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Executive Summary

The past year has been an exciting one for Austin. We saw the hiring of a new City Manager and the adoption of a new Strategic Direction 2023.

We opened a new Central Library and a first-of-its-kind Green School Park. We adopted a community plan to address the needs of our regional workforce and renewed our efforts around displacement and gentrification.

Our community banded together in the face of a series of deadly bombings. Austin housed and welcomed Hurricane Harvey evacuees. We renamed streets that honored Confederate leaders and formally recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day in the city.

Austin remains a great place to live, and thousands of dedicated City staff and community members continue to work to make our Imagine Austin vision a reality.

⁴⁴ Austin is a beacon of sustainability, social equity, and economic opportunity; where diversity and creativity are celebrated; where community needs and values are recognized; where leadership comes from its citizens, and where the necessities of life are affordable and accessible to all. ⁹⁹

-from the Imagine Austin vision statement

In the following pages you'll find stories of success from the past year from each of the eight priority programs, as well as other cross-cutting implementation highlights. Check it out and let's celebrate our accomplishments towards making Austin the city we imagine.









Austin's take of regional population growth was only 23% last year meaning that 77% of all new population growth in the area landed outside of Austin proper.

data sources: US Census Bureau, 2017 Popualation Estimates Ryan Robinson, City Demographer

POPULATION

967,629 CITY OF AUSTIN 2018 POPULATION

Last year, the annual growth rate was **1.3%** - the lowest its been in over a decade.

25% of households in Austin have children under 18 years old.

Austin is a majority renter city with **55**% of our population being renters and the other **45**% being homeowners.

The median rent was **\$1,194** and the median housing value was **\$308,500** in 2016.



35% HOUSEHOLDS ARE COST-BURDENED

HOUSEHOLDS

In 2016, the unemployment rate

data source:



The citywide poverty rate is **13.5%**; however, the poverty rates for the Latino, Black, and Asian populations are higher.

ECONOMY

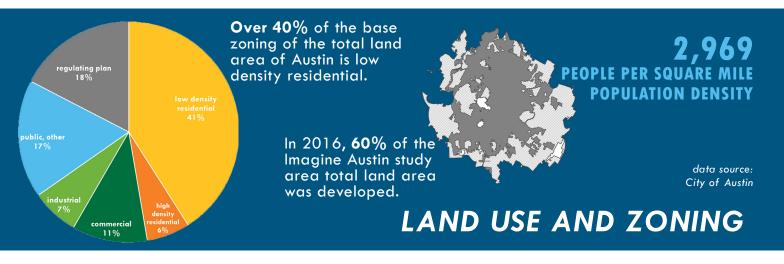
\$66,697 2016 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

was 3.5%.

The difference between the median income of a non-Hispanic white household and a Latino household is over **\$24,000**.

The top quintile (20%) of wage earners took home over half of all earnings in the city in 2016 while the lower earning quintile of households earned only **3%** of Austin's aggregate income.

> data source: US Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey



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There were over **30 million** annual boardings on the CapMetro transportation system in 2017.

55% of all street frontage has sidewalks.

73.5% commuters drive alone

The average travel time to work was **24.8 minutes.**

data sources: Capital Metro Transportation Authority City of Austin US Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey

TRANSPORTATION

67% AUSTINITES LIVE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO A PARK OR GREEN SPACE



There are **51** LEED certified city buildings.

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In 2016, **2,928** sheltered companion animals were returned to their owners.

Over **3.1 million** people visit Austin public libraries annually. Since the opening of the new Central Library, they've seen 8,000 daily visitors.

CITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

data source: City of Austin

75% of Austin's watershed had good or better Environmental Integrity Index Scores.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

The City manages **44,575 acres** of green space and preserved land.

data source: City of Austin

SOCIETY AND HEALTH

31% AUSTINITES SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

23% of Austinites are Spanish-speakers.

data sources: City of Austin US Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey

The violent crime rate was 4.13 per 1,000 people in 2016 ranking Austin as the 4th safest large city in the US.

GALLONS OF WATER USED

PER CAPITA PER DAY

80% of Austinites ages 18 to 64 have health care coverage.

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Implementation Highlights

Chapter 5 of Imagine Austin outlines some of the major levers and tools available to the City of Austin for implementing this comprehensive plan. The plan is currently moving forward through a five-point implementation strategy. Those strategies include:

Education and Engagement

As the city continues to implement the policies and actions contained in the comprehensive plan, education and engagement of both the public as well as City staff across departments is a top priority. The City uses a variety of media and forums to highlight success stories.

Internal Alignment

Fulfilling the big picture vision of the comprehensive plan requires the City of Austin to take a more collaborative, cross-departmental approach to major initiatives. With this in mind, City staff are better integrating department work programs, decision-making, and long-range budgets to implement Imagine Austin.

Regulations

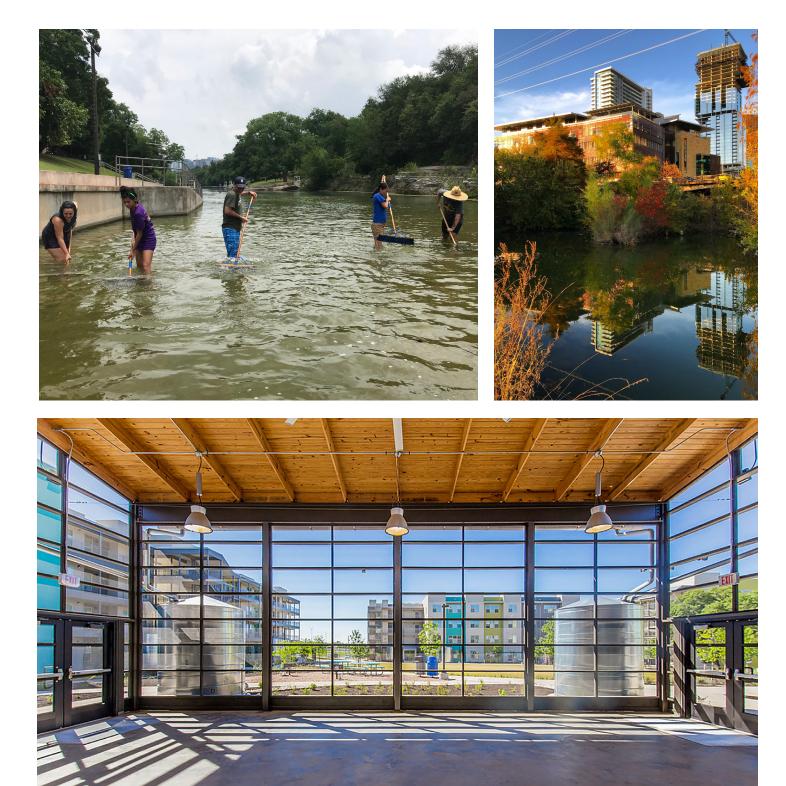
Aligning and creating regulations in order to better support the comprehensive plan is major tool for implementing Imagine Austin. Revising out-dated regulations and codes or pursuing forward-thinking solutions can move us closer as a city to our vision for our future.

