

APPENDIX A CONSULTING PARTIES AND RESPONSES

Potential Consulting Parties

Local Government:

City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

Historic Districts:

Name	NRHP District	OHP District
Olmos Park Terrace Historic District		✓
Monte Vista Residential Historic District	✓	✓
Ursuline Historic District		✓
Auditorium Circle Historic District		✓
Main and Military Plazas Historic District	✓	✓
La Villita Historic District	✓	✓
Lavaca Historic District	✓	✓
King William Historic District	✓	✓
Mission Parkway	✓	✓

Neighborhood Associations:

Crownhill Park
Greater Harmony Hills
Shearer Hills/Ridgeview
North Shearer Hills
Northmoor
Olmos Park Terrace
Monte Vista Terrace
Alta Vista
The Tobin Hill Community
Five Points
Downtown Residents
Lavaca Neighborhood
King William
Roosevelt Park

Advocacy Groups:

San Antonio Conservation Society
MidTexMod
OST 100 San Antonio
Bexar County Historical Commission

Tribal Groups:

Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico
Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie), Oklahoma
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
Comanche Nation, Oklahoma

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06/21/2022

Ref: Section 106 Initiation for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

To Whom it May Concern,

VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA), in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is completing environmental studies for the Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) North/South Corridor Project in San Antonio, Texas. The FTA has determined that the project is a Federal undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and has the potential to cause effects on or changes to historic properties.

To fulfill responsibilities under the NHPA, an invitation for participation is sent typically to an agency, group, or organization with special knowledge of, concern for, or a mandated regulatory role that pertains to cultural resources in a project area. For the development of the ART project, VIA and the FTA would like to invite your participation as a **consulting party**, because your organization has a keen interest or is tasked to get involved with issues pertaining to the cultural resources in the project area.

Project Description

The proposed project, an approximately 12-mile bus rapid transit line (locally known as ART), extends along San Pedro Avenue from the San Antonio International Airport on the north, through downtown San Antonio, to Steves Avenue on the south. The project comprises approximately 75 percent dedicated bus lanes and 25 percent mixed traffic operations and would include 27 branded station areas with transit signal priority, off-board fare collection, next bus messaging, bike parking, and safety features such as security cameras and lighting. A map of the project is provided in Figure 1 (enclosed).

Responsibilities of a Consulting Party

A consulting party has a formal and defined role in the Section 106 process. The consulting parties can provide insights into cultural resources, which can include archeological sites, historic

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buildings, and historic structures or landscapes. The party's time, expertise, and input—i.e., written correspondence or participation of meeting—will assist VIA and the FTA in considering the proposed project's potential impact on cultural resources. This includes helping to identify resources located in or near the project area, assessing the historic significance of those resources, and identifying potential measures that could be implemented to minimize or mitigate adverse effects. We will also notify all consulting parties of future meetings.

If you are interested in participating as a consulting party for the ART North/South ART Corridor project, please respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter via the attached form. We also ask that you include a statement of demonstrated interest in the project.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to me, Art Herrera, Special Projects Manager, VIA Metropolitan Transit, at (210) 299-5931 or via email at Art.Herrera@viainfo.net. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Herrera', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Art Herrera
Special Projects Manager
VIA Metropolitan Transit

Attachments: Project Location Map
Consulting Party Invitation Response

cc: City of San Antonio Historic Preservation Office
Terence Plaskon, FTA, Environmental Protection Specialist
Manjiri Akalkotkar, AIA, VIA Metropolitan Transit, Vice President of Program Delivery

Figure 1. Project Location





VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project

Consulting Party Invitation Response

Yes, I Vincent Michael wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest (e.g., legal or economic relation to the Project or affected properties) is as follows:

The Conservation Society of San Antonio,
works with historic properties and neighborhood
organizations throughout the project area.
We own at least two properties on the route,

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project.

Date: 6-23-22

Name of Individual:

Vincent L. Michael

Name of Organization:

Conservation Society of San Antonio

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107 King William

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vmichael@saconservation.org

Phone Number:

210-224-6163

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By mail:

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Consulting Party Invitation Response

Yes, I Lisa Lynde, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest (e.g., legal or economic relation to the Project or affected properties) is as follows:

historic properties, structures, commercial
historic neighborhood corridor

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project.

