Sam's Club Study Status Update & Completion Options

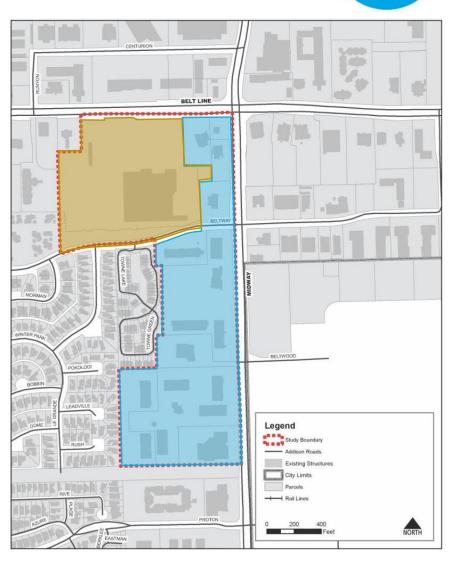
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Past Efforts – Sam's Club Study

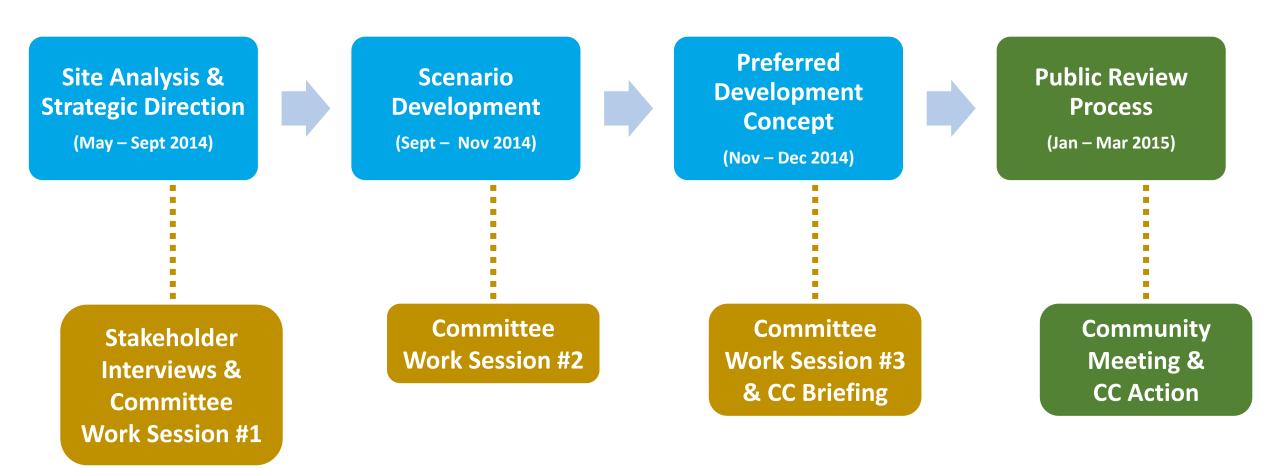
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- 2013 Comprehensive Plan calls for a number of special area studies
 - Sam's Club tract and adjoining properties on the south side of Belt Line, west of Midway Road
 - West side of Midway Road, south of Beltway Drive
- Study Area Attributes
 - 50 acres
 - 11 properties
 - 2014 land use mix:
 - Retail
 - Restaurant
 - Office
 - Hotel



Sam's Club Study Visioning Process





Advisory Committee Strategic Direction



Advisory Committee Composition

- 2 Neighborhood Representatives
- 3 Study Area Property Owners
- 4 Elected / Appointed Officials

Key Themes

- Mixed use on the former Sam's site and Belt Line properties
- Mix residential with flex, office and wellness south of Beltway
- Wall does not need to remain, make pedestrian/bike connections from the existing neighborhoods and maybe vehicular as well – facilitate "organic expansion" of the existing neighborhoods
- Look at some areas with lower density use techniques so existing residents retain their back-yard privacy
- Identify potential areas for outdoor dining, places for people to congregate



Development Alternatives



Neighborhoods Scenario



District Employment



Preferred Development Concept





		Sam's Club Study Area	
		Preferred	Preferred
	Trade Area	Development	Development
Land Use Type	Demand (10-yr)	Program	Program
Residential (Units):			
Townhome/Rowhouse*	4,860	153	3%
Condominiums/Flats	3,240	385	12%
Urban/Loft Apartments	12,900	577	4%
Non-Residential (Sq Ft):			
Retail/Restaurant	5,675,500	61,500	1%
Office/Medical	3,477,735	124,800	4%
Flex Office/Employment	4,636,980	187,200	4%

^{*} Includes live/work units.

Source: Ricker | Cunningham.