Capital Investments

As City departments continue with budgeting and capital planning for the upcoming fiscal year and beyond, new requests for both operating and capital funding are being reviewed against Imagine Austin's vision, policies, and priority programs.

Partnerships

Imagine Austin is a big plan with big ideas that extend beyond what the City of Austin can do as a single entity. Partnerships are critical to realizing Imagine Austin's community-wide vision.









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Speaker Series

Over the past year, the Planning and Zoning Department, often in collaboration with other departments and outside organizations, has hosted four diverse Speaker Series events to promote and implement the policies and vision of Imagine Austin. The Imagine Austin Speaker Series at its core has presented opportunities to grow the implementation

of Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan through shared dialogue and mutual learning.

The topics discussed this year include placemaking through art and renewable energy; household affordability, displacement, and gentrification; Texas migration and population growth; and community and climate resiliency. Learn more about the speaker series and watch the videos from past events at

austintexas.gov/imagineaustin/speakerseries

Imagine Austin Day 2018

On June 15, 2018 the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan turned six years old! To celebrate this milestone, members of the Imagine Austin implementation team spent the afternoon keeping one of Austin's beloved spaces beautiful - Barton Springs Pool. The team helped to clean the Barton Springs pool by brushing algae off the surfaces, maintaining landscaping, and otherwise working to keep this precious resource beautiful.

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Education and Engagement

Get started at austintexas.gov/imagineaustin

4.680+

facebook likes

4.930+ twitter followers



4.250+

newsletter subscribers



Internal Alignment

Austin Strategic Direction 2023

On March 8, 2018, the Austin City Council adopted a strategic direction for the next three to five years. The Austin Strategic Direction 2023 outlines priorities to advance the Imagine Austin vision of a more vibrant, livable, and connected city. Together we strive to create a city of complete communities where every Austinite has choices at every stage of life that allow us to experience and contribute to all of the following outcomes:



As the first citywide strategic plan in more than a decade, the City is bettered positioned to proactively address multiple time horizons and more rigorously assess and improve community outcomes. Strategic Direction 2023 bridges short-term and long-term goals, such as annual budgeting and the 30-year outlook of Imagine Austin.

Visit <u>austintexas.gov/StrategicPlan</u> to learn more.

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Capital Investments

The new Austin Central Library opened Oct. 28, 2017. The 200,000 square-foot library has six floors; 14 shared learning rooms for classes, meetings, co-working space, and more; 140 public use desktop computers and 150 electronic devices such as laptops and iPads available for check-out; an art gallery; a gift shop; a café; and a technology petting zoo. The facility itself maintains high standards for green building including the largest solar installation in downtown Austin.

Nestled between Shoal Creek and Lady Bird Lake, the library offers elegant views of the Capitol as well as the hills of West Austin and the Seaholm EcoDistrict from its many windows, rooftop patio, porches, and even the terraced walkways and seating surrounding the building to 8,000 daily visitors.

Here are a few ways that the new Central Library is helping to implement the Imagine Austin vision.









Austin Central Library

Compact + Connected

This newly minted, state of the art public facility crowns a number of transformative improvements that have made southwest downtown more compact and connected, including the 2nd Street Extension, which connects downtown 2nd Street business district with the Seaholm EcoDistrict by way of an iconic Butterfly Bridge across Shoal Creek.

Prosperous + Equitable

The Austin Public Library has announced a partnership with 11 public library systems from across the United States and Canada to explore ways libraries can reach and engage entrepreneurs in their communities, particularly people of color, women, immigrants and veterans.

Participating in this initiative, the library will develop partnerships with local businesses and organizations, as well as the Small Business Program of the Austin Economic Development Department, to offer workshops for starting and growing a successful small business and will create a space for resources needed by entrepreneurial startups.

Natural + Sustainable

Austin's New Central Library Showcase for Innovative On-site Water Since its opening in 2017, Austin's Central Library has utilized an innovative onsite water system for non-potable uses. Austin's new library uses rainwater and air conditioner condensate water collected from the library in a large cistern for toilet flushing and irrigation. Austin's Reclaimed Water System provides backup to the library's on-site non-potable system. These on-site water supplies reduce the library's use of potable drinking water for non-potable uses, which beneficially contributes to reducing the City's total water pumpage in gallons per capita per day, an Imagine Austin sustainable water indicator.

Lower Shoal Creek Improvements

As new development and trail networks are popping up within the Seaholm EcoDistrict, Watershed Protection is using the opportunity to construct a healthier lower Shoal Creek. Several recent City projects along the creek have included work to stabilize eroded creek banks, restore native vegetation, and remove or replace aging infrastructure that could threaten the water quality of the creek, and Lady Bird Lake downstream. The Central Library project stabilized 270 feet of streambank with native rock and plantings, and removed exposed intake pipes and concrete from the creekbed. The recently completed Trail Gap project, which constructed a missing piece of trail between Fifth Street and West Avenue, also replaced over 1,000 feet of unstable banks and aging retaining structures and moved an active wastewater line out of the channel. Together, these improvement projects will help restore the health of the Shoal Creek ecosystem and provide a natural and green counterpoint to the existing urban context.

