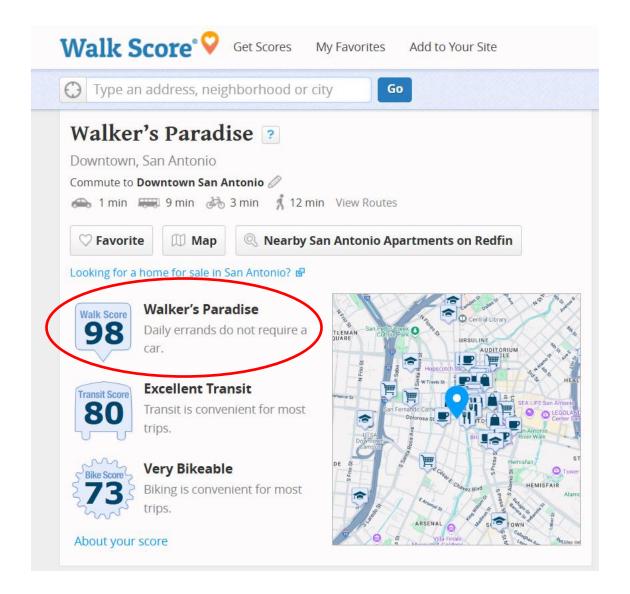




Respondents expressed strong interest in more shaded open spaces (76%), diverse local food options (70%), and enhanced walkability (75%).

38% would visit downtown more if walking felt more comfortable







Is Downtown a "Walker's Paradise?"



Top survey takers' concerns: lack of shade, sidewalk conditions, and lighting

Downtown temperatures often <u>feel 10–15°F hotter</u> due to the lack of tree canopy



40% of residents rate downtown as 'very safe' Regular visitors feel safer—indicating <u>a perception gap</u>



Cleanliness and visible staffing (Ambassadors, SAPD) matter most



Safety Placemaking Mobility Strategic Planning Economic Vitality



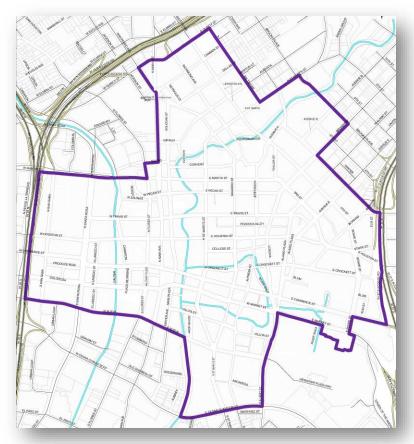
Safety Through Presence

- +100 Ambassadors covering .83 sq. miles
- SAPD and private security partnerships
- Unhoused outreach with dignity









How does Centro Reimagine Public Space?



Placemaking as Prevention

Activation reduces crime and improves safety

Art Everywhere and La Zona

• Art Everywhere has unveiled **over 180 downtown murals and** art activations.

Guayabera Fest 2025

4,762 visitors — a 145% increase from 2024

Stars and Stripes on Houston Street - 2024 stats

114,000 visitors and +25 Houston Street partners

Holidays on Houston Street - 2024 stats

565.5K visitors and 70% non-local visitors







Micromobility: The Little Runner in partnership with UTSA sponsored by VIA

- 9,500+ rides in 12 weeks
- Equitable, electric fixed-route, and dynamic circulator
- Led to VIA expanding VIA Link service downtown







Strategic Framework Plan - Strategies

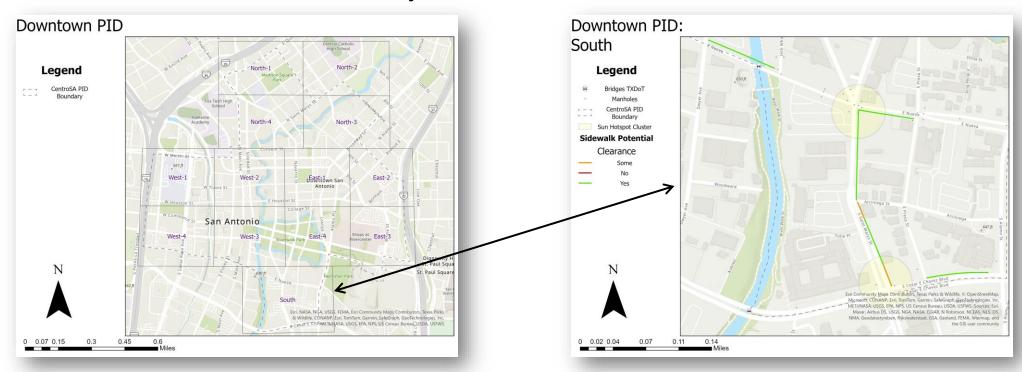
- Build on Anchor Institutions & Catalytic Investments
- Expand Housing Supply Across the Continuum
- Invigorate the Public Realm
- Curate Local Retail, Food, and Beverage
- Broadcast Downtown's Value and Identity





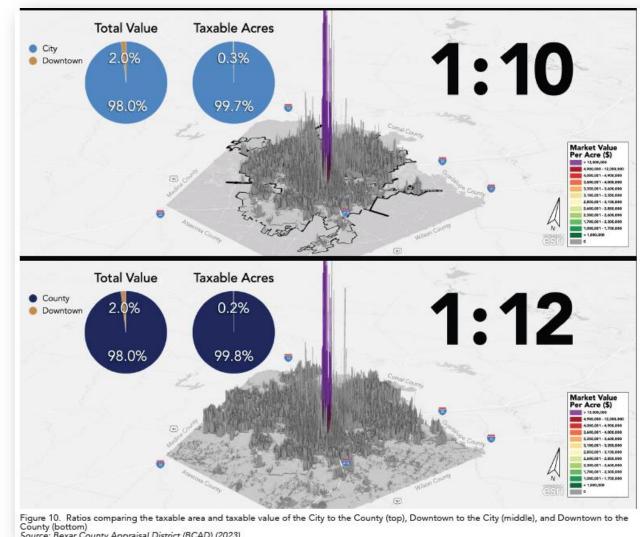
Trees Everywhere! in partnership with UTSA Graduate Student, Stephen Hernandez GIS Mapping of Tree Placement – Extreme Heat with Underground and Sidewalk Clearance

- 100 Trees Downtown in 1 year
- 1,000 Trees Downtown in 10 years





- Downtown = <1% of land but >7% of property tax revenue
- Downtown is 10 times as productive as the city and 12 times as productive as the county.
- Dense, walkable areas outperform car-centric areas in tax productivity
- Walkability is fiscal stewardship, not just urban design



Source: Bexar County Appraisal District (BCAD) (2023)



Upcoming Investment Opportunities

2027 Bond offers chance to fund sidewalks, trees, lighting, ADA improvements like we did with Broadway in the 2017 Bond

Align capital investments like the Sports and Entertainment District and Minor League Baseball Stadium with placemaking and pedestrian safety







Walkability requires alignment across:

- City and County policy and investment
- Agencies transit, public works, law enforcement
- Communities residents, businesses, advocates
- Leadership = walking the walk, together