Date: 6.22.2022

Name of Individual: Lisa Lynde, Executive Director

Name of Organization: King William Association

Address: 122 Madison

Email Address: director@arkwa.org

Phone Number: 210-227-8786

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Consulting Party Invitation Response

Yes, I Lydia Rodriguez, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest (e.g., legal or economic relation to the Project or affected properties) is as follows:

As President of my Neighborhood, I need to know how these changes are going to effect the Service of Via and the residents that use your service

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project.

Date:

7/25/2022

Name of Individual:

Lydia Rodriguez

Name of Organization:

North Neighborhood Assoc

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Email Address:

LydiaRodriguez715@gmail.com

Phone Number:

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Consulting Party Invitation Response

Yes, I Celeste Quinones, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest (e.g., legal or economic relation to the Project or affected properties) is as follows:

President of Neighborhood Association adjacent to project.

Historical Home Conservation

Community Plan for multi neighborhoods etc.

Conversion of Bus lanes, removal of 3 lanes to add VIA & out of 5 Lanes

Or; !! Residents Do Not Welcome !! etc.
!! VIA Project for S. of Base !!

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project.

Date: 7/26/22

Name of Individual: Celeste Quinones

Name of Organization: Northmoor Neighborhood Presi Association

Address: _____

Email Address: northmoornna@gmail.com

Phone Number: 210.

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Consulting Party Invitation Response

Yes, I Lavaca Neighborhood Assoc., wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest (e.g., legal or economic relation to the Project or affected properties) is as follows:

The transit route constitutes the western business & residential border of our neighborhood; is one of our major arteries generating traffic throughout our residential blocks, & allowing public transportation for our neighbors & Southtown visitors.

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project.

Date: 6/30/22

Name of Individual: Melissa Stendahl
Name of Organization: Lavaca Neighborhood Association
Address: PO Box 831274 San Antonio, TX 78283
Email Address: president@lavaca.^{com}~~net~~
Phone Number: 210-367-2904

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Consulting Party Invitation Response

Yes, I Ray Morales, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest (e.g., legal or economic relation to the Project or affected properties) is as follows:

As a registered architect, downtown property owner, and a member of several impacted neighborhood coalitions and organizations, I am keenly interested in the transportation infrastructure, future planning, and development of properties along these corridors.

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project.

Date: June 28, 2022

Name of Individual:	<u>Ray Morales</u>
Name of Organization:	<u>T1NC, HWRA, WNAC,</u>
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Consulting Party Invitation Response

Yes, I **Jeff Hunt**, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the NHPA for the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit North/South Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest (e.g., legal or economic relation to the Project or affected properties) is as follows:

I am currently the President of the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association.



June 24, 2022

Name of Individual: Jeff Hunt

Name of Organization: Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association

Address: 121 Loretta Place, San Antonio Texas 78210

Email Address: jhunt11@me.com

Phone Number: 210-387-7919

From: [Herrera, Arturo](#)
To: [Taylor, Lauren](#); [Reed, Emily](#); [Christy Haven](#); [Shandrian Ugwuoke](#)
Subject: FW: OHP Comments
Date: Friday, December 16, 2022 3:46:55 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
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[image006.png](#)

Below are comments received from OHP for your review and to prepare a response. Let me know how these are recorded for documentation to send to THC/FTA. Thanks for the work this week (and the work to come). Have a great weekend.

Thanks,
Art

From: Lauren Sage (OHP) <Lauren.Sage@sanantonio.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Herrera, Arturo <arturo.herrera@viainfo.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OHP Comments

Art, below are our comments. Please confirm receipt. Please let me know if I need to submit these elsewhere.

OHP concurs with THC archaeology comments in THC letter dated 11/09/2022. Please provide the additional information that the THC requested to OHP.