Priority Program Highlights

Chapter 5 of Imagine Austin laid out a framework for implementing the plan's many policies and actions to move us towards our community vision. One element of that implementation model was the formation of eight priority programs to provide structure and direction to accomplish the plan's many goals and more efficiently coordinate its operations, investments, and the provision of core services. These priority programs span the core principles of the comprehensive plan and enable the City of Austin and its partners to pull together, break down silos, make connections, and leverage resources for more effective implementation. Each of the priority program teams are made up of a cross-departmental and diverse team of staff, and all have their own unique way of tackling their work. Each of these priority programs also have important relationships with the others and make valuable connections across subject areas. The programs are:

invest in a COMPACT AND CONNECTED Austin

REVISE Austin's **DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS** and processes to promote a compact and connected city

use **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE** to protect environmentally sensistive areas and integrate **NATURE INTO THE CITY**

sustainably manage our WATER resources

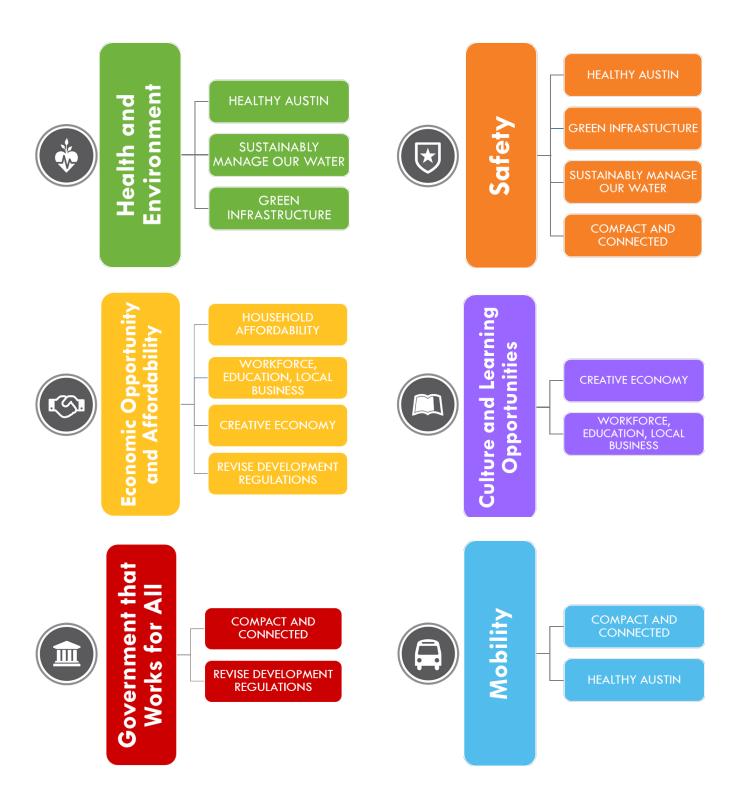
develop and maintain HOUSEHOLD AFFORDABILITY throughout Austin

create a **HEALTHY AUSTIN** program

grow Austin's economy by investing in our WORKFORCE, EDUCATION SYSTEMS, ENTREPRENEURS, AND LOCAL BUSINESS

grow and invest in Austin's **CREATIVE ECONOMY**

relationships between Strategic Outcomes and Priority Programs



Compact and Connected



Corridor Construction Program

In April 2018, Austin City Council adopted recommendations for a Corridor Construction Program to receive funding from the 2016 Mobility Bond. The Corridor Construction Program includes mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements along nine major roadways which are consistent with the Imagine Austin Growth Concept map. The investments will help to further the Compact and Connected vision of Imagine Austin. Learn more at <u>austintexas.gov/corridorconstruction</u>

Austin Street Design Guide for All Users

In 2017, the Austin Transportation Department developed and published an Austin Street Design Guide to assist City staff and private sector professionals in applying a consistent approach to street design. This guide will help design streets that complement current and future land uses and accommodate all users safely. The guide's pilot phase ran through March 2018, and the results will help to refine and eventually adopt the Street Design Guide as part of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and the Transportation Criteria Manual.

Learn more at <u>austintexas.gov/streetdesignguide</u>

Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

Development of a new city-wide plan to guide Austin's near and long-term transportation system improvements has continued with development of three future scenarios, significant public engagement, and continued coordination with other major mobility planning initiatives. This plans will help to implement the Imagine Austin vision of sustainable neighborhoods and more active lifestyles and will be inclusive of all modes of transportation. Staff anticipates developing a preferred strategy and bringing the ASMP to Austin City Council for adoption in early 2019.

Learn more at <u>austintexas.gov/asmp</u>





The CodeNEXT team released a Draft 3 (D3) text and map, which constituted the Staff Recommendation, in February 2018. These products were created after reviewing and considering thousands of comments received during the public engagement phase following Draft 2 (released in September 2017). Three additional products - an Addendum, Errata, and Map Atlas - were released shortly after D3. The addendum highlights content updates made to D3, the errata consists of minor edits that do not alter content, and the map atlas provides a guide to the proposed zoning map.

Following the release of D3, several boards and commissions submitted recommendations on the draft; this included the Planning Commission, Zoning and Platting Commission, Historic Landmark Commission, Environmental Commission, Design Commission, Downtown Commission, and Urban Transportation Commission.

In August 2018, City Council decided not to move forward with the CodeNEXT project and directed the City Manager to move forward with a new process to rewrite the land development code.

By the numbers:

- 5,639 comments received at codenext@austintexas.gov
- 14,243 users on the CiviComment text comment tool
- 332 comments received on the CodeNEXT D3 text
- 290 comments on the CodeNEXT D3 map
- 36 position papers received about the D3 text and map
- 276 Office Hours timeslots to discuss D3 text and map
- 316 speakers signed up at the D3 City Council Public Hearings
- 173 speakers signed up at the D3 Planning Commission Public Hearings
- 8 community meetings



Revise Regulations

Sustainably Manage Our Water Resources



Water Forward Plan Takes Shape

Austin Water is leading the City's effort to develop a 100-year Integrated Water Resource Plan for Austin. This effort, referred to as Water Forward, is in the final development stages and will be coming forth for review by Boards and Commissions and Council adoption before the end of 2018. Plan development is being supported by the Council-appointed Water Forward Task Force, which includes ex-officio members from various City



Departments including Watershed Protection, Office of Sustainability, Austin Energy, and others. Draft recommendations for this plan include an array of water supply and demand management strategies for Austin that reflect the goal of ensuring a diversified, sustainable, and resilient water future, with strong emphasis on water conservation.