Community Meeting Themes – March 2015



Support:

- Good to have a plan to refresh an aging area
- The open spaces and parks
- Walkability and connectivity within the study area as well as with the Town's overall trail system
- Add more ownership residential units in Addison
- Most favored the mixed-use character of the proposal

• Mixed Responses:

- Some supported the overall density, but some felt it was not appropriate
- Some advocated keeping the wall, while others supported its removal
- Some felt inclusion of rental residential units was appropriate and necessary for the project's economics, others did not want additional rental units

Sam's Club Study Outcome – March 2015





Council Direction:

- Limited to Sam's Club property:
 - Liked the layout
 - Encouraged a mixed-use development that should:
 - Include a retail component
 - Maximize residential fee simple ownership
- Consensus direction was not provided for any of the properties with frontage on Midway

Follow Up Discussions



November 2017 Work Session

- Provided feedback on the envisioned land use mix and block pattern
- Shared concerns regarding the transition to existing neighborhoods
- Emphasized need for engagement of adjacent neighborhoods in future dialogue
- Staff indicated that we would bring this back for additional discussion after concluding the Addison Circle Study

October 2019 Work Session

- Provided feedback to initiate a study that considers the existing plan and identifies needed refinements
- Study should take a deeper dive on identified concerns transitions to neighborhoods, housing mix, connectivity, open space, noise mitigation
- Public involvement process to be broad and utilize techniques where we had recent success
- Council to appoint new advisory committee to guide process

Where are we now?



Evolution of the Study Area

- Addison Grove development
- Super 8 Motel fire loss
- Midway Road reconstruction kickoff

Uncertain Market Conditions following COVID-19

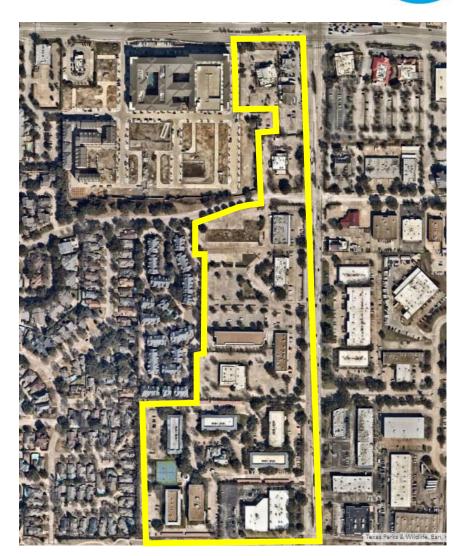
- Retail/restaurant /entertainment /hospitality recovery?
- Office will everyone go back?
- Housing demand remains high, have market preferences changed?

Policy Updates

- Park and Trail Master Plans
- Master Transportation Plan
- 2017 Addison Housing Policy

Active redevelopment interest

- Office in the Park
- Super 8 Motel lot



Moving Forward – Potential Options

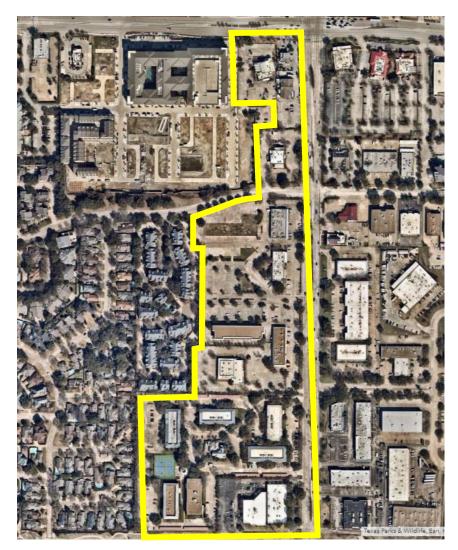


- Option 1: Receive public input and consider action on the existing study
 - Pro: Acknowledges past input/work from previous study
 - <u>Con</u>: May not address outstanding issues from past work, or account for market evolution
- Option 2: Initiate a visioning process that considers and improves upon the existing study (could be a refinement or major departure)
 - Pro: Acknowledges, but learns from and improves upon past work
 - Con: May be too deferential to past work
- Option 3: Do not provide additional policy direction for this area and evaluate redevelopment opportunities as projects are proposed
 - Pro: Allows actual proposals to inform land use decisions; market driven
 - <u>Con</u>: Does not provide a guiding vision and planning framework for incremental redevelopment

Recommended Approach – Option 2



- Direct staff to move forward with Option #2
 - Initiate a visioning process that considers and improves upon the existing study (could be a refinement or major departure)
- If desired, staff to return to City Council with:
 - Engagement of available consultant team members from previous study
 - Project Scope and Public Involvement Plan
 - Request to appoint Advisory Committee Members





Questions?