Survey comments

1. All properties in Monte Vista National Register District should be marked "listed"
 - a. Example: Resource 135, there may be more
2. Should be "listed"
 - a. Resource 206 (newer bldg but in the NR district; 200 Navarro)
 - b. Resource 208 (301 W Market)
 - c. Resource 209 (International building; it's in the boundary of the NR district)
 - d. Resource 215A-D (Arbor House Inn; they're in the boundary of the NR district)
 - e. There may be more. Please check to include all those in the Downtown NR district.
3. There are a few properties in Alta Vista that would be contributing to a potential district. THC generally considers Alta Vista to be an eligible district. This is not indicated in the survey forms.
4. Resource 78 – Disagree on eligibility determination. Recommend eligible for NRHP.
5. Resource 137 - Mark Twain Middle School Resources 137 A-D. Disagree on eligibility determinations. Recommend eligible for NRHP.
6. Resource 158 – this has an inaccurate date. The building likely dates to ca. 1920. Should be reevaluated for eligibility.
7. Resource 168A-B is incorrectly identified – says "Studers Photo Inc" built c 1952, but the

Historic Assessment says Sallings Grocery built 1929. Should be reevaluated.

8. Resource 192 – This looks like an error in NRHP status field. Should be “listed”.

9. We concur with the no effect determinations.

-Lauren

Lauren Sage | Direct: [210-207-3327](tel:210-207-3327)

Office of Historic Preservation

From: Cory Edwards (OHP) <Cory.Edwards@sanantonio.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:05 AM

To: Lauren Sage (OHP) <Lauren.Sage@sanantonio.gov>; Jenny Hay (OHP) <Jenny.Hay@sanantonio.gov>

Subject: RE: Planning for VIA Advanced Rapid Transit Inter-Local Agreement (ILA) & Sample Agreements for Department Reference

Jenny, I have a few comments on the standing structures survey. Lauren, is there a deadline for feedback?

I concur

Lauren Sage

Historic Preservation Management Analyst

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16 December 2022

Art Herrera

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Re: Section 106 Coordination, Response to the Historical Resources and
Archaeological Background Surveys

Dear Mr. Herrera,

The Lavaca Neighborhood Association (LNA) has reviewed the Historical
Resources and Archaeological Background Reports for the VIA ART project. We
submit the following comments:

- We appreciate the recommendation for, and will rely upon,
construction-phase archaeological monitoring along the corridor in the
areas of the intersections of South St. Mary's Street and Pereida Street, and
South St. Mary's Street and Eagleland Drive.
- The LNA appreciates the recommended 'NRHP eligibility' of the MKT
Railroad Underpass at South St. Mary's Street, and would support its
formal designation.
- The LNA appreciates the recommended 'contributing to an existing NRHP
district' eligibility of the four properties in the South Alamo Street-South
St. Mary's Street Historic District, and would support their formal
designations.

Additionally, at the November 16, 2022 meeting, the LNA learned that the VIA ART
corridor along South St. Mary's Street in Lavaca is planned to be "Business Access
and Transit", redesignating the existing right lanes to buses and right turns only.
The LNA STRONGLY OPPOSES this, and instead recommends Mixed Use only. The
reasons are as follows:

- South St. Mary's Street has two lanes per direction (north/south), and is a
busy stretch through a mixed use zone, serving as the border between
Lavaca and King William. The area will not handle forfeiture of this lane
from regular traffic use. It would cause unnecessary congestion and safety
issues for daily neighborhood commuting, particularly at the schools and
major intersections, where both lanes are critical to continual traffic flow.
- Major events downtown at Hemisfair and the Alamodome, as well as the

Rock n' Roll marathon, Siclovía, Fiesta, etc., result in increased traffic and street closures in and around this area. Full access to both lanes is critical to maintaining movement through the neighborhood and to the highway for those who are visiting from around the city for events.

- The section of South St. Mary's north of Pereida includes street parking that essentially takes up the northbound right lane. There is no other lane to redesignate here solely for buses.
- There is simply not enough demand for bus traffic compared to vehicle traffic to justify removing a lane.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please feel free to respond to president@lavaca.net. We look forward to the next consulting meeting.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Lavaca Neighborhood Association

APPENDIX B MAPS



Figure 1.
Project Location (Road Base)

VIA North-South Advanced Rapid Transit Project

- Project Location
- No Construction Activities

Basemap Source: Esri (2022)

