

# The University of Texas at San Antonio Campus Master Plan

Downtown Community Forum | May 6, 2019

# Meeting Objectives

- Be informed of the **major elements** of the UTSA Master Plan
- Be provided with a **summary of the input from previous community meetings** and how it influenced the development of the plan
- Have the opportunity to **ask questions and get additional information** about elements of the plan
- Build **enthusiasm** about UTSA's Master Plan

# Agenda

## PRESENTATION (6:00-6:50)

- **Introduction:** Dr. Kimberly Espy and Veronica Mendez, *UTSA*
- **Draft Plan Overview:** Ryan Losch, *Page*
- **Related Activities on the Westside:** Noel Poyo, *National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB)*
- **Process Review:** Linda Ximenes, *Ximenes & Associates*
- **Open House Stations:**
  - Transportation
  - Housing
  - Open Space
  - Amenities

## OPEN HOUSE (6:50-7:30)

# 1 Introduction





**The University of Texas at San Antonio will:**

**Serve our city.  
Advance our communities.  
Be your partner.**



# Zona Cultural

*The story of San Antonio  
from a presidio to a global city*

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- Main Plaza
- San Fernando Cathedral
- Plaza de Armas
- Market Square
- Alameda Theater
- Casa Navarro





# West Side

*Culture and tradition*

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- Center of LatinX culture
- Murals and art
- Identity and advocacy
- Deco District
- Woodlawn Lake
- Monticello





# East Side

*Diversity and discovery*

- Dignowity Hill
- Ellis Alley
- St. Paul Square
- MLK March
- Carver Community Center
- AT&T Center





# South Side

*Endless exploration*

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- San Antonio Missions
- River Walk Mission Reach
- Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
- Mission Marquee Plaza
- Stinson Field



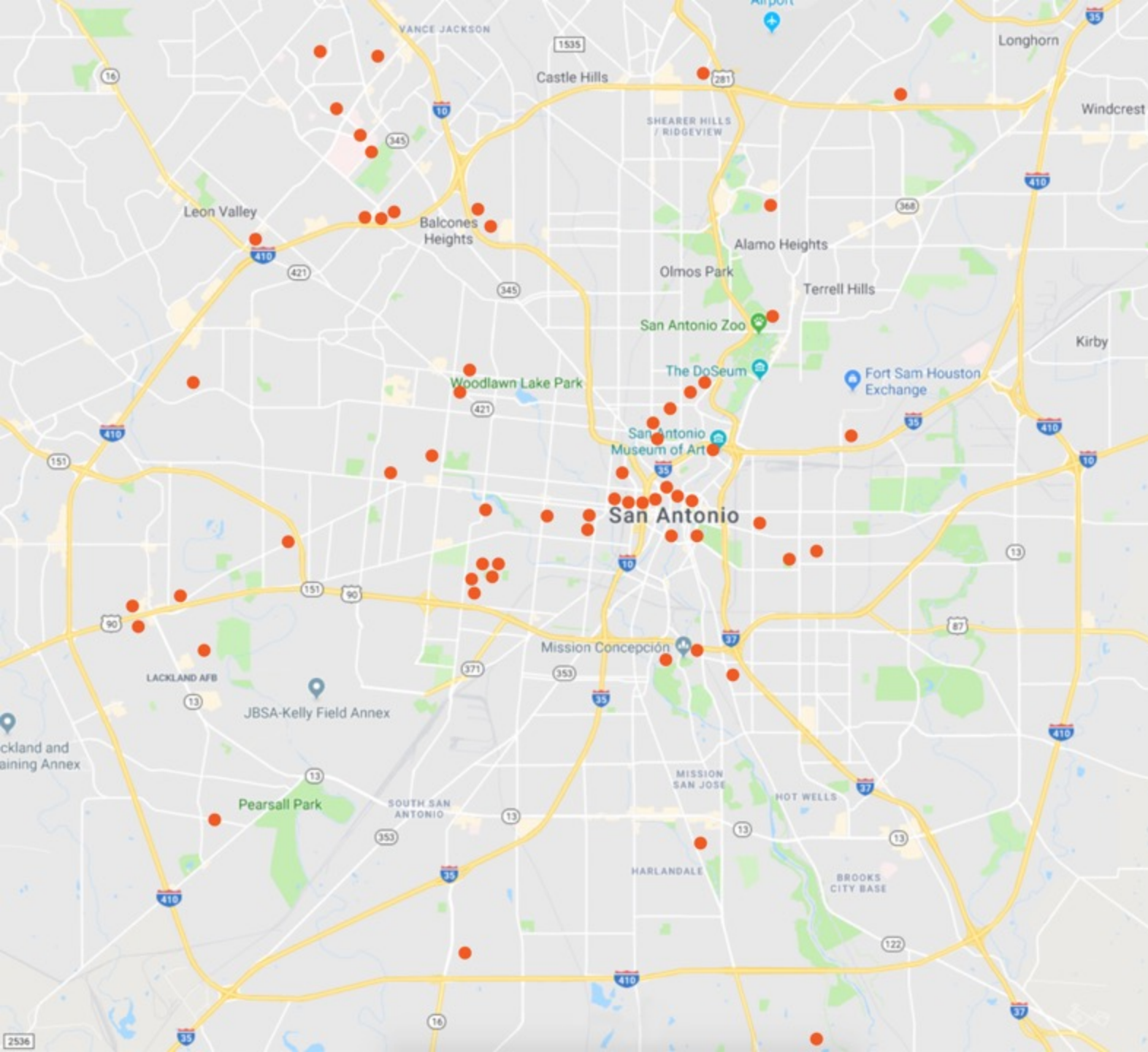
# Tech Bloc

*Growing SA's tech ecosystem*

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- Accelerating small “next-gen” businesses
- Advancing vibrant downtown
- Learning experiences to assist business
- Student Internships





- Texas Education Agency
- Behavior Analyst Certification Board
- TAVHealth
- Center for Military Families
- Abode Contemplative Care for the Dying
- Alamo Heights High School: Student Support Center
- Alpha Home
- Archdiocese of San Antonio: Department of Catholic Schools
- Baptist Child Family Services
- Preparation for Adult Living Program
- Bexar County Hospital District/ University Health System/ Community Medicine associates/University Medicine Associates/Community First Health Plans
- Bexar County District Attorney's Office
- Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department
- Catholic Charities Counseling Services
- Center for Healthcare Services
- Center for Refugee Services
- Child Safe
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Elite Counseling
- Good Samaritan Community Services
- Health South Rehabilitation of San Antonio
- Our Lady of the Lake Counseling Services
- Palo Alto College Counseling Services
- Presa Community Service Center
- Rape Crisis Center
- San Antonio College
- San Antonio Municipal Court
- San Antonio Family Endeavors
- St. Peter/St. Joseph Counseling Center
- University of Incarnate Word Counseling Center
- Edgewood ISD
- Harlandale ISD
- San Antonio ISD
- South San Antonio ISD
- Southside ISD/Heritage Elem.
- San Antonio Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Coalition
- Alamo Children's Advocacy Center
- Beyond the Chair
- Christus Health
- Haven for Hope
- Lackland Air Force Base Warhawk Fitness Center
- BioBridge Global
- Southwest Research Institute
- Meals on Wheels
- The City of San Antonio
- HEB Headquarters
- The Children's Hospital of San Antonio
- San Antonio Food Bank
- Davis-Scott Branch YMCA
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- The Cancer and Therapy Research Center
- San Antonio Museum of Art
- Inquiry of Transformative Literacies
- San Antonio Head Start
- Guadalupe Theater
- Esperanza Peace & Justice Center
- Communities in Schools
- Education Service Center-Region 20
- Allied Health
- Head Start and Early Head Start Community Assessments
- Christian Hope Resource Center
- Good Samaritan Community Services
- District 5 Child Abuse Prevention Pilot Program
- Predictive Modeling Consulting for Methodist Healthcare Ministries
- Lanier High School
- St. Philips College





# The University of Texas at San Antonio

Together, let's build more bridges from  
“Hope to Opportunity”



# Example:

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UTSA enrolled **941 students** from the Westside  
(identified by 78207, 78237, 78228, 78201 zip codes)

An increase of more than 15% (126 students) compared to 2014

~80% are First Generation

Top majors include interdisciplinary studies, public health, biology, accounting, cyber security and computer science

UTSA provided **\$1,279,342 in university scholarships to westside students**

UTSA aid was larger than that from the State of Texas (\$898,344)

**UTSA increased university grants/scholarships more than 42% compared to 2014**

A map of San Antonio, Texas, showing major highways (Interstates 10, 35, 90, 167, and State Routes 151, 90, 371, 353, 13, 421) and landmarks like Lackland AFB, JBSA-Kelly Field Annex, and the San Antonio Museum of Art. A callout box with an orange border points to a cluster of red dots in the central-eastern part of the city, representing the location of Lanier High School and its associated programs.