Water Conservation through Cooling Tower Efficiency

The Cooling Tower Efficiency Program, launched in 2017, requires customers to register cooling towers with Austin Water and submit annual efficiency inspections. This program helps customers meet water efficiency standards and equipment code requirements and save money by identifying potential efficiency upgrades and rebate eligibility. In its first year, the program registered 313 cooling towers across 214 properties and achieved a 64% voluntary compliance rate for annual inspections.



Kent Butler Summit

The 4th Kent Butler Summit, sponsored and organized in part by Austin Water and Watershed Protection, yielded record attendance in 2018 in a new venue on the campus of Texas State University. The summit provides an opportunity for regional stakeholders, elected officials, and business owners to discuss innovative approaches to planning for a resilient future for Central Texas water resources. The focus of the 2018 Summit, entitled "People, Pipes, and Pavement."



was collaborative infrastructure planning to improve the resilience of Central Texas water resources to extreme weather events like prolonged drought and catastrophic flooding. A diverse array of professional, academic, and citizen speakers shared their stories with the audience culminating in a panel discussion of elected officials from state, county and local government, on how to work across jurisdictional boundaries to sustainably manage regional water resources.



Water Utility Climate Alliance Forum

In May 2018 Austin Water hosted a one-day forum "Creating Resilient Cities," sponsored by the Water Utility Climate Alliance (WUCA), a leader in this field and currently marking its tenth year. Austin Water was invited to join WUCA in 2017. The forum focused on how water utilities are leading the way in adapting to climate change to enhance resilience for our communities. Renowned climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe from Texas Tech

University, who is assisting Austin Water with the climate models that inform Austin's 100-year integrated water resource plan development, gave the plenary keynote. Water utility leaders discussed the particular climate challenges faced by their utilities and what they are doing to meet those challenges. The forum featured sessions exploring issues such as water rights and regional collaboration in the Colorado River basin of the arid Southwest, creating resilient utilities in the face of extremes, and the opportunities and challenges of incorporating climate information into a range of water sector functions.

Sustainably Manage Our Water Resources

Green Infrastructure



Climate Resilience Action Plan



City staff recently completed a <u>Climate Resilience</u> <u>Action Plan for City Assets and Operations</u>, which outlines climate change-related risks in Austin, the City's strategy to address vulnerabilities and increase the resilience of municipal assets and operations, and immediate next steps for implementation of the Action Plan. A diverse team of asset and facilities managers, engineers, and planners identified strategies designed to increase the City's resilience to extreme weather events and climate change.

This planning effort implements a key recommendation of the Council-adopted 2015 Austin Community Climate Plan to:

"Continue climate resilience planning efforts by conducting vulnerability assessments to identify the people and assets most at risk from the impacts of climate change, as well as strategies that will protect people, the local economy, City operations and assets, ecosystems, and community infrastructure."

Green Stormwater Infrastructure Report

In response to a Council Resolution, staff from the Watershed Protection Department created a report in March 2018 that catalogs City of Austin efforts to advance the application of green stormwater infrastructure solutions, such as rain gardens and rainwater harvesting. The report describes the efforts undertaken by the City of Austin over the past 18 years to evaluate and incorporate green stormwater technologies

and practices into City regulations, capital improvement projects, and operating programs. The report also details the ongoing inter-departmental collaboration between Austin Water and Watershed Protection to coordinate and leverage each department's efforts with respect to green stormwater. Finally, the report documents progress to date on proposed CodeNEXT elements pertaining to green stormwater solutions.



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Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review

Published in June 2017, the <u>Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review</u> was a significant project for implementing Austin's Urban Forest Plan and is being utilized by the city's forestry programs to systematically improve municipal forest management. This continuous improvement tool was developed by the U.S. Forest Service to help urban forest programs benchmark changes in capacity over time and provide program direction, among other benefits. The review focused on five key programs devoted to urban forest management: Austin Energy's Line Clearance Utility Forestry Program, the Development Services Department's City Arborist and Urban Forestry Programs, the Parks and Recreation Department's Urban Forestry Program, and the Public Works Department's Urban Forestry Program. The review found many instances where programs exceed common practice, as well as numerous opportunities for improvement in risk management, urban forest management plans, inventories, and disaster planning.



Trail Bridge at Congress Avenue

Given Austin's growth and continued downtown development, as well as the recent completion of the Boardwalk along the south shore of Lady Bird Lake, the Roy and Ann Butler Trail is being used more frequently than ever, especially east of Congress Avenue. Due to this increase in use and attention, the decades-old wooden trail bridge at Congress Avenue was recently replaced, bringing much needed safety enhancements to the area as well as a new space to take in the view of Lady Bird Lake. The new bridge enhances pedestrian and bicyclist safety, makes the area ADAaccessible, increases the width of the trail, improves connectivity to the Waller Creek area, creates a beautiful site from which to view the Congress Avenue bats, and lowers the city's maintenance costs. The design and construction of the project was sponsored by The Trail Foundation and a \$1.25 million donation from Robert F. Smith.

Green Infrastructure

Workforce, Education, and Local Business



New Economic Development Policy

After a year of community engagement, community leadership consultation, best practice analysis and program development work, Austin City Council heard recommendations for a new Economic Development policy direction from City staff and a consultant. The new vision for the policy includes a focus on reflecting today's economic conditions and addressing current community challenges. Proposal includes expanding the policy to include support for small businesses, incentives for employers seeking to hire economically and socio-economically disadvantaged individuals, and recruiting external businesses that provide community benefits beyond jobs, including transportation infrastructure, sustainable operations, new opportunities for small, local, and creative, equitable hiring practices and other community benefits. Learn more at <u>austintexas.gov/investinaustin</u>



AUSTIN METRO AREA MASTER COMMUNITY WORKFORCE PLAN



Austin Metro Area Master Community Workforce Plan

In June 2018, the City Council voted to adopt the Austin Metro Area Master Community Workforce Plan as an attachment to Imagine Austin, joining the City's workforce development efforts with those of key regional partners like the Travis County, Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. This community workforce plan will help to align resources, ensure a unified strategic direction, and help facilitate community partnerships to achieve shared goals and vision. The goal of the plan is to make living in Austin more affordable by improving economically disadvantaged residents' access to better economic opportunities. The plan strives to move 10,000 low-income residents into sustainable middle skill jobs by 2021.

