



MIDTOWN MOVING FORWARD

Midtown Public Planning Sessions

Listening Sessions: July 20, 21, 22

Midtown Moving Forward is focused on establishing the fundamental tasks for redeveloping the Midtown Site, and the City is committed to public engagement to inform plans for creating an equitable and sustainable Midtown District. In this Planning Phase, the City is sponsoring public sessions to facilitate input, ideas, goals, and priorities into land uses and development plans.

As part of a broad citywide public engagement effort, the City of Santa Fe is sponsoring two Midtown Public Planning Sessions in July and September 2021. These sessions will inform the land uses and development plans for the future Midtown District. These planning sessions are exciting new additions to the ongoing public engagement effort sponsored by the City, with its planning team – Strategic Economics land economists, Opticos land planners, and the UNM Design & Planning Assistance Center (DPAC) with the Midtown Engagement Partners (MEP) community planners.

The Planning Sessions create an opportunity to discuss various development topics, such as: how will Midtown be connected to adjacent neighborhoods and commercial areas to create a new city center? What kinds of public open spaces can and should be in Midtown? How will existing buildings be incorporated and reused? Where and what kinds of new housing can be accommodated? What type of commercial development is possible to generate new jobs and career paths? What are green building and environmentally responsible site planning strategies that can be implemented at the Midtown Site? How can the land be reused and acknowledged to create a place that is truly Santa Fe that recognizes its culture, people and history?

The July Listening Sessions (July 20, 21, 22) will provide opportunities for engaging the public:

Tuesday City Departments Sessions (July 20)

Technical Sessions focused on gathering specific technical information and documentation.

Who: *City's Planning Team and staff from various City Departments ONLY (Not open to the general public so that the City's planning team can prepare for the public sessions on Wednesday and Thursday.)*

Wednesday Public Sessions (July 21)

When: Daytime – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm small group, one-hour listening sessions.

Who: Members of the Public, Community Partners, Industry Leaders (RSVP is recommended)

Where: Santa Fe Community Convention Center 201 W. Marcy Street, Santa Fe – Nambe Room. Parking is available **at** 119 South Federal Place [Get Directions](#)

When: Evening – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Midtown beginning with a site walk (5-6pm), followed by listening sessions and community conversations, and a presentation at the Midtown Site (6-8pm).

Who: All Invited and welcome

Where: Midtown Site, 1600 St. Michaels Drive, Santa Fe – Building location to be determined. Please check website: www.midtowndistrictsantafe.com for updates.

Thursday Public Sessions (July 22)

When: Daytime – 9:00am - Noon small group, one-hour listening sessions.

Who: Members of the Public, Community Partners, Industry Leaders (RSVP is recommended)

Where: Santa Fe Community Convention Center, 201 W. Marcy Street, Santa Fe – Nambe Room. Parking is available **at** 119 South Federal Place [Get Directions](#).

Note:

- RSVP is recommended at the following address: <https://forms.gle/ptbbSeEYavdX9VFm8>
- Refreshments and interpreters will be available.
- COVID-safe masking and distancing protocols will be observed.

You have been recognized as a key stakeholder and the City welcomes your participation at a Listening Session. These sessions will provide an opportunity to engage with members of the Midtown Planning Team to discuss ideas and goals that will inform the land uses and development plans for a vibrant Midtown District.

Events created or hosted by DPAC and the local Midtown Engagement Partners (MEPs) are central to the overall public engagement effort sponsored by the City. So, if you are unable to participate in a Planning Session, it does not mean that you have missed out. The events planned and implemented by DPAC and Midtown Engagement Partners are part of the overall city sponsored planning effort to facilitate accessible and valuable input for a future Midtown District. These public engagement events will continue before, in between, and after the Public Planning Sessions for further public input opportunities.

Also, the July Listening Sessions will be followed by September Workshop Sessions in which plans will begin to unfold for further public input.

If you have any questions call or email Michael Pride, DPAC Director at mlpride@unm.edu or 513-284-9651, or Hally Bert, Project Assistant at hberty@unm.edu.

For more Information: www.MidtownDistrictSantaFe.com

All voices in Santa Fe's various communities are welcome. So, whether you are a local resident, business owner, city official, community organization, neighborhood association, professional, or a person interested in participating in creating a wonderful Midtown District, please participate and tell other friends, associates, and neighbors about the upcoming Planning Sessions. Let's all take responsibility for spreading the word. The City's commitment is: it's not about fitting people around the same table; it's about making the table bigger.

