



Central Main Street Neighborhood Area Plan

City Council Study Session

October 19, 2009

Council Strategic Initiatives

- **Economic Development** that is innovative and business-friendly that includes a variety of strategic tools, re-development of older and vacant areas, **and a focus on the downtown.**

Coordination of Efforts

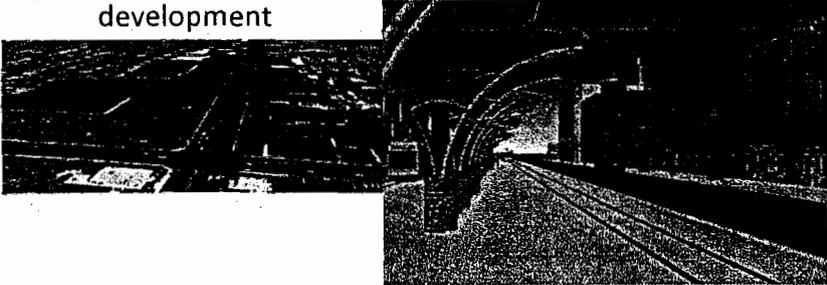


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Reasons to begin this planning process

Extension of Light Rail

- Light rail a catalyst for redevelopment
 - Proactively prepare for change
- Preparation of Federal Small Starts application
 - Show land use/transportation connections
 - Need planning and zoning tools to implement mixed-use development



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Reasons to begin this planning process

Energy and Environment Stimulus Grant (DOE)

- Purpose of grant to improve energy efficiency
- Can be used to create plans and zoning tools to facilitate more sustainable development



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Reasons to begin this planning process

Update Town Center Plan

- Current plan approved in January 2000
- Many projects completed
- Completed Arts Center and coming Light Rail are catalysts for change



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Plan Objectives:

- Facilitate redevelopment into mixed-use, higher intensity, transit-oriented development pattern
- Enhance economic potential
- Create a greater sense of place
- Incorporate and improve sustainability practices

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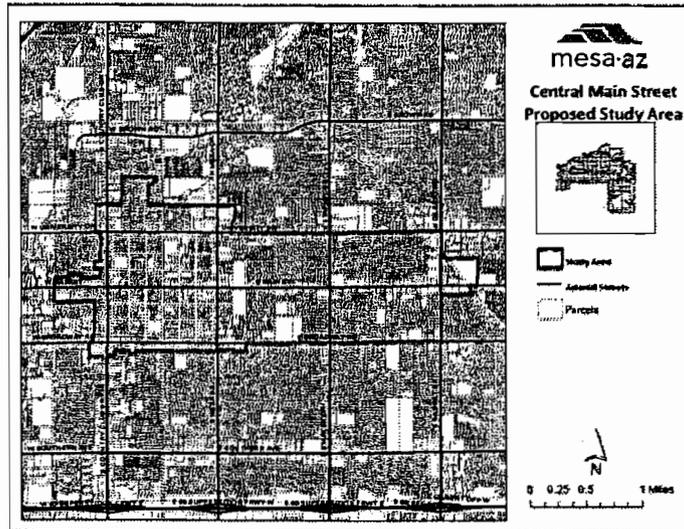
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Plan Objectives (cont.):

- Update Town Center Concept Plan
- Facilitate transition from new development to existing neighborhoods
- Identify capital improvements needed for redevelopment

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Planning Area Boundaries



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Funded through DOE stimulus grant – EECBG

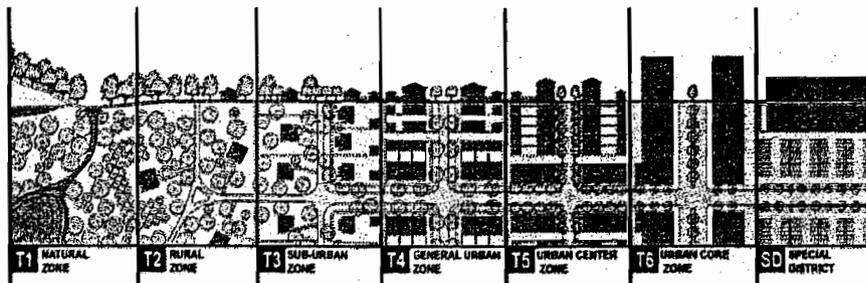
The grant will:

- Fund one staff position to oversee and develop the plan
 - Similar process as previous sub-area plans
 - Final product will be a planning document that addresses the plan objectives listed previously to encourage mixed-use development