## LANIER HIGH SCHOOL

- Access College & Excel Program
- Civic Leadership Academy
- Business Scholars Program
- Dual Credit

- Center for Military Families
- Child Safe
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Elite Counseling
- Good Samaritan Community Services
- Our Lady of the Lake Counseling Services
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# Enabling more Transfer Student Success

- UTSA transfer advisors on site at San Antonio College and Northwest Vista College



# *Be your partner:* **Enhance the pathway for Historically Underutilized Business Participation**

Part of the UTSA Institute for Economic Development and the MBDA network, the San Antonio Business Center has a proven track record of service and advocacy in the minority business community.

In operation since 1982, the center has served over 5,000 clients, assisted in procuring over \$1 billion in contracts, and aided in securing over \$500 million in loans and bonds.



Source: <https://www.mbda.gov/businesscenters/sanantonio>



# The University of Texas at San Antonio

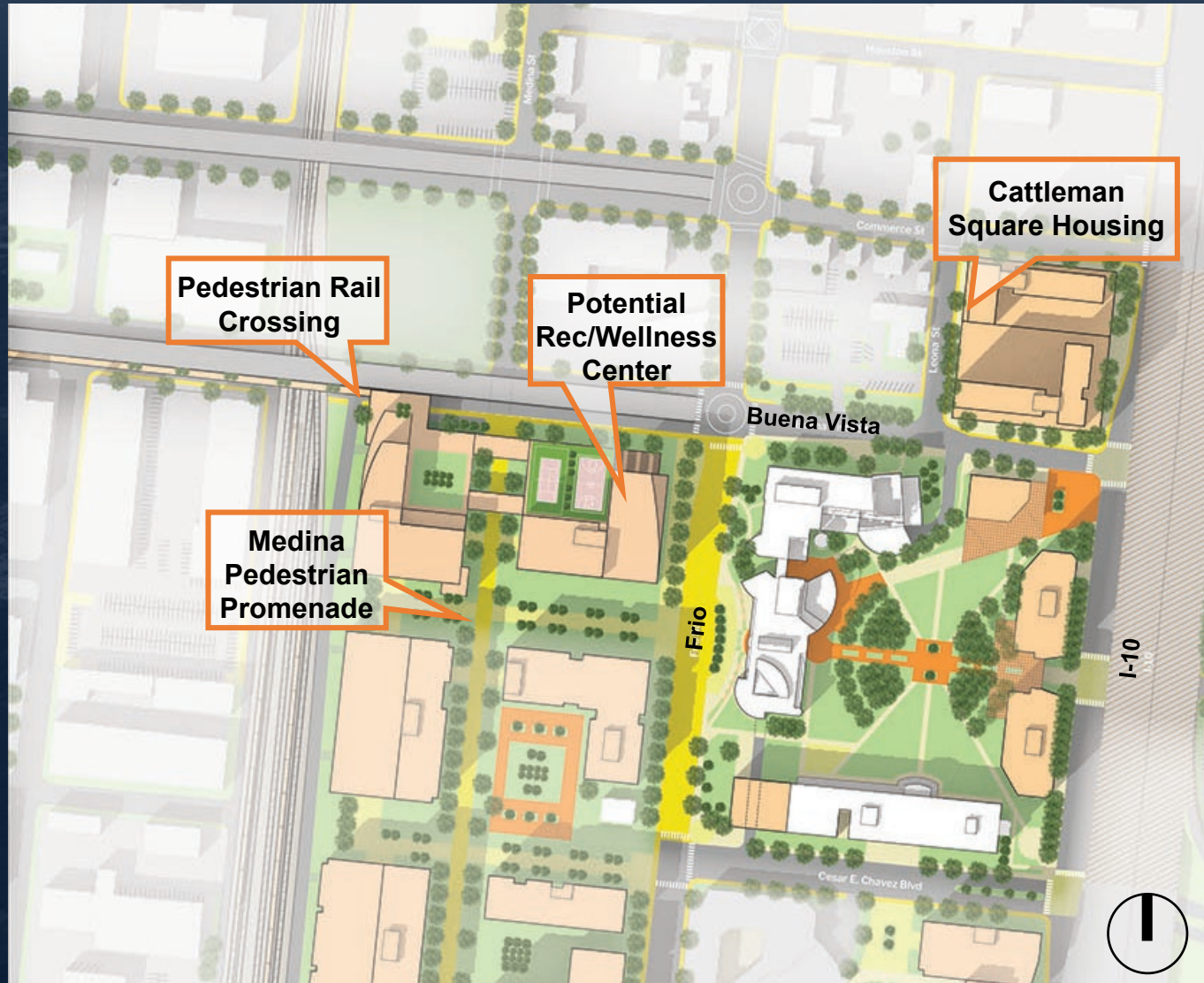


Imagine....

- “Seamless, porous” Downtown Campus
- Celebrating our distinctive heritage and cultures
- Deep neighborhood engagements
- Access/college-going focused



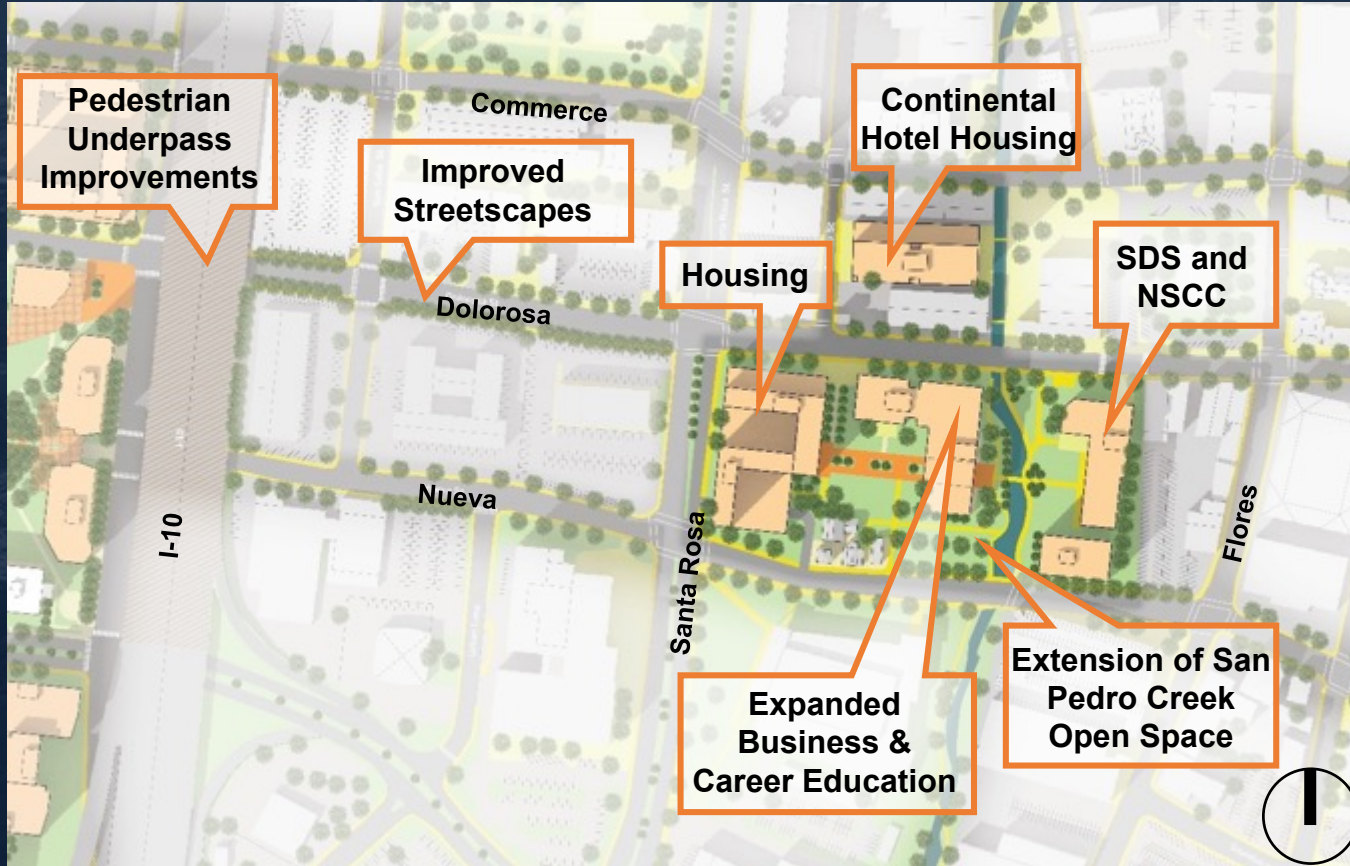
# With this Master Plan, UTSA plans to ...



