

TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE Meeting Agenda
August 13, 2008, 4:00 PM
Frio Street Building, Room FS 1.402
UTSA Downtown Campus

1. Housekeeping

- Meeting Dates and Locations
- Website Update
- Logo

2. Committee Overview

- Transportation Vision
 - Planning for Transportation
 - Paying for Transportation
 - Transportation and Commercial/Residential Demands
 - Transportation and the Economy
- Committee Staffing

3. Transportation Vision Discussion

“An experienced Australian traveler once said that on business trips to Australian cities he could reckon to make four meetings in a day,” writes Thomson (1977:48). “In Europe he could manage five; in the United States he could manage only three.” The reason behind the variations in this traveler’s itineraries was not an American propensity for long meetings, or the speed of travel in American cities, which is in any case faster than in Western Europe or Australia (Kenworthy and Laube 2002). Instead, the travelers’ business contacts were spread so far apart in American cities that he could manage fewer meetings in a day. His travel speed didn’t especially matter to him; what mattered was the amount of business that he could accomplish for a given investment of time and money. The traveler was expressing an accessibility perspective on transportation.

- What Kind of Community Do We Want?
 - Who’s the Audience?
 - Telling the Story
- What is the Goal of an Improved Transportation System?
 - Growth/Prosperity
 - Mobility/Accessibility
 - Density/Mixed-Use

San Antonio and Bexar County need a more efficient, integrated transportation system that supports our growth and economic development by providing public transit options, improving air quality, and leveraging local resources.