

Regional Node

CHARACTER

Regional Nodes should have regional scale retail and commercial activity complemented by regional scale residential uses. These Nodes should represent the character and identity of Kyle, and signal these traits to the surrounding community. Regional Nodes have a radius of approximately 1/3 of a mile so that they are walkable, but are able to contain a greater range of uses at a larger scale than those found in Local Nodes. Appropriate uses may include grocery stores, retail shopping centers, multi-family housing, and municipal services, such as libraries and recreation centers. Regional Nodes are scaled and designed as activity centers where users not only secure goods and services, but also congregate and remain for extended periods, unlike Local Nodes which are designed around quick turnaround convenience retail. The Regional Nodes located along I-35 at the northern and southern boundaries of Kyle should be designed as entryways into Kyle with elements that are symbolic of Kyle and serve to attract I-35 travelers into Kyle. Transitions between Regional Nodes and surrounding districts must be carefully constructed to avoid abrupt shifts in land uses. Trails and sidewalks should be present throughout all Regional Nodes and should connect to surrounding neighborhoods.

INTENT

The primary goal of the Regional Nodes is to capture commercial opportunities necessary to close Kyle's tax gap. To achieve this goal, these Nodes should draw upon anticipated regional growth and aggregate density to enhance value and activity levels in a concentrated and visible location. Regional Nodes should provide a mixture of uses that complements regional commercial activity, as well as encourage high intensity density residential development. These Nodes should respond to other regional areas of growth, specifically along I-35 and FM 1626, and to growth toward Hwy 21, SH 45 and SH 130. The anchor of each Regional Node should be regional commercial uses, and Regional Nodes should have a high level of development intensity.

JURISDICTION

Regional Nodes are positioned at intersections of regional roadways and at intersections of local and regional roadways. Largely, these Nodes form an outer ring around the City of Kyle that will concentrate regional activity along the regional roadways. Figure 19 indicates the location of the Regional Nodes.