Learn more about it at <u>wfscapitalarea.com/MasterCommunityWorkforcePlan</u>





Expanding Partnerships

This year, City staff from the CEPP team worked to develop more partnerships to continue growing Austin's Creative Economy. The team picked up new members from the City's Aviation Department and Music Division of the Economic Development Department as well as leaders from music and arts community organizations. These connections have been valuable for communicating City efforts regarding the creative economy as well as encouraging more collaborative work.

ArtistsATX Website Centralizes and Shares Resources for the Arts

In early 2018, the Creative Economy Priority Program developed a new website called ArtistsATX. This website provides a one-stop portal to City of Austin resources and opportunities for the arts. The creation of this website furthers the goals of the Creative Economy Priority Program by centralizing resources from across five different City departments and making it easier than ever to access City resources for the arts. Check it out at <u>austintexas.gov/artistsatx</u>

Artists Professional Development Training for Public Art

The Dougherty Arts Center recently collaborated with the Arts in Public Places Program to provide a training program for visual artists in creative design for Public Art. This professional development training offers opportunities to learn more about the production of artworks for public places including budgeting, engineering, site selection, and proposal preparation for those wishing to pursue a new application for their art work with the City's Art in Public Places Program.



Creative Economy

Household Affordability





Developing an Implementation Plan to Reach the Goals in the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint

The implementation of the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint, adopted in 2017, will be instrumental in developing and maintaining household affordability throughout Austin. The Blueprint commits to creating 135,000 new housing units in the next 10 years with 60,000 of those units being affordable to households at 80 percent median family income and below and at least 75 percent of new housing be within a half mile of an activity corridor as defined by the Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map. Work is underway to develop an implementation plan to reach the goals in the Blueprint through a diverse set of integrated strategies and by capitalizing on opportunities to coordinate with other departments and entities while leveraging other adopted plans and initiatives.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department is leading an innovative partnership of ten Central Texas cities and agencies to conduct a regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice study. Expected to be completed in early 2019, this first-time collaboration includes extensive public outreach and analyses to better understand residents' housing decisions and peoples' experiences living, working or going to school in the region. The analysis will inform the planning and policies of housing and community agencies in the region to ensure access to housing for all residents.

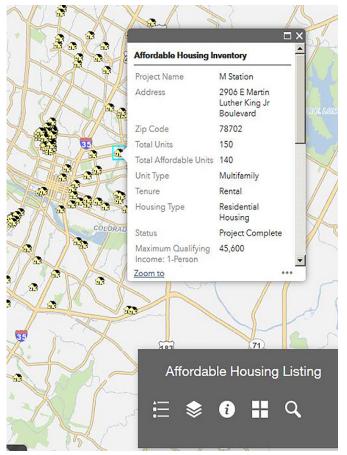
Tackling Issues of Displacement and Gentrification

In February 2018, Austin City Council appointed a 17-member Anti-Displacement Task Force to find solutions to the displacement of homeowners and the gentrification of neighborhoods amid rapid growth and increasing property values over the past decade. The task force is charged with exploring how displacement affects Austin and developing strategies to conserve and expand affordable housing, support small businesses, and preserve the city's cultural assets.

Due to the Anti-Displacement Task Force's work, Austin was selected to be one of ten cities comprising the All-In Cities Anti-Displacement Policy Network, which seeks to develop a comprehensive anti-displacement policy agenda. Organized by PolicyLink, a national research institute for racial and economic equity, this national network of cities will explore renter protections, community land trusts, community ownership models, and other means of curbing displacement while working to build the power, voice, and capacity of communities directly impacted by displacement in defining the challenges and advancing solutions.

New Online Resource Designed To Help Low And Middle Income Home Seekers

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department launched an online Affordable Housing Listing of incomerestricted affordable housing units subsidized or incentivized by the City of Austin including a map of their locations. The site is organized into geographic regions across the city and provides contact information and links to development websites, describes the kinds of properties and housing types available. The interactive map version of the listing helps home seekers locate housing developments with regard to their proximity to schools, employment, transportation, and medical services in the city.



Household Affordability

Healthy Austin



Outdoor Learning Environments

The Parks and Recreation Department partnered with AISD to realize a Green School Park pilot project to address Austin's urban nature deficit and equitable access to green spaces. The Barrington Elementary School Park was completed in March 2018 and is the first outdoor learning environment of its kind in Austin, with two additional green school parks scheduled for construction in the Rundberg area in coming years. The school park features walking loop trails, raingardens, pollinator gardens, wildflower meadows, interpretive



signage, shade trees, outdoor classrooms and naturalized play spaces. Additional grant funding from 3M has made it possible to hire a part-time position to develop a sustainable outdoor education plan for these schools and work with educators to ensure that educational opportunities in naturalized school park areas are accessible to grades K-5 and meet Texas curriculum requirements.

Stronger Austinites

Austin Public Health and Parks and Recreation Departments joined forces with It's Time Texas and other community non-profit health organizations to create Stronger Austin – a community-driven health initiative aimed at reducing the burden of preventable chronic diseases among Austin's most at-risk and economically disadvantaged populations. Stronger Austin seeks to improve access to health and wellness services in historically marginalized Austin neighborhoods and where residents of all ages are disproportionately at risk for obesity and related chronic diseases. This initiative brings together a network of resources to provide free exercise classes, health screenings, and nutrition education to community centers and parks.

Tobacco Free Environments

This year Austin Public Health worked with four City departments, including Austin Energy, to implement tobacco-free policies that will protect over 2,000 additional employees. These policies will also protect visitors and vendors from secondhand smoke while creating a supportive environment for individuals wanting to quit tobacco use.

Healthy Food Access

Community Gardens

Three new community gardens opened on City land in the past year, adding two acres of agricultural land use. The Heartwood Community Garden opened in south Austin in spring 2018 on watershed land acquired through floodplain buyouts. The City also acquired land adjacent to the MLK Station in December 2017, which was named Alexander Neighborhood Park. This park is the home of the St. David's Foundation Community Garden and will maintain existing amenities including the Sustainable Food Center's teaching garden, apiary, chicken coop, wildlife habitat, and sensory play area. Additionally, the North Shoal Creek Community Garden at Pillow School Park opened in Spring 2018 through a partnership with Austin ISD and with funding from Austin Parks Foundation and the City's Neighborhood Partnering Program. This all-organic vegetable garden has plots for the neighborhood residents as well as for school teaching gardens





Fresh for Less

The City of Austin provided funding to Farmshare Austin and the Sustainable Food Center to provide 14 weekly Farm Stands and Mobile Markets in the Eastern Crescent, resulting in more than 280 operational days and over 3,300 customer visits. These mobile food retail options offer fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms at reduced prices and also accept SNAP and Double Dollars.