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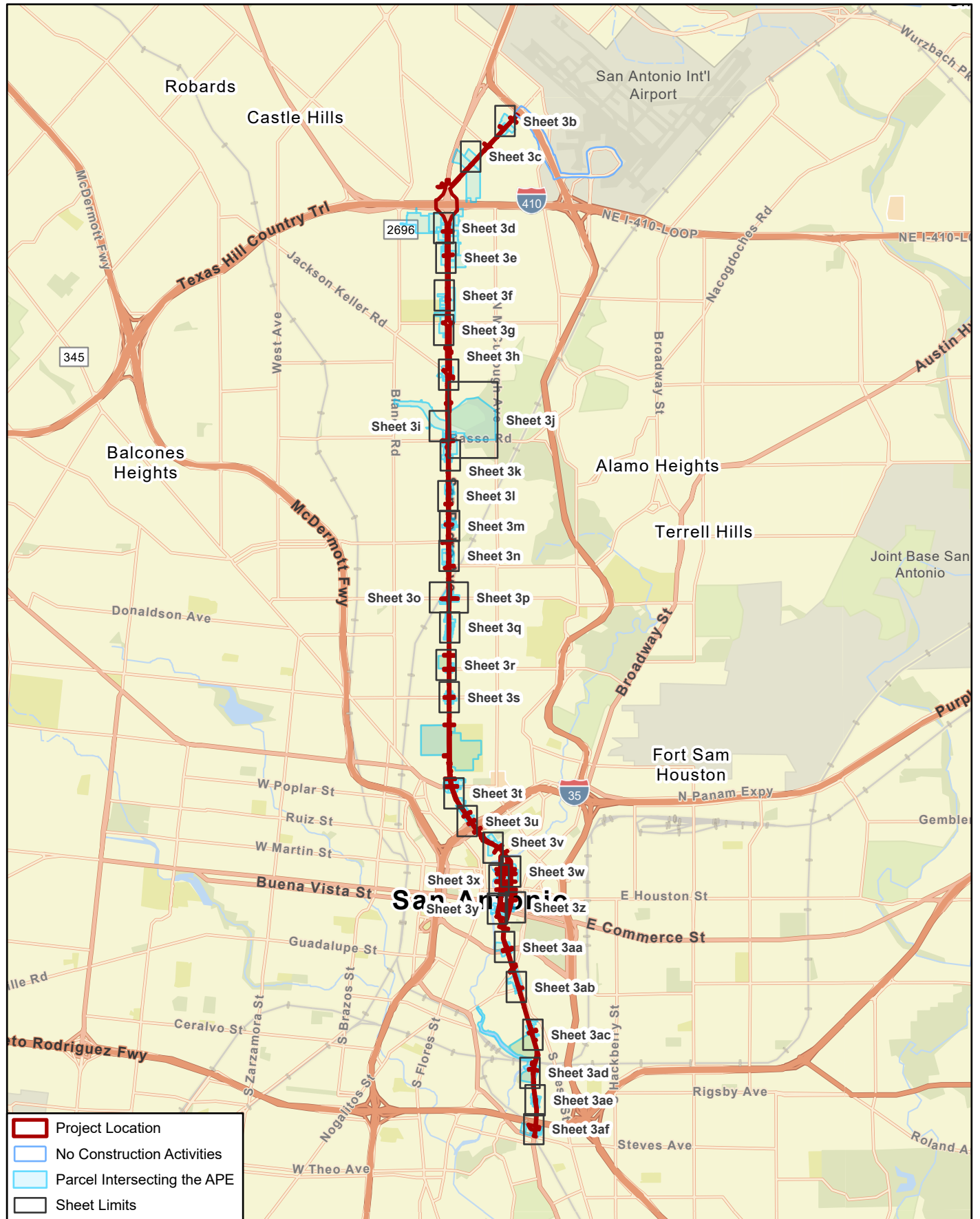
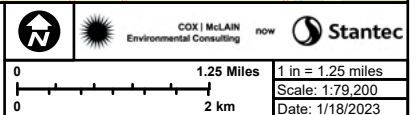


Figure 3a.
Survey Results (Key Map)

VIA North-South Advanced Rapid Transit Project

Basemap Source: Esri (2022)



