



Day Two: Advancing the Vision, Imagining the Options

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The regional growth projections seem eye-popping. But they're also true, said regional business leaders who briefed the project team on Tuesday, March 10. So get ready for what's coming.

The morning meeting with Thompson's Station and Williamson County business people was one of two information-gathering sessions on Day 2 of the Thompson's Station workshop. In the afternoon, residents shared their experiences as home-buyers and neighborhood dwellers.



Compiling the extensive resident input provided during Monday evening's meeting. Trending ideas? Preserve rural character; protect and connect existing parks through recreational and equestrian trails; take inspiration from the region's more walkable places, scaled to Thompson's Station; and avoid the mistakes of communities now suffering the consequences of unplanned growth.

Combined with map exercises from the opening evening of the workshop, the discussions gave the team a range of options to explore on the way to a draft regulatory framework for guiding future growth. Here are questions that need to be addressed, according to meeting attendees:

- How do we protect the unique character of Thompson's Station even as we plan for the development we need to assure investment and maintain our quality of life?
- How might we use zoning to encourage appropriate development intensities in appropriate places?
- And what might that development look like in those places?

The give and take discussions on Tuesday helped the team identify three potential nodes on which to focus: Historic Thompson's Station where the town offices and Community Center are located; the BP intersection of Route 31 and Thompson's Station Road; and the highway interchanges (840/I-65 and 840/Route 31).



Reality Checking: The team discusses transportation options with representatives of both the state DOT and the Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization during an afternoon check-in.

That gives the team the chance to test mixes of commercial and residential uses on a range of scales and types. Residents are invited to critique those ideas today (Wednesday, March 11) in two open houses, one at 10:30 a.m. for those able to attend during the workday, and a repeat event at 6:30 p.m.

Like all events during the four-day workshop, the open houses will be held at the Thompson's Station Community Center, 1555 Thompson's Station Road West.

A final presentation on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. will reflect all the week's input.

If you can't attend in person, follow progress here on the website. And feel free to make suggestions or comments in the space below.

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