- Serve ~10,000 students downtown
- Increase P–20 pipelines
- Create Neighborhood Alliance “hubs”
- Fundraise/advocate to increase scholarships to increase college access



# With this Master Plan, UTSA plans to ...



- Share facilities with our communities
- Increase green space
- Promote heritage & art
- Provide in-community learning experiences
- Support small business

## Introduction | **Master Planning Process** Purpose Statement

The UTSA Campus Master Plan will articulate a **roadmap to guide the university's future development, investment, and growth** to advance **academic excellence for the success of our diverse students** and to promote the **social-economic vibrancy of our communities by access and knowledge development.**

The plan draws from the university and community's **history and legacy**, **leverages local assets**, and **projects a forward-looking framework** for UTSA's future.



## **2 Downtown Campus Draft Plan**

# Downtown Campus | Principles

## Principle #1

Promote community partnerships

## Principio #1

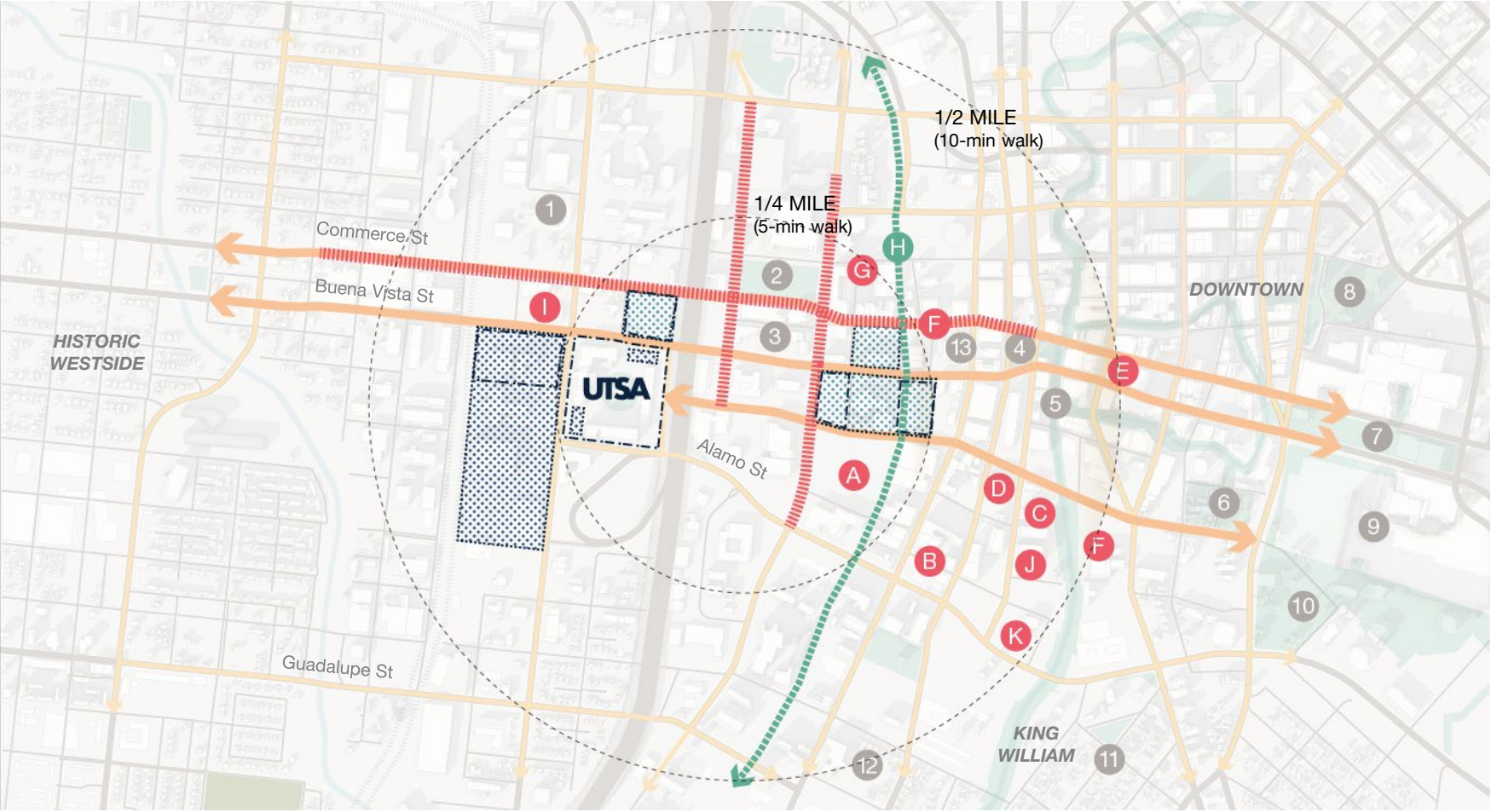
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### **Community Partnership Feedback Themes:**

- **Desire for connection to the Westside neighborhood**
- **Support for a campus that would be accessible to the community and serve its residents**
- **Support for collaboration with local cultural institutions, such as Zona Cultural or Casa Navarro, for mutually beneficial programming and/or facilities**

# Downtown Campus | Development Context

The UTSA Downtown Campus is situated in a vibrant and dynamic neighborhood with proximity to many symbiotic institutions and amenities.



