

San Antonio Climate Ready Town Hall Summary

February 24, 2018

8:30-11:30 AM

UTSA Downtown Campus, Assembly Room Bueno Vista 1.338

Overview

Over 90 community members attended the Saturday, February 24th Town Hall event at UTSA's Downtown Campus. Facilitators from the City of San Antonio and CPS Energy led discussions at 10 tables about the participants' visions and priorities for the SA Climate Ready process. The following questions were asked at each table:

1. *What is your VISION for a climate-ready San Antonio by 2040 and beyond? What do we need to do to be ready to deal with the impacts of our changing climate for communities, business, transportation, and energy? How do we make sure that all San Antonians share and benefit from this vision?*
2. *What are your PRIORITIES for a climate-ready San Antonio? What do you think is important in the planning process? What is important to address in the outcome of the plan?*

SA Climate Ready VISION: Overarching Themes

- Improved pedestrian and bike infrastructure and increased access to public transit options
- Increase in electric vehicles (EV) with more EV charging stations
- Robust transportation demand management (TDM) strategies (e.g. HOV lanes, carpools, car share, ride share, flexible work schedules, telecommuting, incentives for transit)
- Land use that is focused on infill redevelopment, transit-oriented development, and smart growth
- "Greening" San Antonio with urban tree canopy and climate-appropriate landscaping
- Model city for a new energy industry around renewables
- Building energy efficiency through more stringent building and energy codes
- Equity lens for all policies and strategies with robust community involvement
- Education and outreach on the impact of climate change in the city

SA Climate Ready PRIORITIES: Overarching Themes

- Outreach in the community with neighborhoods and places of worship using different types of outreach in multiple languages
- Data transparency and continued data collection throughout the process
- Policies and incentives that are implementable, effective, and reflect the climate plan goals
- Student participation and engagement through school organizations and programs
- Messaging that makes climate change more personal (i.e. how it impacts you and what you can do)
- Political will and elected officials to champion the policies now and into the future