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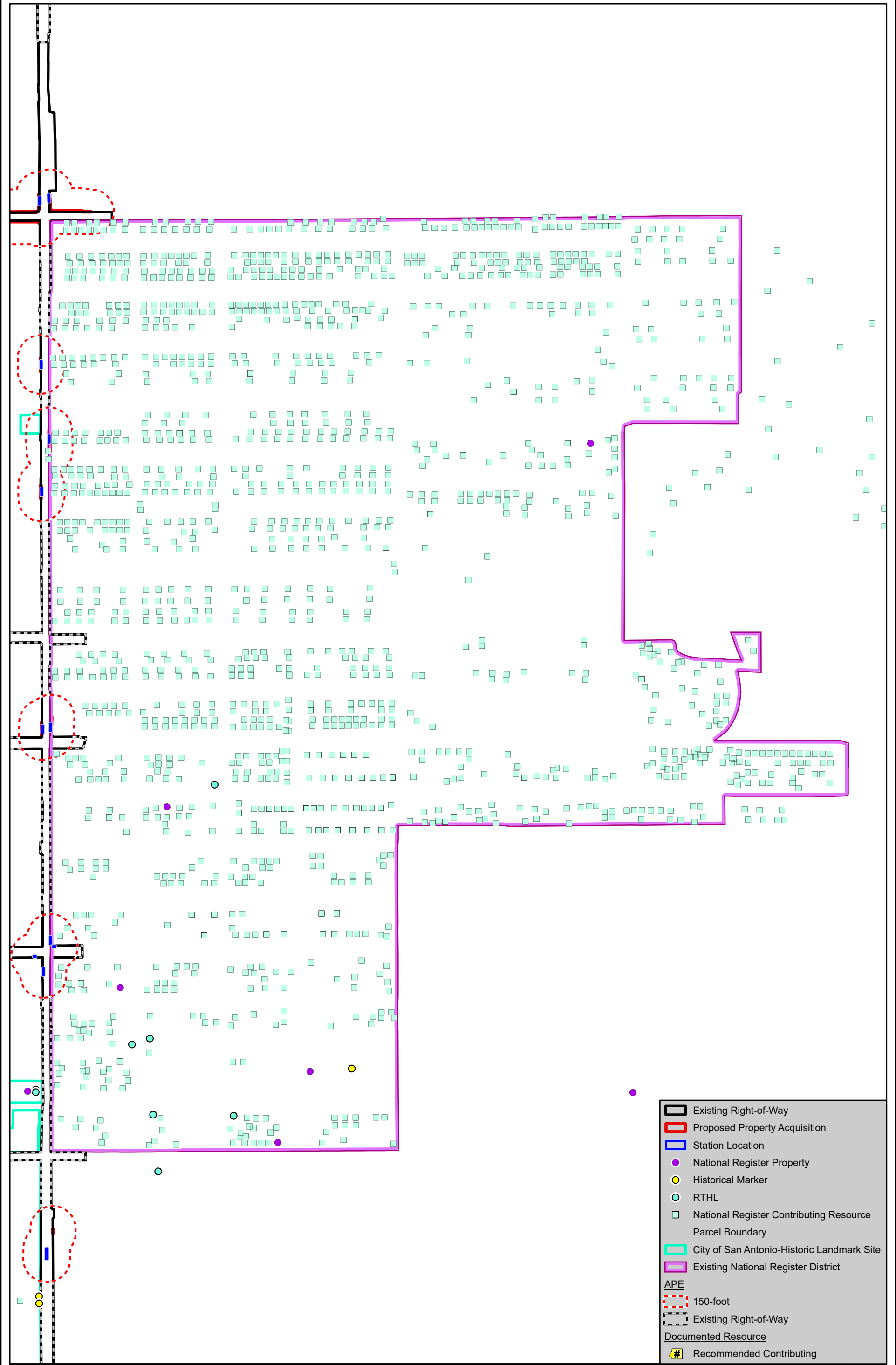