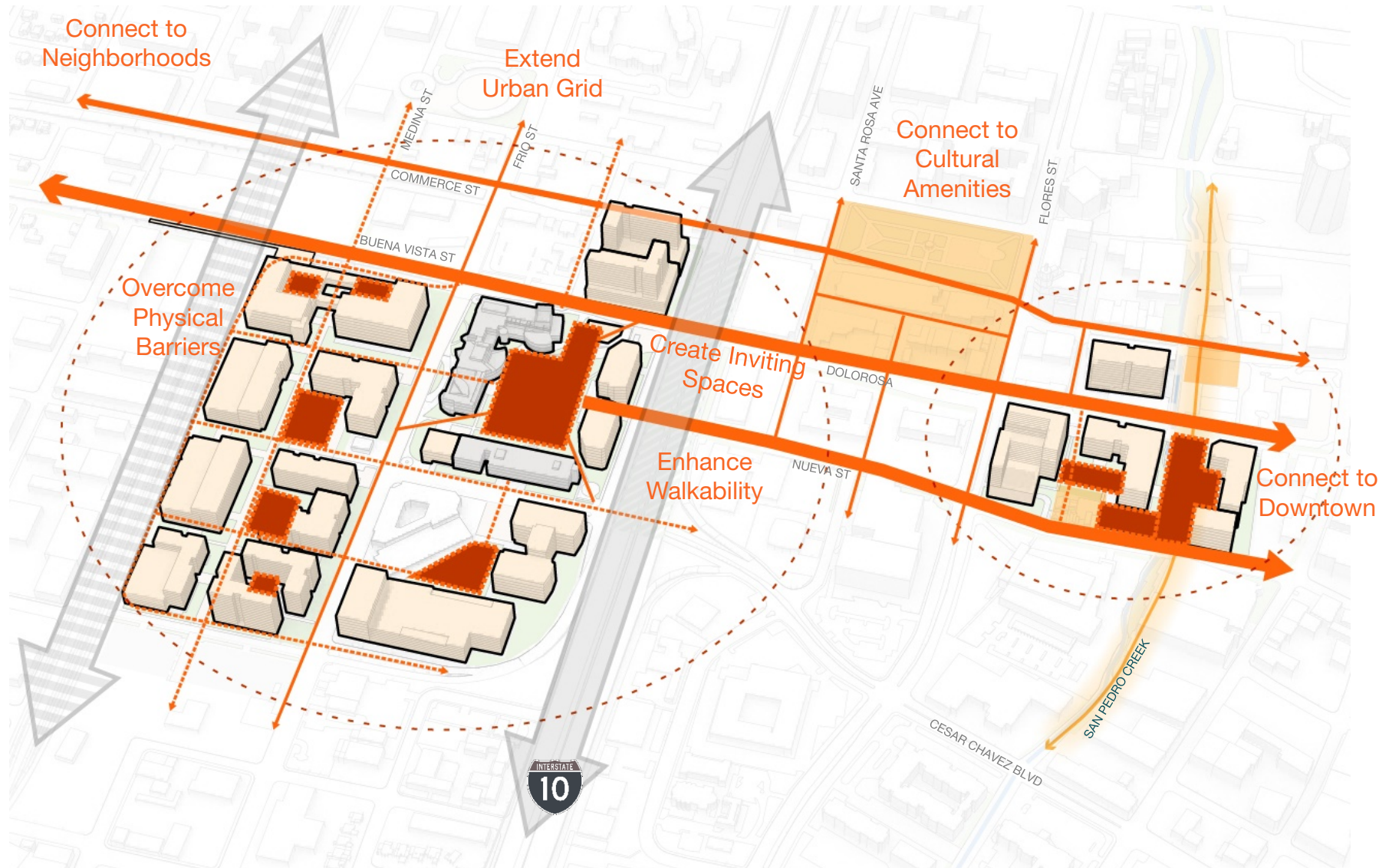
- A. Federal Courthouse
- B. Encore SoFlo
- C. Bexar County Parking Garage
- D. Dwyer Apartments
- E. Canopy Hilton
- F. W. Commerce St Improvements
- G. Alameda Theater Renovation
- H. San Pedro Creek Project
- I. Bexar County Center for Health Care Services
- J. Heritage Plaza
- K. HEB Parking Garage

- 1. VIA Centro Plaza
- 2. Historic Market Square
- 3. Milam Park
- 4. Main Plaza
- 5. The River Walk
- 6. La Villita Plaza
- 7. Rivercenter Mall
- 8. The Alamo
- 9. Convention Center
- 10. Hemisfair Park
- 11. Southtown Arts District
- 12. King William Historic District
- 13. City Hall

- Capital Improvement Areas
- UTSA and Partner Potential Development Area
- Future Development Projects
- Campus Boundary



# Downtown Campus | Conceptual Framework



Encourage and create opportunities for **synergistic partner development** through physical accommodations and programmatic connections

Make or reinforce **intentional physical connections to key off-campus destinations** (i.e. key neighborhoods, such as the Historic Westside, internship/practicum partners, collaborator businesses, community amenities, and cultural destinations)

- Existing UTSA Building
- Potential New Development
- Key Open Space
- Cultural Landmark/Area

# Downtown Campus | Principles

## Principle #2

Embrace the urban environment of San Antonio

## Principio #2

Incorporar el entorno urbano de San Antonio

## Urban Environment Feedback Themes:

- Desire for more open space and amenities in this district
- Significant areas around downtown should be better integrated, such as Milam Park and Market Square



# Downtown Campus | Long-Term Plan





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# Downtown Campus | Local Art and Culture

The Downtown Campus will explore opportunities to incorporate local art installations and/or cultural events to enrich its connection to the San Antonio Community.



**Blue Star Contemporary Art Museum**

*Yanaguana* by Alex Rubio



**Westside**

*Brighter Days* by  
Adriana Garcia



**Interstate 35 Underpass**

San Antonio Street Art  
Initiative

## Downtown Campus | Principles

### Principle #3

Enhance pedestrian connections to surrounding areas and connect campus facilities

### Principio #3

Mejorar las conexiones peatonales al entorno y conectar las instalaciones del campus

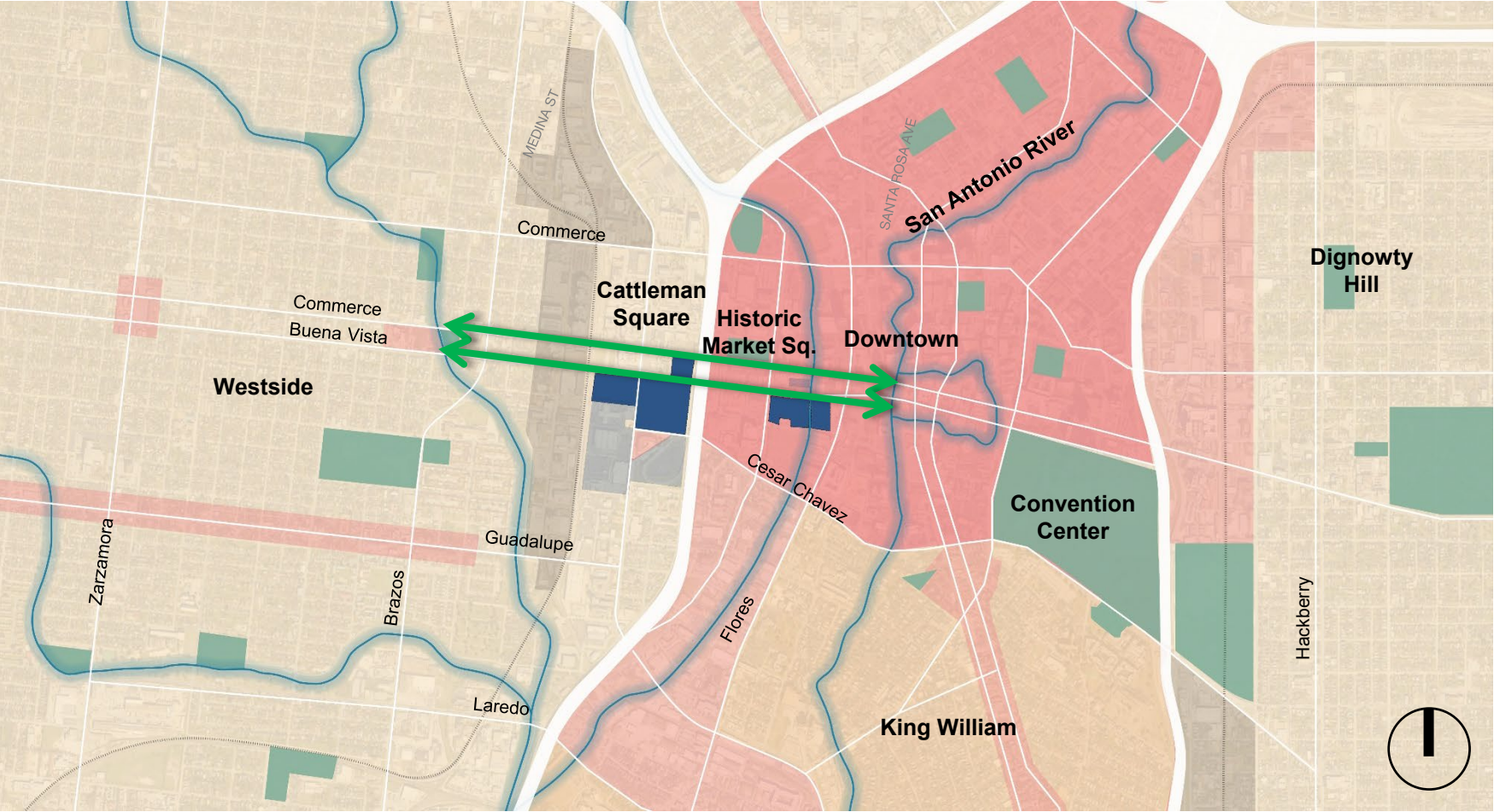
## **Pedestrian Connections Feedback Themes:**

- **Desire for more safe and comfortable sidewalks and paths**
- **Need to enhance the connection to public transit**



# Downtown Campus | Campus Context

UTSA is situated between the Westside and Downtown San Antonio and adjacent to a number of cultural, historic, and commercial venues.

