

# Independence Boulevard Area Plan

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## Advisory Group Ground Rules

- **Attend all meetings.** Commit to attend all meetings.
- **Arrive on time.** Meetings will begin and end on time.
- **Be prepared.** Review any information provided in advance of the meeting and be sure to bring it to the meeting.
- **Focus on the charge.** It will be tempting to discuss issues other than those that are part of each meeting's topic and within the scope of the area plan. Please remember the parameters of the agenda and the area plan.
- **Allow everyone to participate.** We want to hear from everyone equally. Please do not monopolize the conversation or just sit back quietly and listen.
- **Identify yourself before speaking.** This will be helpful in learning names.
- **Don't be afraid to ask questions.**
- **Be courteous and polite.** Please don't interrupt others and limit side conversations. Everyone will have an opportunity to speak.
- **Be brief and to the point.** There is a lot of ground to cover.
- **Make the distinction between fact and opinion.**
- **It's okay to be messy.** Some issues are not cut and dry. It may be necessary to agree to disagree in order to confront issues.
- **Strive for general consensus.** Please come to the meetings with an open mind and be prepared to work towards agreement. In the event that consensus is not reached, more than one recommendation may go forward.