



1 Consultants with HDR Engineering, Inc. presented an overview of the Transportation Master  
2 Plan.

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4 Chair John David Carson commented that narrowing traffic lanes will be important for safety  
5 and cost. Chair Carson also suggested implementing more mass transit options versus adding  
6 more surface parking in and around San Marcos and the University.

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8 Abby Gillfillan stated that transportation alternatives in the Character-Based zoning districts will  
9 need to fit a form-based style.

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11 Citizen, Mark Taylor, commented that introducing greenways and nature into the Transportation  
12 Master Plan will be an important asset for San Marcos.

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14 Vice Chair Sofia Nelson commented that the Transportation Master plan will need to coordinate  
15 closely with the Neighborhood Character Studies.

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17 **Discussion of Recommendation Format to P&Z / City Council**

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19 Chris Wood suggested to defer this discussion item until the Think Tank has received a copy of  
20 the draft code.

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22 Shannon Mattingly commented that in order to avoid reading duplicate text, it is important for  
23 Staff to review the code prior to the Think Tank. Shannon stated that the Think Tank will need to  
24 be the technical reviewers of the new code.

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26 Abby Gillfillan stated that staff will present big ideas within the code to the Think Tank at the  
27 April Think Tank meeting. Abby stated that the Think Tank members should communicate these  
28 big ideas within the code to their representative stakeholder groups and also gather comments.

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30 Chair Carson recommended that the Think Tank recommendation include major issues, point out  
31 important sections, and collectively articulate arguments and perspectives.

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33 Shannon Mattingly suggested that the Think Tank consider formatting the Planning and Zoning  
34 and Council Recommendation with big-discussion items.

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36 **Draft Code Update**

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38 The Think Tank requested not to discuss this item and move on to the next agenda item.

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40 **Open Items**

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42 **a. Council Interim Workshop Update**

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44 Shannon Mattingly informed the Think Tank that on March 30, 2015 the City Council  
45 will hold a workshop to discuss the Preferred Scenario Process (PSA) and to discuss  
46 bonus density associated with the height warrant process. Shannon stated that the

1 Preferred Scenario Process is designated within the City of San Marcos Comprehensive  
2 Plan, *Vision San Marcos*. Shannon stated that bonus density options may include  
3 affordable housing, additional green space, or hike and bike trails.  
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5 Chair Carson stated that changes to the height warrant process and the Preferred Scenario  
6 Process can be addressed within Code SMTX.  
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8 A motion was made to defer agenda items (b) through (f) to the April Think Tank  
9 Meeting.  
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11 **b. Outreach Process**

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13 **c. University Meeting**

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15 **d. Employment Centers**

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17 **e. Economic Modeling**

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19 **f. Regulating Plan Process**  
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22 **Questions from the press and public**

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24 There were no questions from the press or public.  
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26 **Adjourn**

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28 **THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:36**  
29 **P.M.**  
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32 John David Carson, Chair

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Diann McCabe

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Sofia Nelson, Vice Chair

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41 David Singleton

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Betsy Robertson

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46 **ATTEST:**

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