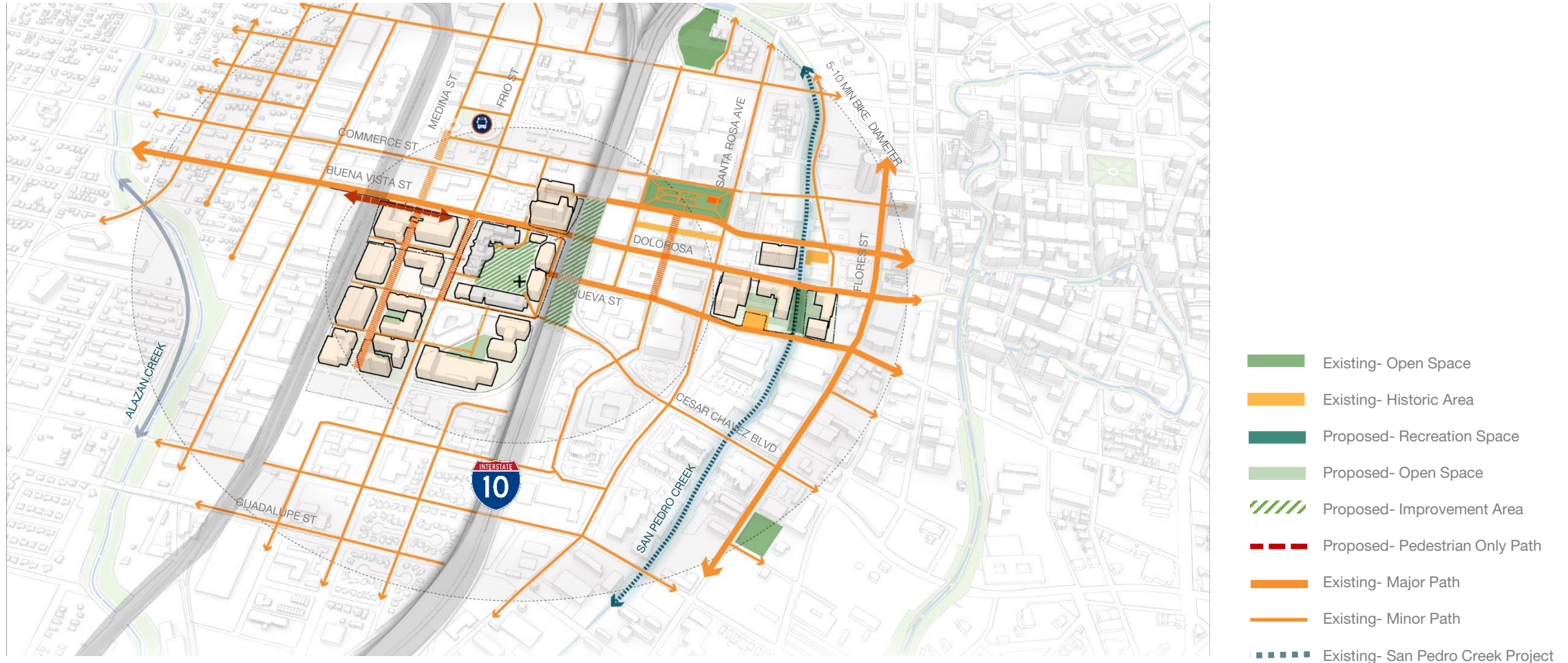


➡ Potential Streetscape Connection



# Downtown Campus | Campus Framework Pedestrian/Open Space Network

Public realm and streetscape improvements along key corridors will link a hierarchy of open spaces and connect to the surrounding community.





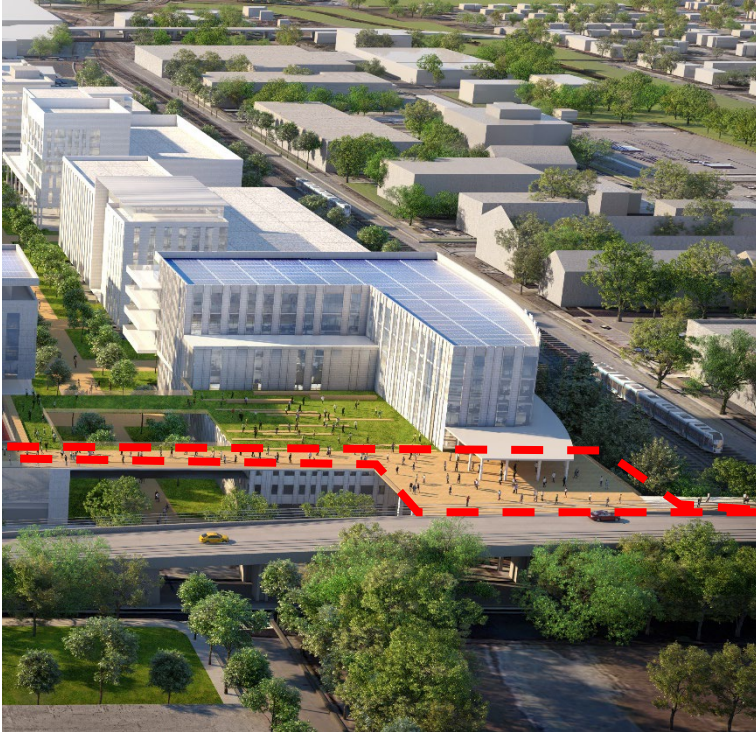
# Downtown Campus | **Westside Crossing**





# Downtown Campus | Pedestrian Overpass

A well-designed pedestrian bridge can create an inviting and accessible link between the UTSA Campus and the Westside.



High Line, New York

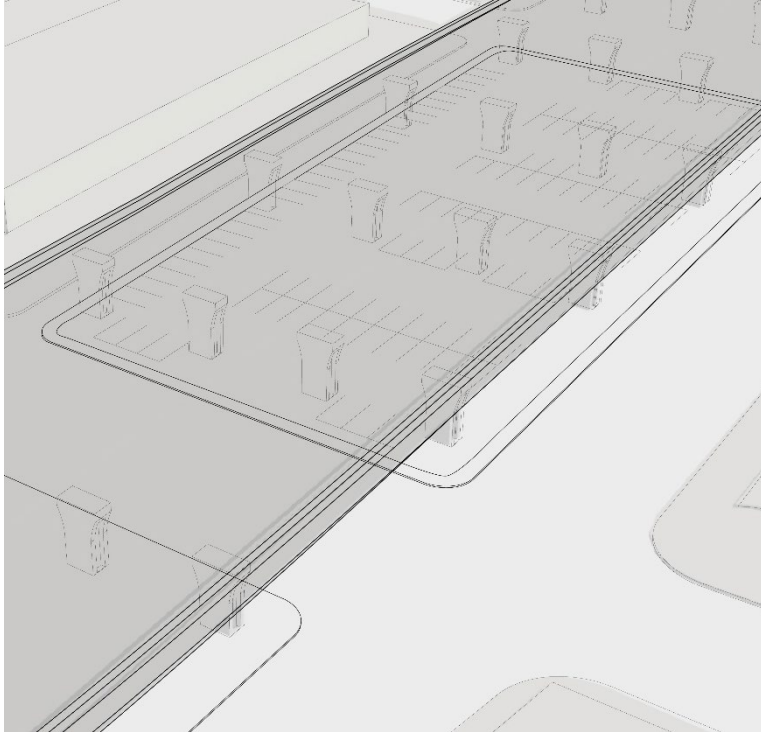


Pfluger Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge, Austin



# Downtown Campus | Highway Underpass Improvements

The highway underpass is an opportunity that can evolve along with the campus and district, from an area used exclusively for parking, to a place with temporary and eventually permanent activation.



