

Core Area Transition District

CHARACTER

The Core Area Transition District currently consists primarily of commercial and light industrial uses, with some residential uses. Key defining features include Old Highway 81, North Burleson Street, Marketplace Avenue extension, I-35 and frontage roads, and the railroad. This District is important as a transitional zone between largely residential areas and the commercial uses along I-35 and as a portion of Kyle that is visually significant to travelers along I-35. The character of the District should reflect its urban and transitional intentions. The land area of this District is relatively small, and there are many physical barriers, so land uses should be compact and aggregated, especially residential uses. Vertically mixed-use development models are well suited to this District, and development should be located close to roadways, with minimal front yards, to maximize available land and visibility from main roads. Adequate land use transitions should be provided to avoid conflict between different land uses (i.e. residential adjacent to industrial).

INTENT

With its highly visible position in the middle of the City, the Core Area Transition District should be an urban environment that serves an identifying function for the City of Kyle. By acting as an area of functional linkage for the City, the District can connect vehicular and pedestrian movement, economic centers, and visually defining elements. The built fabric should display a transition from the small scale grid pattern of Downtown to the large plate design of the Super Regional Node. As this District develops, it should serve to create a consistent fabric that links Downtown and the Super Regional Node, encouraging the expansion and strengthening of Kyle's core, as well as the city's most likely transition region to develop employment centers on land historically not operating at its highest and best use. Additionally, Plum Creek passes west to east through the middle of the Core Area Transition District, and this significant natural feature should be developed with appropriate sensitivity, ~~apparent~~ and accessible via trails and open spaces once completed.

JURISDICTION

The Core Area Transition District includes the land between Downtown Kyle and the Super Regional Node around the new hospital on either side of I-35. Figure 9 indicates the location of the Core Area Transition District.