Learn more about Fresh For Less programs at <u>austintexas.gov/freshforless</u>.

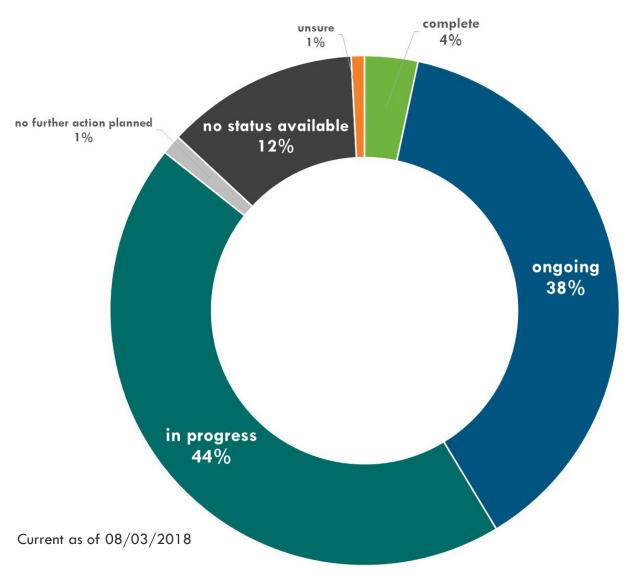
Healthy Austin





Action Matrix

The City Charter of Austin requires the annual updating of the matrix indicating the implementation status of benchmarks of each priority program. The annotated Action Matrix lists the status of Imagine Austin actions that fall under each of the priority programs' topics, including a brief description of progress made in the past year.



2018 Imagine Austin Action Status Summary

		Acronyms	
APH - Austin Public Health	CPIO - Communications and Public Information Office	DSD - Development Services	ORES - Office of Real Estate Services
APL - Austin Public Library	CPO - Corridor Program Office	EMS - Emergency Medical Services	OoS - Office of Sustainability
AW - Austin Water	CTM - Communications and Technology Management	EDD - Economic Development	OPM - Office of Performance Management
AE - Austin Energy	CAD - Cultural Arts Division	FSD - Financial Services	PARD - Parks and Recreation
ARR - Austin Resource Recovery	CEPP - Creative Economy Priority Program team	GIPPIT - Green Infrastructure Priority Program Implementation Team	PAZ - Planning and Zoning
AFD - Austin Fire Department	CAPCOG - Capital Area Council of Governments	HSEM - Homeland Security and Emergency Management	PWD - Public Works
APD - Austin Police Department	CAMPO - Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization	HPO - Historic Preservation Office	TARA - Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs
ATD - Austin Transportation	CTRMA - Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority	HRD - Human Resources	TxDOT - Texas Deparment of Transportation
ABIA - Austin Bergstrom International Airport	CMTA - Capital Metro Transportation Authority	NHCD - Neighborhood Housing and Community Development	WPD - Watershed Protection

Compact and Connected

Status		Action	Departments	Update
complete	CFS A9	Create a trails master plan to ensure connectivity and provide consistency with regional, city, and neighborhood-level trail and transportation goals to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods and destinations; incorporate trails throughout the city and region; encourage developers to connect to or complete the trail system; and use protected land along creeks and floodplains in an environmentally sustainable way.	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Urban Trails Master Plan adopted 2014. Funding from 2016 Mobility Bond has been allocated to support construction of several priority urban trails, and coordination to support additional trails is on-going.
complete	LUT A47	Create an ongoing Vision Zero Task Force to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan and subsequent updates to that Action Plan	PAZ, ATD, APD, AFD, APH, EMS	This action was added to Imagine Austin with CPA-2015- 0001. The Vision Zero Task Force prepared an Action Plan, adopted by City Council in May 2016. The Task Force continues to meet quarterly.
complete	S A2	Expand programs providing discounted transit fares for economically disadvantaged citizens, disabled individuals, and seniors.	ATD, CMTA	 The Transit Empowerment Fund was established in 2011 through a partnership between Capital Metro and One Voice Central Texas, a coalition of more than 100 health and human service nonprofit organizations. The goal was to address the impact of rising public transit fare costs on low- income individuals. Capital Metro contributed \$250,000 in seed funding in 2012 and in 2013, they increased their annual contribution to \$350,000. An independent volunteer board representing nonprofit agencies, the business community, and Capital Metro oversees the work of the Fund. Since 2012, the Fund has distributed more than 297,199 Capital Metro transit passes to 74 local nonprofits for use by their clients. This has resulted in more than 4,100,000 rides, with an average of more than 92,000 rides per month in 2017.

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in progress	CFS A17	Conduct and maintain a comprehensive building condition report to assess the need for remodeling, expansion, replacement, or consolidation of City-owned facilities.	BSD, PWD, FSD, Real Estate	 The Building Services Department has developed a detailed building condition report for the facilities that it maintains. (This data excludes PARD, Library, and Fire/EMS facilities) A Strategic Facility Governance Team (including representation from BSD, FSD, and Real Estate) has been formed to comprehensively evaluate the needs for remodeling, expansion, replacement, or consolidation of City Facilities across departments. The Public Works Department is working to update a Comprehensive Infrastructure Assessment of City assets, and will be exploring how to best incorporate assessment of city facilities into that work in FY 2018 and FY 2019. Long Range CIP Strategic Plan updates proceeding under a new 2-year Cycle. Next plan will be developed in FY 2019. This plan will pull in data from the Comprehensive Infrastructure Assessment, and could address facilities.
in progress	E A5	Improve Austin's transportation and economic connections between other major cities in Texas by supporting the construction of a high speed rail network.	PAZ, PWD, ATD	 Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. The City continues to participate in regional transportation coordination as a member jurisdiction of CAMPO, and the CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee includes representation from ATD and PAZ. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019.
in progress	HN A21	Align future development with the Growth Concept Map through adoption of small-area plans (e.g., neighborhood, corridor, and station area plans) that contain provisions set forth in Imagine Austin, including: - Areas experiencing change - Infill Development - Activity centers and corridors - Increased density - Open space and open space connectivity - Historic preservation - Neighborhood preservation - Transitioning between land uses - A variety of housing types - Affordable housing - Brownfield and grayfield redevelopment - Public Transportation	PAZ	- The Planning and Zoning Department is working to develop new types of small area plans and a new way to select future planning areas based on a number of inputs. PAZ intends to provide a spectrum of planning services, including Imagine Austin Corridor/Centers Plans. In early May 2018, PAZ distributed a briefing memo to City Council and Planning Commission which provides a basic overview of the process for selecting and developing these plans, and identified two initial Imagine Austin corridors within which to pilot the new small area planning process. PAZ has also submitted a FY 2019 request for budget proposal for additional resources to support the new planning processes. PAZ staff will work over the coming months to prioritize all Imagine Austin Centers and Corridors, develop needed code amendments, and initiate one or more small area plans.