Existing condition parking lots



Near-term temporary uses at street crossings



Long-term permanent improvement to key areas

# Downtown Campus | Highway Underpass Improvements

Temporary activation at the primary underpass crossings along Dolorosa and Nueva can enliven and enrich the pedestrian experience in the short term.



**Certified Farmers' Market,  
Sacramento**



**Interstate 35 Underpass**

*Ballroom Luminoso* by Blessing Hancock and Joe O'Connell



# Downtown Campus | Highway Underpass Improvements

Permanent installations of artwork, lighting, and recreational uses can create an underpass that is a desirable attractor to the campus area, not simply a place to move through.



Underground at Ink Block,  
Boston



Underpass Park, Toronto

## Downtown Campus | Principles

### Principle #4

Create a complete, comprehensive UTSA Campus

### Principio #4

Crear un campus de UTSA completo y abarcador



## Comprehensive Campus Feedback Themes:

- Need for affordable housing options without displacement
- Desire for housing to accommodate both students and employees
- Opportunities to share facilities or services with surrounding organizations

# Downtown Campus | Campus Framework Primary Building Uses



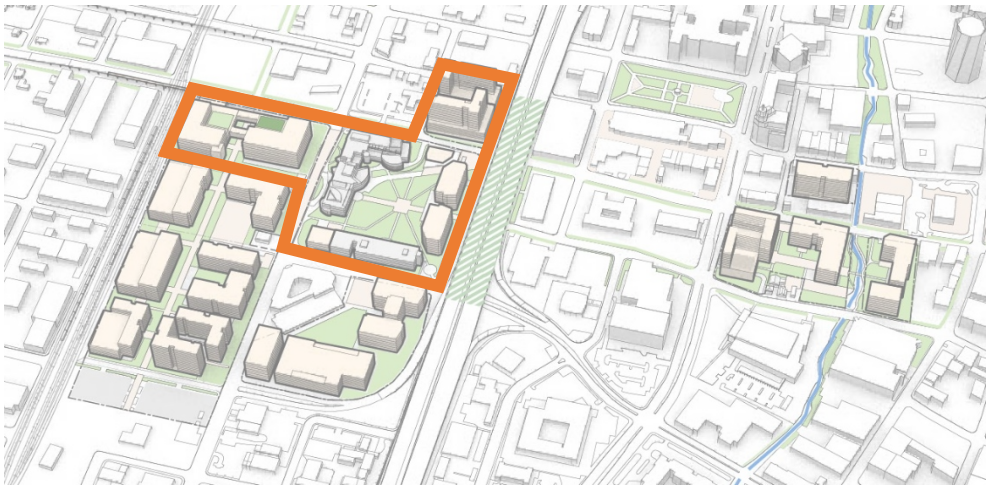
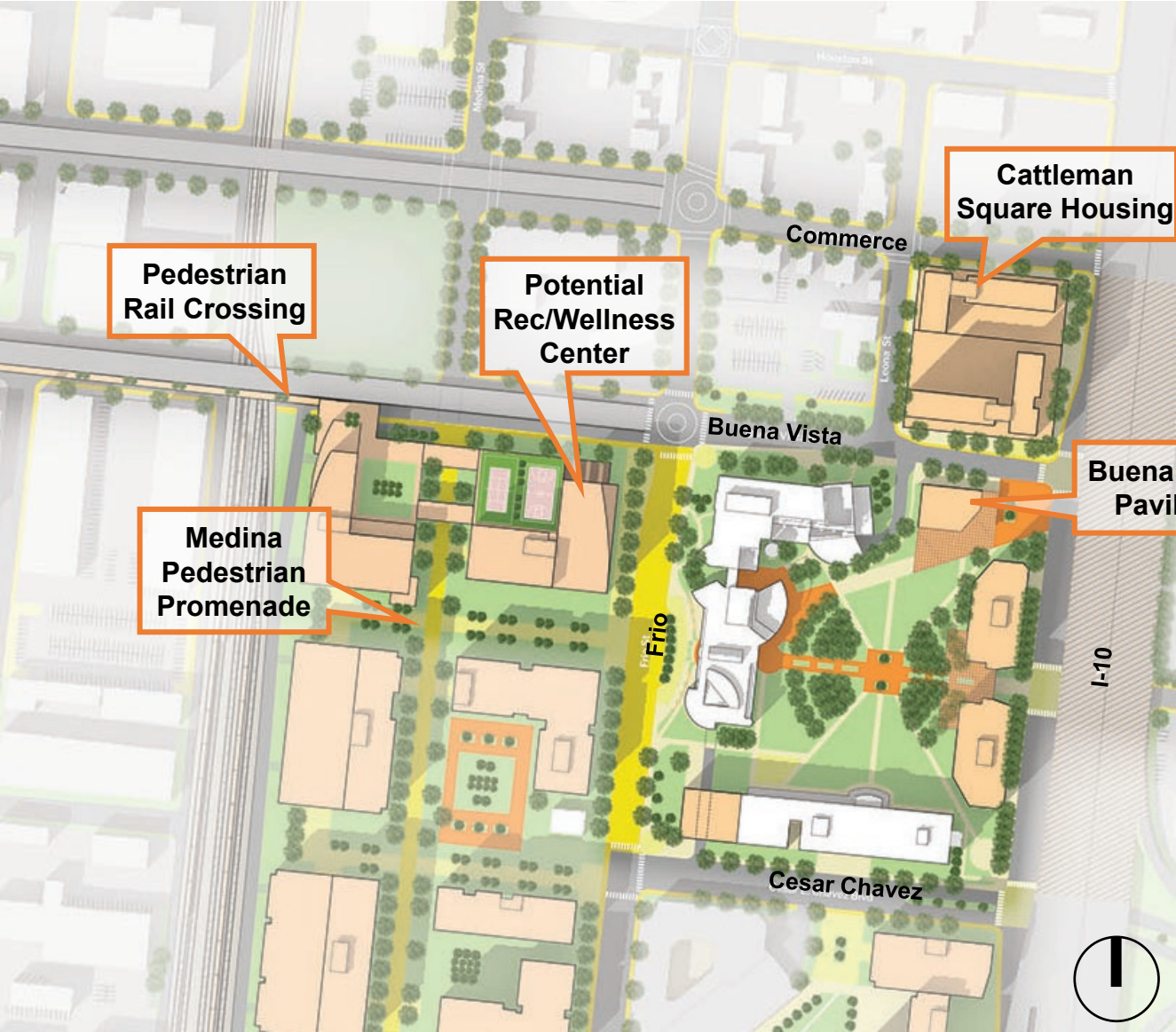