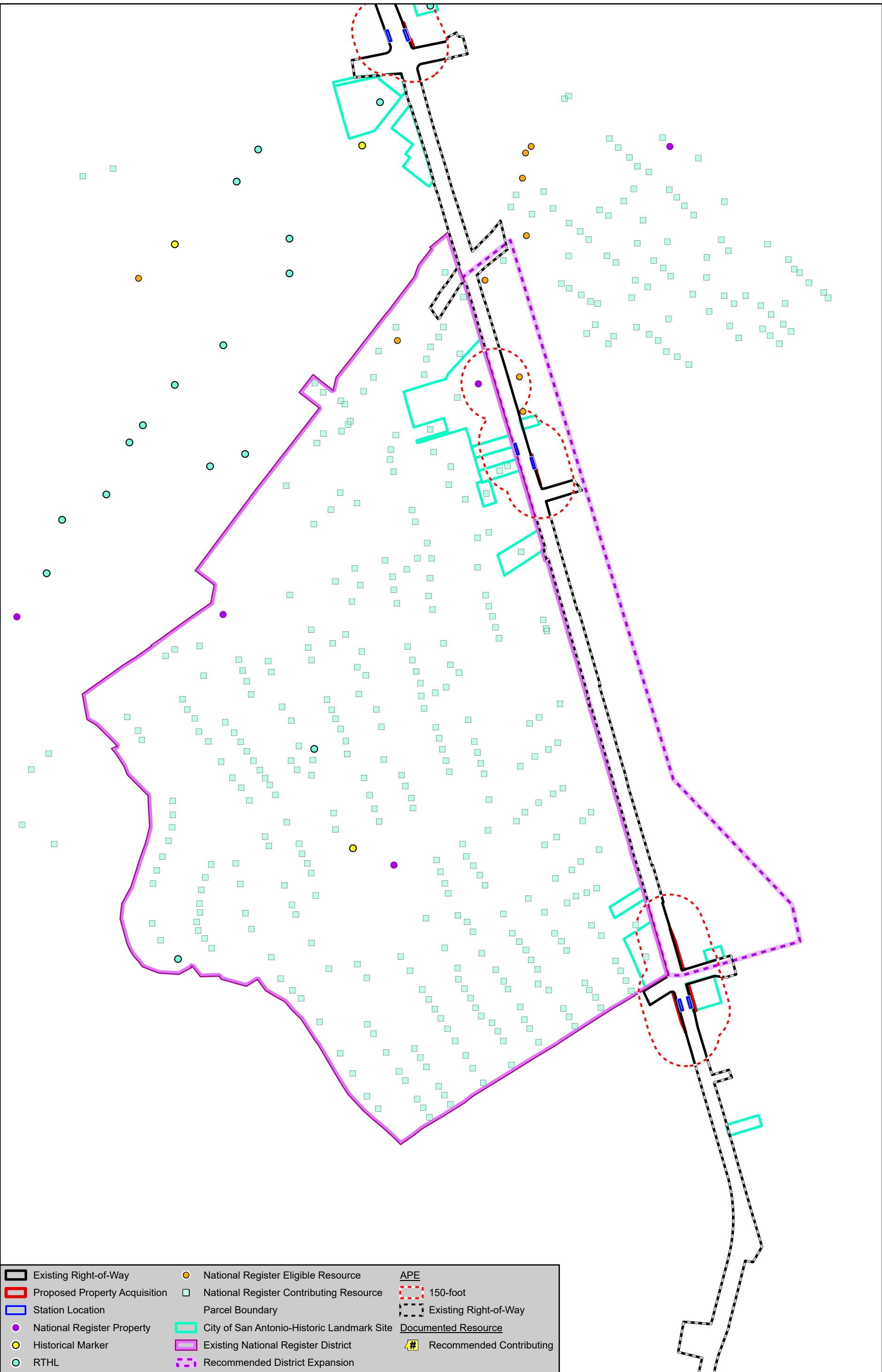
Figure 16. Existing Monte Vista Residential National Register Historic District

VIA North-South Advanced Rapid Transit Project

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Data Sources: CoSA (2021), THC (2022), TxDOT (2022), NPS (2020), BCAD (2022), Stantec (2022, 2023)
Aerial Source: Maxar (2022)

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		0 150 Meters	Date: 1/20/2023



Existing Right-of-Way	National Register Eligible Resource	<u>APE</u>
Proposed Property Acquisition	National Register Contributing Resource	150-foot
Station Location	Parcel Boundary	Existing Right-of-Way
National Register Property	City of San Antonio-Historic Landmark Site	<u>Documented Resource</u>
Historical Marker	Existing National Register District	Recommended Contributing
RTHL	Recommended District Expansion	

Figure 17. South Alamo Street-South Saint Mary's Street Recommended District Expansion

VIA North-South Advanced Rapid Transit Project

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Stantec (2022, 2023)
Aerial Source: Maxar (2022)

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