Action Matrix

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	LUT A5	Create a regulatory environment to promote the redevelopment of brownfields and greyfields into compact, walkable places by: - Increasing development rights through changes in regulations, density bonuses, and other incentives; - Revising parking requirements that result in more permeable areas and promote walking, biking, and transit; - Providing assistance in securing funding for redevelopment; - Ensuring appropriate transitions to less intensive residential areas; - Expediting the permitting and approval process; - Utilizing Low Impact Development practices to mitigate impacts associated with increases in impervious cover or constrained stormwater infrastructure that may impede redevelopment.	PAZ, DSD, PWD, ATD, EDD	- CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018.
in progress	LUT A13	Create a system of high-capacity transit, including elements such as urban rail and bus rapid transit corresponding to land use mix and intensity.	ATD, CMTA, TxDOT, CTRMA	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. Capital Metro Cap Remap: is underway, overhaul of system to implement Connections 2025 Transit Plan will begin June 3, 2018. www.capmetro.org/june2018/ City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	LUT A14	 Increase public transit ridership. Expand service to compact centers and activity corridors Increase the number of people who use transit by choice Create inviting public spaces at stops and transfer centers Provide real-time schedule information Add more covered bus shelters Make stops more convenient Add park and ride facilities Make routes more convenient and the system more intuitive Create street design standards (bus turnouts, sidewalk width, benches, shelter) Give transit priority (queue jumpers, signal priority, managed lanes, and dedicated lanes) Launch an informative and enticing public relations campaign Implement first and last mile solutions such as carpooling, vanpools, and bicycle and car sharing Add more bicycle carrying capacity to buses and trains 	ATD, PAZ, PWD, EDD, CPO, EGRSO, CMTA, TxDOT, CTRMA	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated winter 2018. Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. Capital Metro Cap Remap: is underway, overhaul of system to implement Connections 2025 Plan will begin June 3, 2018. <u>capmetro.org/june2018/</u> City of Austin and Capital Metro have partnered on SmartTrips program, and program implementation has been completed in 3 areas of Austin: http://smarttripsaustin.org/ In April 2018, City Council adopted temporary regulations governing dockless scooter and bicycle rentals.
in progress	LUT A16	Enhance crosstown transit options to better connect people to the places where they live, work, play, shop, and access services.	ATD, PWD, CMTA	 Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. Capital Metro Cap Remap: is underway, overhaul of system to implement Connections 2025 Plan will begin June 3, 2018. <u>capmetro.org/june2018/</u> The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds.

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in progress	LUT A17	Create an efficient and connected transportation system that allows people with disabilities and special needs to easily access their daily needs from where they live and work.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, EDD, CMTA	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in 2018. Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. Capital Metro Cap Remap: is underway, overhaul of system to implement Connections 2025 Plan The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds. ATD has completed work to develop a plan for Shared, Electric, and Autonomous Mobility Services and continues to partner with Capital Metro, the private sector, and others to implement the plan. City of Austin and Capital Metro have partnered on SmartTrips program, and program implementation has been completed in 3 areas of Austin
in progress	LUT A18	Develop a program and funding source to retrofit existing, incomplete roadways into complete streets.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. A Street Impact Fee program is in development and would be a tool to implement roadway projects recommended in the ASMP. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. Corridor Construction Program will include improvements to make existing corridors more complete. CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018. CodeNEXT includes requirements for streetscape and sidewalk improvements adjacent to development. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. Recommendation includes funding for sidewalks and complete street enhancements. The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds.

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in progress	LUT A21	Create a network of on- and off-street physically separated bicycle and walking routes or trails linking all parts of Austin and the region.	PWD, ATD	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. As part of this process, the Transportation Criteria Manual is being updated to reflect modern standards for multi-modal street design. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds.
in progress	LUT A23	Develop standards to connect all new neighborhoods to adjacent neighborhoods and commercial areas by streets, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes and/or paths.	PAZ, PWD, ATD	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018.
ongoing	C A14	Develop programs and incentives to provide flexible, affordable work space and housing throughout Austin, with an emphasis placed on locations well-served by transit, Downtown, and activity centers and corridors for entrepreneurs, small and local businesses, artists, and creative professionals. Programs and incentives should address live-work space, home-based businesses, and temporary lease agreements in multi-use venues such as schools, vacant buildings, and warehouses.	PAZ, PWD, EDD	- CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018. CodeNEXT includes incentives for the development of affordable housing, through the affordable housing density bonus program, and includes provisions supporting development of live/work spaces within certain zones.