# Downtown Campus | Districts





# Downtown Campus | Districts UTSA Property West of I-10





# Downtown Campus | Buena Vista Entry Pavilion



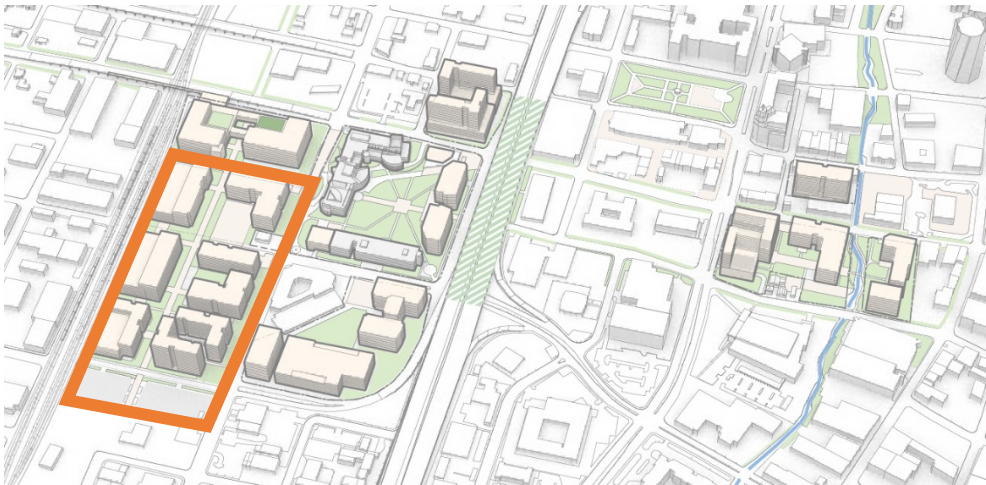


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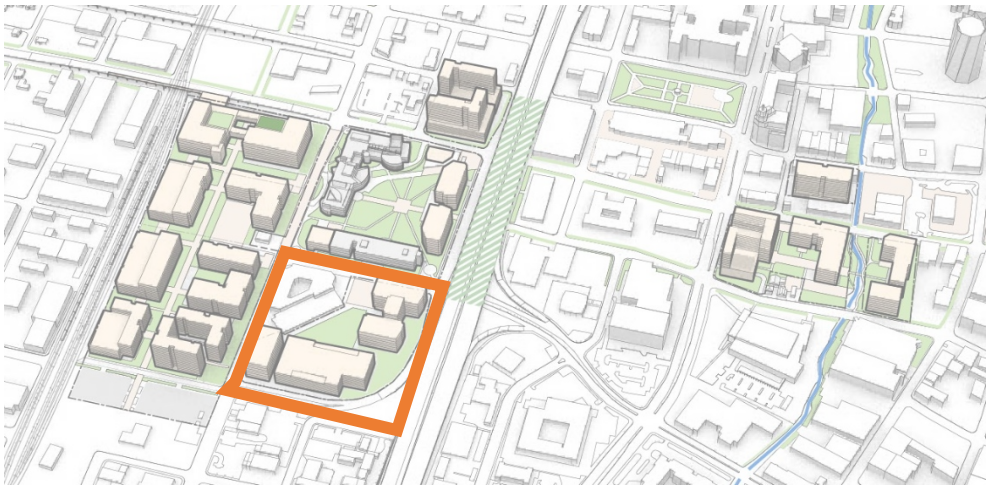
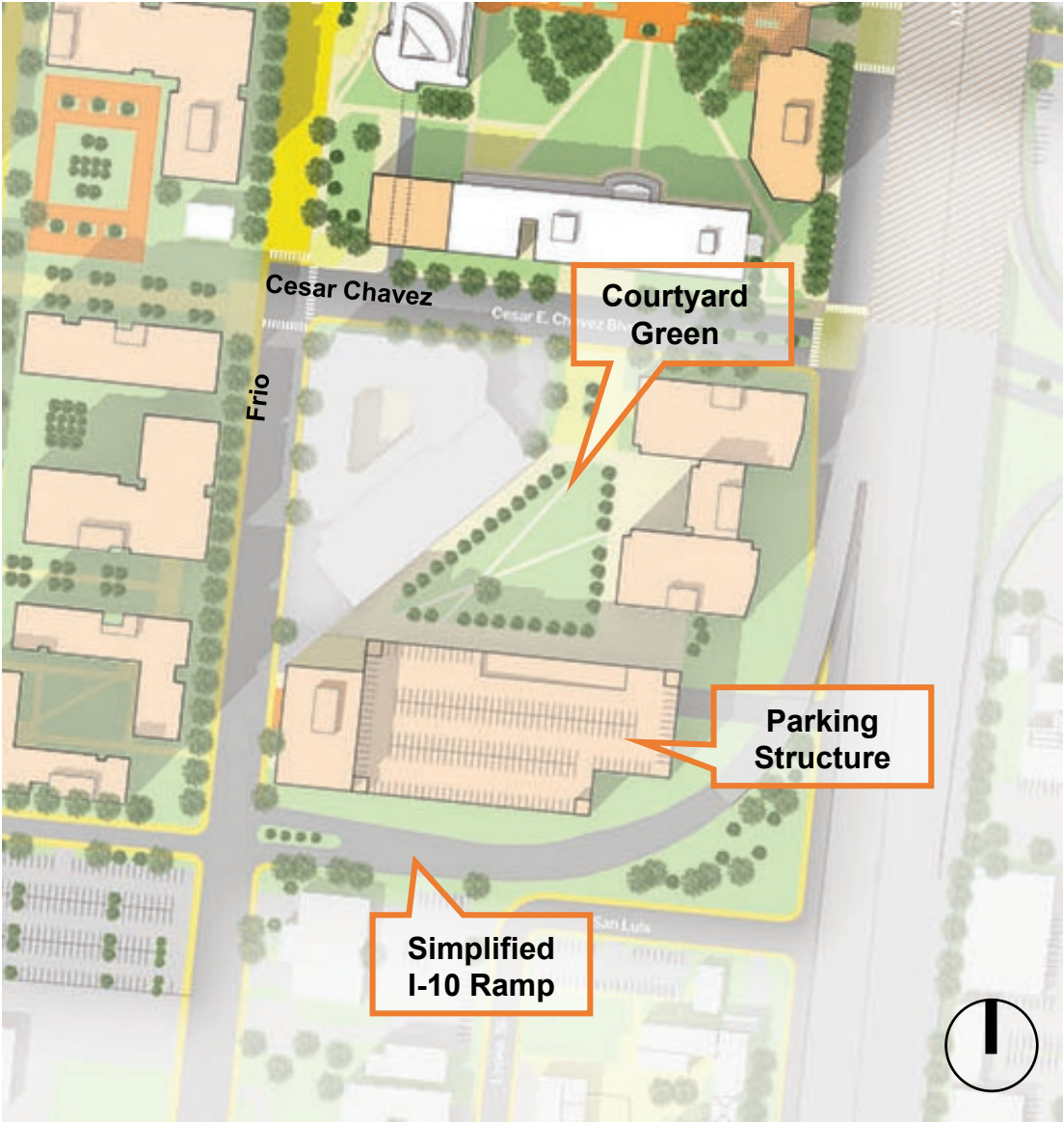




