

City of Corpus Christi



# Uptown Corridors

REVITALIZATION STRATEGY - STAPLES & LEOPARD

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #1

July 13, 2021



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## Meeting Summary



## Meeting Details

The first Technical Advisory Meeting for Uptown Corridors Revitalization strategy for Staples & Leopard St took place on July 13, 2021. Asakura Robinson and City of Corpus Christi Planning Department led the meeting and facilitated the discussions. A total of 19 committee members attended the meeting.

Keren Costanzo, the project manager with City of Corpus Christi started off the meeting with welcoming all attendees and introducing the project. The consultant team then presented the project timeline, study area, and Needs Assessment key findings. Following that, visioning activities were facilitated by the consultant team to discuss strengths, and key challenges for the project. Lastly, the station activities for the Open House were presented to the group. This meeting summary document summarizes the information presented during the meeting and the discussion that followed.

A PDF of the presentation, Community open house flyer, and Online survey flyer are available on the project website at [www.cctexas.com/uptown](http://www.cctexas.com/uptown) and can be viewed using the following links:

Presentation - [First Technical Advisory Meeting](#) (July 13, 2021)

Flyer - [Community Open House](#) (July 28, 2021 5:30 to 7:00 PM)

Flyer - [Community Survey](#) (through August 15, 2021)

## Presentation Summary

The presentation by the consultant team included the following:

### **Project overview**

Project description

Project timeline

### **Study area**

Staples Street from Six Points to Interstate 37 and Leopard Street from Upper Broadway to the Crosstown Expressway

### **Schedule of upcoming Public Engagement**

Technical Advisory Group Meeting - July 13, 2021

Business Working Group meeting - July 28, 2021

Open House - July 28, 2021 5:30 to 7:00 PM

### **Key findings from the Needs Assessment Report**

Demographics

Transportation

Land use/ Building use

Corridor Conditions

### **Discussion**

Vision activities

Station activities

## Feedback for Key findings from Needs Assessment report

### Trash Collection

Trash collection and curbside pick-up should be taken into account for the project recommendations to avoid conflicts

### Historical Survey Data

Historical data for the 1990s that was recently geocoded was shared with the consultants.

## Feedback for Vision Activities

### What are the strengths of the corridors?

It is well served by infrastructure

The corridor is home to iconic/ institutional businesses/entrepreneurs

There are many vacant historical buildings with great architecture, which can be an opportunity for revitalization

The corridor falls on many daily commuter routes and also has many restaurants

### What are the key challenges the corridors are facing?

The study area poses many challenges to walking due to inhospitable environment and increased effects of urban heat because of lack of trees and shading structures

There is a large homeless population which add to the concerns of it being unsafe to walk.

The homeless shelters are running at 100% capacity, and one of the shelters has plans of relocating but the efforts will only be possible by summer 2022.

In addition to the population of people who are homeless, there is an observed additional population of those that prey on the vulnerability of the homeless population to conduct illegal activities.