North 1st St Local Transit Village

July 2019
Survey Background

• The purpose of the survey was to gather input on the Concept Plans that will refine the features of the North 1st St Local Transit Village
• The survey was open to the public from June 10 – July 17, 2019
• The link to the survey was posted on the project website
• 103 participants took the survey; 54 provided additional comments
In regard to **community and quality of life**, the North 1st Street Local Transit Village should:

Connect the existing and new residential neighborhoods to the North 1st Street corridor through safe, convenient, and pleasant public spaces.
Concept Plans

• In regard to transportation, the North 1st Street Local Transit Village should prioritize:

Walking, biking, public transit, and other modes of transportation so people feel healthier and more connected while being less dependent on cars.

○ 1 – Should not
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○ 5 – Should
Concept Plans

• In regard to transportation, the North 1st Street Local Transit Village should prioritize:

Parking and driving, even if this means there is less room for public spaces, and pedestrians and cyclists will find it more difficult to travel safely and conveniently.
Concept Plans

• In regard to **transportation**, the North 1st Street Local Transit Village should prioritize:

  A healthy and sustainable neighborhood. We should improve the streetscape to encourage pedestrian and bicycle travel throughout the village and to promote public health.

![Pie chart showing preferences]

- 1 – Should not
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Concept Plans

- In regard to **village layout**, the North 1st Street Local Transit Village should:

  Mix residential and commercial developments as much as possible to make it easier for people to live, work, and find their services close by.

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Concept Plans

• In regard to **housing**, the North 1\textsuperscript{st} Street Local Transit Village should:

  Be predominantly multifamily buildings, including affordable housing opportunities.

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Summary of Comments

• Of the 103 survey takers, 54 people filled out the comments box.

• The majority expressed concern about affordable housing.

• 14 respondents are enthusiastic about live/work and mixed-use concepts.
  o “Active ground floors should expand to include more than traditional retail. Community spaces, small businesses, live/work, art studios and some light industrial (like Midtown Arts Mercantile) are beneficial ground floor uses that activate the street. We need more than banks and coffee and food to activate the ground floor.”

• 7 respondents want the plan to support local businesses.
  o “Commercial spaces should be accessible to dedicated local business owners, who generate stronger, more stable neighborhood communities and foster support for new developments [rather] than large national chains.”
Summary of Comments

• 12 respondents want the design to focus on bike/transit access and other sustainable concepts.
  o “It should meet the highest ecological standards for landscape and building design, utilizing regenerative landscape methods and integrating regenerative food production along the way (think rooftop gardens for new buildings and pockets for community gardening).”

• 8 respondents are concerned about parking impacts.
  o “The main justification for this zoning is that it's close to light rail, but everyone knows that nobody uses it to actually get to work or around downtown... We need to be pragmatic about this and realize that the majority of people coming downtown or to these transit villages are going to be coming by car. That means multi-level garages like the one at San Pedro Square. It's a big part of why that area has been so successful.”
Additional Information

• Out of 103 respondents, 82 people live within 2 miles of the project limits
• All live within 5 miles of the project limits
• Many comments reflect a desire for a large grocery store
• Several respondents would like the village to reflect the multicultural diversity of the area
• Many would like the project developers to address the homeless situation in the area
Thank You