# Downtown Campus | Districts City of San Antonio Land

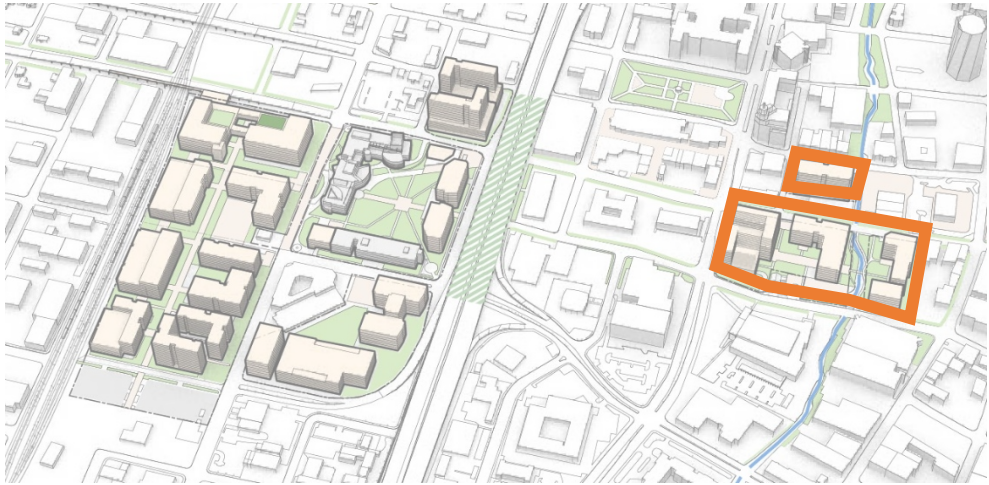
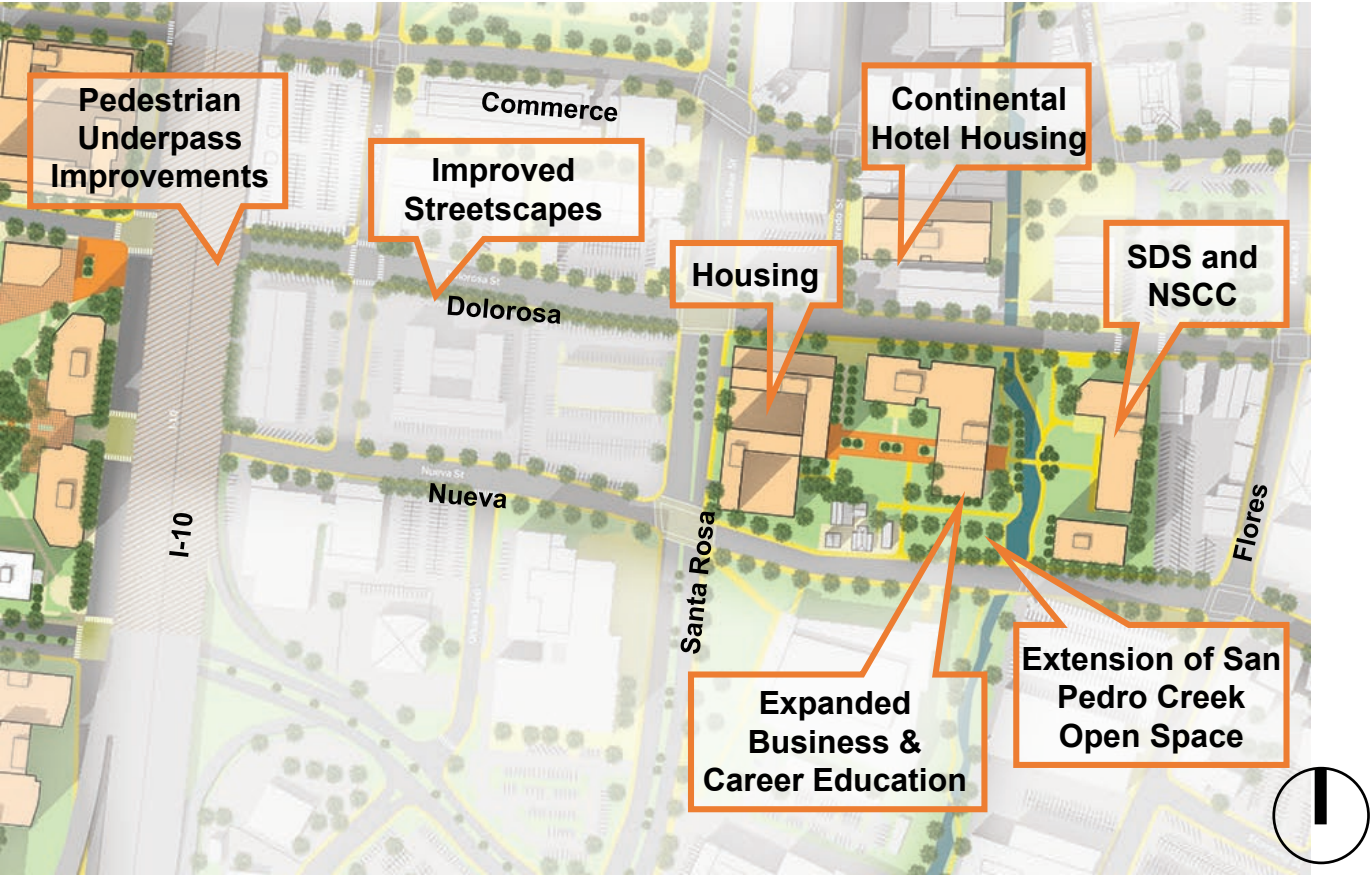


# Downtown Campus | Districts TXDOT Property





# Downtown Campus | Districts **Parcels East of I-10**



# **3 Main Campus Draft Plan**



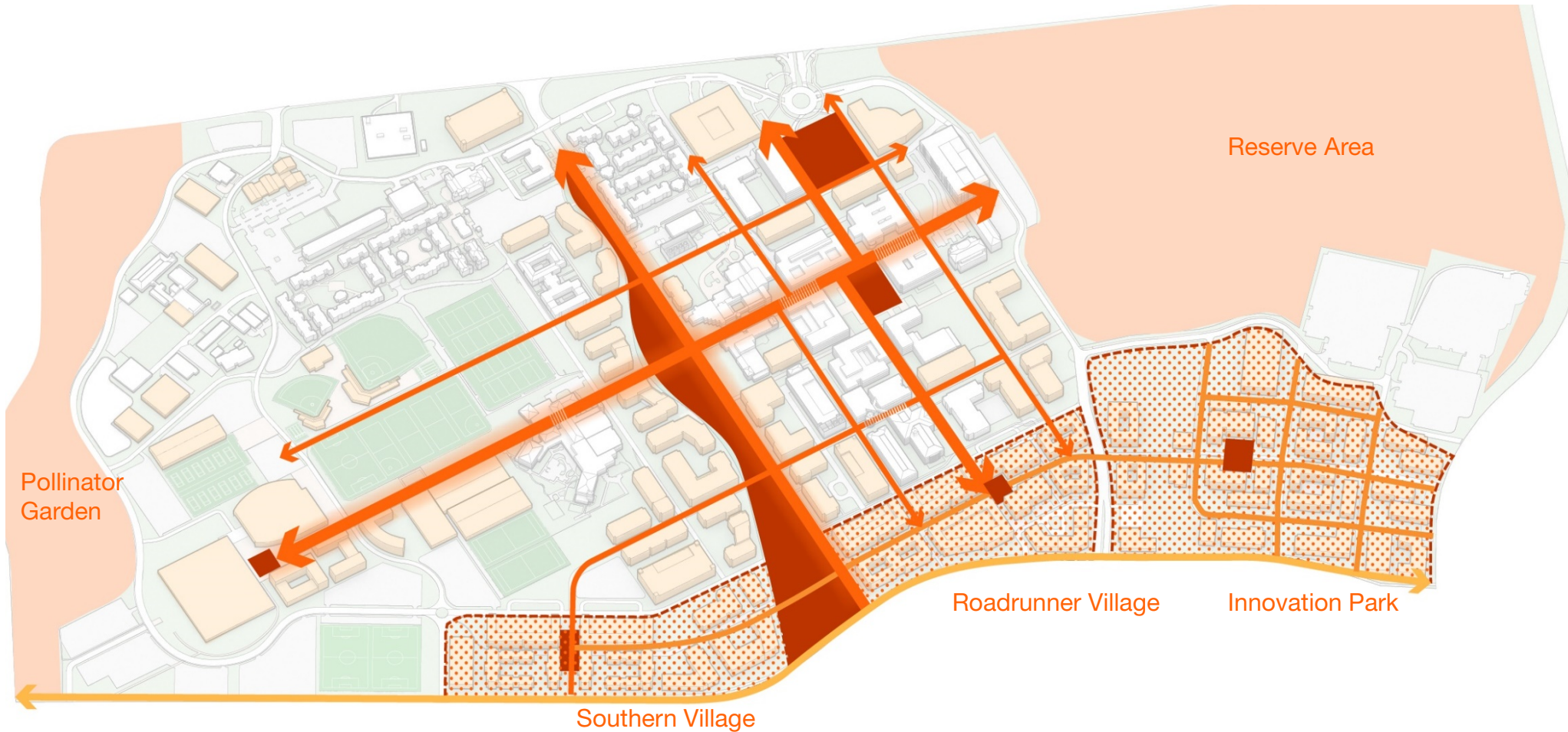
# Main Campus | Planning Principles

- Support a robust research enterprise through **interdisciplinary collaboration** and **partnership opportunities**
- Increase **access to open space** and celebrate the **campus natural context**
- Promote a **pedestrian-oriented** and **compact campus core**
- Encourage **mixed-use** and improved **connections** between uses





# Main Campus | Conceptual Framework



Accommodate **significant additional square footage** on campus to meet research space needs and population growth

**Co-locate complementary and synergistic programs** such as academic programs, housing, student support, and partner facilities

Create **indoor and outdoor gathering spaces** to promote interaction and collaboration



# Main Campus | Long-Term Plan





# Main Campus | Paseo Verde





# Main Campus | Roadrunner Village Plaza



## 4 Next Steps



# Next Steps | Opportunities for Additional Information and Feedback

## MASTER PLAN WEBSITE

- <https://www.utsa.edu/masterplan>

## WRITE YOUR FEEDBACK OR IDEAS TO:

### MASTER PLAN EMAIL

- [masterplan@utsa.edu](mailto:masterplan@utsa.edu)

### MASTER PLAN TEXT NUMBER

- 830-339-2252