MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 6/20/2023
To: Planning Commission
From: Kate Kaehny
Subject: City Center/Airport District Subarea Plan Project Briefing: Complete Communities Deep Dive
           Discussion

Summary
At the Commission's upcoming meeting, City staff will facilitate an interactive briefing session on the concept of "complete communities" and how it relates to the City Center/Airport District subarea plan project. This memo provides a brief status update on the project and highlights issues that will be further discussed at the upcoming meeting.

Project Status Update
Since the Commission's last briefing on May 2, City staff and the project consultant have been working on the following activities:
- Compiling the over 400 responses from the online "Big Ideas Poll."
- Continued work on:
    - Identifying community liaisons for project outreach.
    - Preparing for business and property owner engagement process
    - Developing economic/market study and infrastructure assessment.
- Preparing for the next public involvement process, specifically, a series of Community Design Workshops that will be held in mid-July (most likely week of July 17.) The workshops will be an opportunity to share the results of the Big Ideas Poll and get community input on potential refinement to the district's current vision and development strategies, including questions about what would make the district a more complete community for residents, visitors and workers.

Focus of June 20 Briefing Session
The main goal of Tuesday's briefing is to have an in-depth discussion on the concept of complete communities by addressing questions like:
- What are complete communities?
- Why are they a project goal?
- What is current policy guidance on complete communities?
- What do Commissioners think of current policies?

If Commissioners would like to do research on the topic in advance of the meeting, a few websites that address complete communities concepts are included below:
- City of San Diego: https://www.sandiego.gov/complete-communities
- City of Austin: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b772eca772094559aa9fde242c1f1d77
- Walkscore.Com: https://www.walkscore.com/
- 15-Minute-City: https://www.cnu.org/publicsquare/2021/01/25/15-minute-neighborhood-gets-its-15-minutes-fame

Packet Materials

Packet materials include the following:

- This memo
- Copy of presentation slides to be reviewed at meeting