

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING #2 REPORT

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Leander Senior Activity Center, 709 Municipal Dr, Leander, TX 78641

Overview

The Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC) team shared a [presentation](#) with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) to discuss ongoing and potential new community goals to inform the Leander Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan update effort. Key objectives of the presentation and topics discussed include:

- Preview of Joint Workshop #2
 - KKC team to review takeaways from Leander Today Phase, discuss community values and planning priorities for Future Leander Phase, and confirm consensus on plan direction
- Leander Vision and Identity
 - Interactive discussion facilitated by the City's branding advisor, CivicBrand, to explore what defines Leander's character and core values
 - Discuss which aspects of Leander's identity should be preserved or enhanced as the community grows
- Comprehensive Plan: Ongoing and Potential New Community Goals
 - Review of ongoing goals from 2020, relative to potential new community priorities in the 2026 planning effort
- Transportation Master Plan: Improvement Needs/Opportunities
 - Interactive map exercise to identify transportation needs and opportunities throughout the city

Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ROLE
Laura Davis	CPAC	Appointed by Council Member Michael Herrera, Place 2
Mark Moore	CPAC	Appointed by Council Member Natomi Blair, Place 3
Anita Chumnananvech	CPAC	Appointed by Council Member Annette Sponseller, Place 4
Monique Boakes	CPAC	Appointed by Council Member Andrew Naudin, Place 5
Laura Lantrip	CPAC	Appointed by Mayor Pro Tem/Council Member Becki Ross, Place 6
Joseph Morales	CPAC	Planning & Zoning Commission Member, Place 2
Marcia Back	CPAC	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair
Tiesa Hollaway	CPAC	Economic Development Committee Member
Bridget Brandt	CPAC	Leander Chamber of Commerce, President
Jeremy Trimble	CPAC	LISD Representative
Julie Vaughn	CPAC	Resident in the ETJ
Annette Sponseller	City of Leander	Council Member, Place 4
Michael Chenausky	City of Leander	City Project Manager, Senior Planner
Karina Castillo	City of Leander	Planning Manager
Robin M. Griffin	City of Leander	Executive Director of Development Services
Gary Mitchell	Kendig Keast Collaborative	Consultant Project Manager
Jennifer Mak	Kendig Keast Collaborative	Consultant Deputy Project Manager
Frank Barrera	Lochner	Sub Lead, Multimodal Transportation Planning Lead
Zane Rodriguez	Lochner	Transportation Master Plan Support
Lilly Swank	CD&P	Community Engagement Lead
Layla Ontiveros	CD&P	Community Engagement Support
Brisa Byford	CivicBrand	Branding Project Consultant

Not present: Serenity Coats, Appointed by Mayor Na’Cole Thompson, Andy Eis, Appointed by Council Member Stephen Chang, Place 1, Kyla Spady, Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission (LPACC) Member, Place 8

Notes

Community Perspectives for Branding Process

- Key City strengths re-emphasized from CPAC Meeting #1 include Leander's strong sense of community, diversity, family-friendly environment, and small-town feel
- Leander's proximity to Austin serves as both an asset and a challenge as the City works to establish its own identity
- Longstanding community priorities include strong public safety, high quality schools, and community-oriented values, highlighted by both new and long-term residents
- Leander's natural features, Hill Country character, and regional location make it distinct from similar cities and neighboring communities
- Increasing awareness of local assets, including trails, parks, and historical features, would help the community better utilize and protect Leander's unique resources

Comprehensive Plan Goals

Community Character

- Goals identified in the past that remain ongoing community priorities include:
 - Improve communication and outreach
 - Foster an inclusive community identity
 - Preserve Leander's community-first culture
- Potential new community priorities for the 2026 planning effort include:
 - Preserve natural features as vital community and economic resources
 - Maintain Leander's Hill Country character while encouraging commercial development
 - Expand park and trail connectivity to support multimodal travel and active living
- Additional values to consider in the long term include environmental sustainability, conservation of waterways and native ecosystems, and prioritization of the existing community

Economic Prosperity

- Goals identified in the past that remain ongoing community priorities include:
 - Cultivate a quality and diverse tax base
 - Encourage commercial development and employer attraction to bring jobs to Leander
 - Activate existing potential economic hubs like the Northline district area and area surrounding the Leander CapMetro station
- Potential new community priorities for the 2026 planning effort include:
 - Retain local and small businesses
 - Reduce retail leakage by prioritizing commercial development that brings key amenities to Leander
 - Focus economic strategies at a corridor and regional level
- Additional values to consider in the long term include balanced growth, strategic investment, community safety, and quality of life

Growth and Mobility

- Goals identified in the past that remain ongoing community priorities include:
 - Preserve the high quality of public services currently offered to existing residents amidst ongoing growth
 - Maintain a safe and connected transportation infrastructure with robust capacity to mitigate congestion
- Potential new community priorities for the 2026 planning effort include:
 - Prioritize housing diversification to offer a variety of affordable and attainable housing for a diverse workforce
 - Sustain a long-term water supply through thoughtful planning and growth
 - Utilize public transportation more effectively, including the Leander CapMetro station
- Overall strategies to consider in the future include clarifying and specifying the City's approach to growth management and development of the ETJ

Transportation and Connectivity

- Top transportation infrastructure priorities include improving east-west connectivity and completing the arterial roadway network, with San Gabriel and Lakeline Boulevard highlighted as key future corridors
- Address connectivity challenges between key neighborhoods such as the Travisso area and Leander's economic centers
- Improve multimodal transportation facilities, such as stoplights and walking/biking paths, to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety and encourage non-vehicle transportation
- Make enhancements to key roads to support connectivity throughout Leander, including the Brushy Creek and San Gabriel corridor, and Nameless Road

Photos

