

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC) MEETING #1 REPORT

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall, Council Chambers – 201 N. Brushy Street, Leander, TX 78641

Overview

The Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC) team shared a [presentation](#) with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) to introduce the Leander Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Master Plan update effort and define the CPAC's role. Key objectives of the presentation and topics discussed include:

- Process and Timeline
 - Five project phases
- Purpose of the Plans
 - Prepare for change, establish community priorities, and identify strategic actions to guide future development
- CPAC Role
 - Confirm community needs and priorities, provide input on potential actions, support outreach efforts, and ensure that plans are practical and implementable
- Leander Today
 - Brief overview of collected metrics and trends representing Leander today, including rapid population growth, median age, and housing development
 - Infrastructure considerations, including wastewater service gaps, transportation systems, and public safety data such as crash trends
- Initial Priorities and Focus
 - Identify key challenges such as infrastructure capacity, public safety, traffic and mobility, and growth management
 - Discuss priority locations to align plans development with community needs

Attendees

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ROLE
Serenity Coats	CPAC	Appointed by Mayor Na'Cole Thompson
Andy Eis	CPAC	Appointed by Council Member Stephen Chang, Place 1
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
Kyla Spady	CPAC	Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission (LPACC) Member, Place 8
Tiesa Hollaway	CPAC	Economic Development Committee Member
Chastidy Vernengo	CPAC	Leander Chamber of Commerce, Vice President
Julie Vaughn	CPAC	Resident in the ETJ
Michael Chenausky	City of Leander	City Project Manager, Senior Planner
Karina Castillo	City of Leander	Planning Manager
Kent Souriyasak	City of Leander	Assistant to the City Manager
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

Not present: Bridget Brandt, Leander Chamber of Commerce President (represented by Chastidy Vernengo), Jeremy Trimble, LISD Representative

Also: Other City staff plus public attendees

Notes

Community Perspectives

- Key City strengths include Leander’s strong sense of community, increased public safety, and family-friendly environment
- Factors that make Leander unique include the “small-town feel” in a growing city, increased natural beauty, and available opportunities for residents to actively shape the community
- Growth needs to be managed thoughtfully, cited by both long-term residents highlighting the City’s transformation over 20 years and newer residents witnessing recent changes since 2020

Community Needs and Priorities

Growth and Development

- Balance growth with quality of life and maintain community character
- Consider infrastructure constraints, including wastewater service gaps and long-term water supply, when planning for future growth
- Ensure transportation infrastructure keeps pace with development to maintain quality of life

Economic Development

- Develop Northline and Old Town to be connected, vibrant economic and activity centers
- Create a true “downtown” experience with walkability, connectivity, and integrated parks and trails
- Attract businesses and create local destinations to reduce the need to travel outside of Leander for necessities and entertainment

Transportation and Connectivity

- Address traffic congestion and roadway safety, particularly along key corridors such as Hero Way and RM 2243
- Improve walkability, bike connectivity, and integration of trails to support active living and alternative transportation options
- Expand public transportation options and better utilize existing options like CapMetro

Housing and Affordability

- Improve housing affordability to support essential workers, including teachers and service workers, to be able to live in Leander
- Provide a diverse mix of housing options, including town homes and multi-family units, to increase “attainable housing” in Leander that meets the needs of a range of household types and income levels

Community Amenities and Quality of Life

- Expand community amenities, including recreation centers, parks, and social spaces
- Increase entertainment options and gathering opportunities for all age groups, including young adults and older residents
- Invest in library services, arts, and cultural spaces

Community Identity and Communication

- Cultivate a unified community identity across the different sections of Leander
- Improve communication and expand outreach channels to increase awareness of community and City programs, events, and opportunities

Environmental Considerations

- Preserve natural features, including Brushy Creek, and maintain them as valuable community assets

Photos