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- Allow us to contract with a consultant accomplish two things:
 - Draft a form-based code as part of the zoning ordinance



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- Prepare the plan to apply the form-based code to the light rail corridor



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Participation in the planning process:

- Internal staff working committees
- Coordination with Light Rail Stakeholders
- Plan Advisory Committee
- Neighborhood Input sessions
- Periodic updates to Boards and Council
- Final recommendations and approval

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Draft timeline:

- PAC begins work – November 2009
- Citizen Input Session(s) to review/establish needs – January 2010
- Consultant begins work – January 2010
- Citizen meeting(s) to review goals and objectives – May/June 2010

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Draft timeline (cont.)

- Update to Boards and Council – June 2010
- Citizen meeting(s) on draft plan – October 2010
- Final draft plan through review process – November/December 2010

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End Products and Outcomes

- Form-based code
 - Downtown, station areas, other locations
- Neighborhood Plan
 - Specific station area plans
 - Facilitate redevelopment
 - Targeted public improvements
- Easier redevelopment in station areas

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Comments
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Questions?

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Mesa Fire Department



Presentation to Council
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FY 2009 American Recovery and Revitalization Act Security Grant Program Assistance to Firefighter Grants

The purpose of the FY 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Security Grant Program (SGA) is to create or save jobs in recession-hit areas and achieve other purposes stated in ARRA. In addition, the program strives to achieve Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG) goals for firefighter safety and improved response capability/capacity based on need through the construction, renovation or modification of fire stations.

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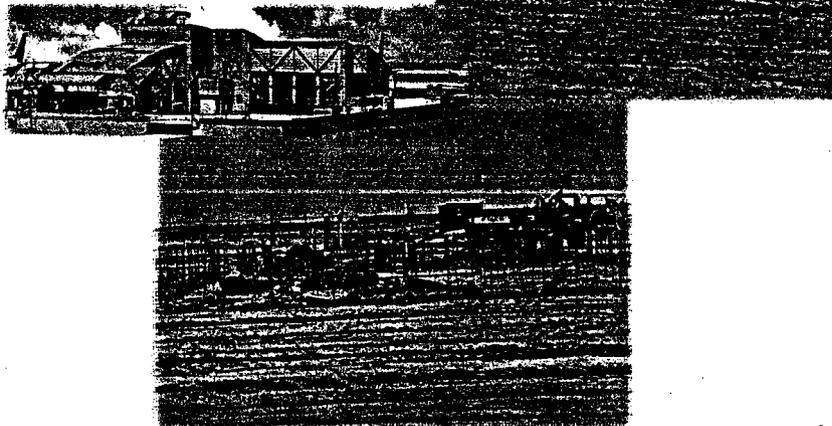
Current Status

- **Station 215** (Texas Avenue and Sossaman):
Construction underway with anticipated completion in **August 2010**
- **Station 218** (8th Street and Alma School):
Construction underway with anticipated completion in **February 2010**

Both projects are funded through 2008 Public Safety Bond Program

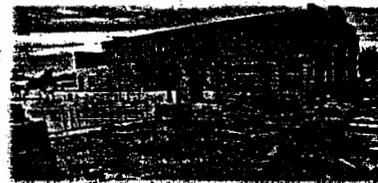
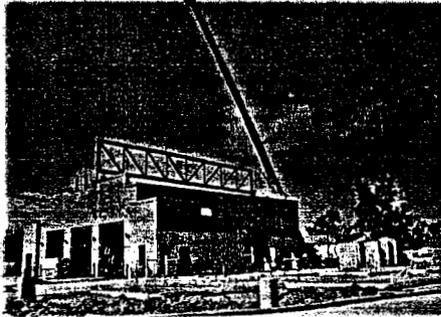
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Station 215 Construction Update



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Station 218 Construction Update



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Current Status Stations 219 and 220

- **Station 219 (Elliott and Signal Butte):**
Design will be completed by the end of **October 2009**
- **Station 220 (58th Street and Main):**
Land purchased in 2008 using Public Safety Bond funds. Design will be completed by the end of **January 2010**

Both projects are funded through a combination of 2008 Public Safety Bond Program and ARRA SGA Grants

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Current Status Stations 219 and 220

However.....

- Grants for both stations (219 and 220) require an Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) Review – report has been submitted
- Projects cannot commence until the EHP is approved
- EHP approval may take 3-6 months

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QUESTIONS

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