIZING INVESTMENTS IN PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES, AND SAFETY PROGRAMS.
- FOSTER COLLABORATIONS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT VISION ZERO FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION.

- 5.** **Promote and Expand Transit-Oriented Development:** Increase the implementation of TOD principles to create vibrant, accessible communities around transit hubs and reduce reliance on personal vehicles.

KEY ACTIONS

- ESTABLISH POLICIES THAT INCENTIVIZE HIGH-DENSITY, MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS AND CORRIDORS.
- REVISE ZONING CODES AND LAND USE POLICIES TO SUPPORT TOD, INCLUDING HIGHER DENSITY ALLOWANCES AND MIXED-USE DESIGNATIONS.
- FOSTER COLLABORATIONS WITH DEVELOPERS, TRANSIT AUTHORITIES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE TOD PROJECTS AND LEVERAGE RESOURCES.

- 6.** **Enhance Connectivity and Accessibility:** Improve overall connectivity and accessibility within San Antonio by integrating TOD and Complete Streets strategies.

KEY ACTIONS

- COORDINATE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TO ENSURE THAT TOD AND COMPLETE STREETS EFFORTS ARE ALIGNED AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING.
- DEVELOP INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SUPPORTS MULTIPLE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING PUBLIC TRANSIT, BIKING, AND WALKING, TO CREATE A SEAMLESS TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.
- ENSURE THAT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS ADDRESS ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS FOR ALL RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH DISABILITIES.

AIR QUALITY

San Antonio, as a major urban center in Texas, faces significant challenges related to air quality and carbon emissions. Rapid population growth and increased industrial activities contribute to elevated pollution levels and greenhouse gas emissions. Addressing these challenges is essential for improving public health, enhancing quality of life, and ensuring long-term environmental sustainability.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 1. Reduce Carbon Emissions:** Achieve a 5% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions per year to achieve the city's goal of a 41% reduction of 2016 GHG emissions by 2030.

KEY ACTIONS

- CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) WITH SPECIFIC TARGETS FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS IN KEY SECTORS SUCH AS BUILDINGS, TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES, AND WASTE.
- INCREASE EDUCATION AROUND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ADOPTION IN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.
- SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND COLLABORATE WITH TRADE UNIONS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL'S \$5 BILLION NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE (NEVI) FORMULA PROGRAM.

- 2. Improve Air Quality Through Emission Controls:** Achieve compliance with federal air quality standards by 2027.

KEY ACTIONS

- STRENGTHEN REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL AND VEHICULAR EMISSIONS, INCLUDING STRICTER CONTROLS ON POLLUTANT DISCHARGE AND IMPROVED MONITORING SYSTEMS.
- EXPAND AIR QUALITY MONITORING NETWORKS TO BETTER TRACK POLLUTANT LEVELS AND IDENTIFY SOURCES OF POLLUTION.
- IMPLEMENT DUST CONTROL MEASURES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES.

3. **Promote Green Infrastructure and Urban Greening:** Increase green infrastructure and urban greening efforts to support air quality improvement and carbon emission reduction.

KEY ACTIONS

- DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, INCLUDING URBAN PARKS, GREEN ROOFS, AND TREE PLANTING INITIATIVES.
- SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED GREENING PROJECTS AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GROUPS TO ENHANCE URBAN GREEN SPACES.
- INTEGRATE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTO NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.