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ongoing	CFS A14 Coordinate for all city	e and explore co-location opportunities facilities.	APD, AFD, EMS, 911, PAZ	 City of Austin has explored development of a joint Parks/ APD patrol facility with funding from 2012 Bond, and Fire and EMS have been proceeding with planning of future joint Fire and EMS facilities. The City is also exploring an innovative partnership-based facility development method with the development of a new Development Services Center as part of private redevelopment of the Highland Mall activity center, which may be able to be applied to development of co-located facilities in the future. Long Range CIP Strategic Plan updates proceeding under a new 2-year Cycle. Next plan will be developed in FY 2019.
ongoing		d, where appropriate, co-locate public nd programs to reduce costs.	PWD, FSD, Real Estate, BSD	 City of Austin has explored development of a joint Parks/ APD patrol facility with funding from 2012 Bond, and Fire and EMS have been proceeding with planning of future joint Fire and EMS facilities. The City is also exploring an innovative partnership-based facility development method with the development of a new Development Services Center as part of private redevelopment of the Highland Mall activity center, which may be able to be applied to development of co-located facilities in the future. Long Range CIP Strategic Plan updates proceeding under a new 2-year Cycle. Next plan will be developed in FY 2019.
ongoing	area exter coordinate maintain A protect env sustainably Include cor and conser	ies, incentives, regulations, service asions, and infrastructure to with the Growth Concept Map, ustin's livability and affordability, vironmentally sensitive areas, and a manage Austin's water resources. asideration of diverse water sources vation and efficiency measures when or future demand for potable water.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, AW, AE, WPD, PARD, NHCD	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. Long Range CIP Strategic Plan updates proceeding under a new 2-year Cycle. Next plan will be developed in FY 2019. Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. Street Impact Fee program is in development. Policy to be presented to Council in 2019.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
ongoing	E A2	Establish strategic incentives and investments tailored to targeted industries and business districts throughout Austin, such as downtown, industrial areas, roadway corridors, neighborhood-oriented and -scaled districts, transit-oriented districts (TOD), etc.	EDD, PARD, PAZ	 Souly Austin Business District Incubator successfully incubated six merchant associations of businesses located on Imagine Austin Corridors and Centers across multiple Council districts, and helped associations enhance their districts. After a year of community engagement, community leadership consultation, best practice analysis and program development work, Austin City Council heard recommendations for a new Economic Development policy direction from City staff and a consultant. The new vision for the policy includes a focus on reflecting today's economic conditions and addressing current community challenges. Staff is requesting authorization to research, develop, and return to Council with a Locational Enhancement Program under the Chapter 380 Policy, to administer programming that will address the following items articulated through Resolution No. 20170302-034: Community benefits; Increased access to goods and services in communities that are traditionally underinvested, including but not limited to, healthy food options in the Eastern Crescent; Increased availability of affordable commercial space for local small businesses, including the creative sector; Development of vibrant, mixed-use commercial corridors; Leverage of public investments to improve positive health outcomes for low-income Austinites; and Retention of local small business employers struggling to survive and stay in Austin.
ongoing	HN A5	Incentivize and subsidize the construction of infrastructure for projects providing affordable housing.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, NHCD, AE, AW	- Colony Park street infrastructure is being constructed with funding from 2016 Mobility Bond. This infrastructure will leverage redevelopment of Colony Park consistent with Colony Park Master Plan, including the provision of new affordable housing units.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
ongoing	LUT A1	Give priority to City of Austin investments to support mixed use, transit, and the creation of compact walkable and bikeable places.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, EDD	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. Long Range CIP Strategic Plan updates proceeding under a new 2-year Cycle. Next plan will be developed in FY 2019.
ongoing	LUT A15	Ensure that the construction, operation, and management of rail, bus rapid transit, local bus systems, and future public transportation are integrated and coordinated across City Departments and with our partners such as other local governments, agencies, and districts.	PWD, ATD, CMTA, CTRMA, TXDOT, CAMPO	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development in coordination with Capital Metro Project Connect. Presentation of ASMP to City Council anticipated spring 2019. Capital Metro Project Connect under development in coordination with ASMP process. Draft system map released spring 2018. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. Corridor construction program investments will be coordinated with existing and future transit. Housing+Transit+Jobs Action Team has continued to bring together staff from City, County, and Capital Metro to discuss coordination. The City continues to participate in regional transportation coordination as a member jurisdiction of CAMPO, and the CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee includes representation from ATD and PAZ. ATD has completed work to develop a plan for Shared, Electric, and Autonomous Mobility Services and continues to partner with Capital Metro, the private sector, and others to implement the plan.
ongoing	LUT A22	Expand the Safe Routes to School programs.	PWD, ATD	- The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan, and continues to support the Public Works Department Safe Routes to Schools Program with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
ongoing	LUT A25	Create a transportation and congestion management plan and program to improve the flow of traffic in and out of the Central Business District during the morning and evening rush hours through coordination with the Downtown public and private sector stakeholders.	ATD	- The City is incorporating recommendations from the Downtown Parking Study into the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan.
ongoing	LUT A27	Promote increased bicycling and walking through traffic enforcement, program evaluation, and developing and integrating web-based tools, mobile applications and other educational materials.	PAZ, PWD, ATD	- Implement Vision Zero Action Plan. Continue work on numerous ATD Active Transportation Programs focused on education and enforcement. Continue the City's TDM program that is focused on implementing these solutions, such as the Smart Trips Program.
ongoing	LUT A31	Improve streetscapes and infrastructure along activity corridors and at activity centers through the use of financing mechanisms such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts and Public Improvement Districts (PID).	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, EDD, FSD	- South Central Waterfront Initiative is exploring several innovative funding strategies to support infrastructure improvements within the activity center, including: expansion of Downtown Austin Alliance PID to cover the boundaries of South Central Waterfront, and study of the potential for implementation of Tax Increment Financing within the District.
ongoing	S A21	Develop the capacity of geographically-based communities of interest (i.e., neighborhood associations, community organizations, schools) to take ownership of their areas and share information and best practices with one another to achieve shared goals.	PAZ, DSD	 A planner on the PAZ staff provides support to designated Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams, which includes capacity building and training. Two neighborhood advisors housed within the Development Services Department provide information referral and liaison services to neighborhood organizations including neighborhood associations.
no further action planned	LUT A24	Encourage the relocation of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad freight line from its current alignment through the middle of Austin.	ATD, EDD, TxDOT	- Union Pacific has ended its cooperation with the Lone Star Rail District, and the region has withdrawn federal funding support from the Lone Star Rail District to explore freight rail relocation and implementation of commuter rail connecting Georgetown to San Antonio. TxDOT and its regional partners are currently exploring options for better connections between the Austin and San Antonio regions through the Capital-Alamo Connections Study. www.txdot. gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/statewide/capital- alamo-connections.html

Status		Action	Departments	Update
no further action planned	LUT A46	Ensure consistency between the Growth Concept Map Series and regional transportation plans by amending the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan to remove SH45 SW and requesting its removal from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.		- City of Austin requested removal of SH 45 SW from CAMPO Plan in 2012, however, that amendment was not approved by the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board, which is comprised of elected officials from throughout a 6 County Region. Construction of SH 45 SW between Loop 1 and FM 1626 is underway. www.sh45sw.com/
no status available	LUT A6	Create a regional planning initiative to encourage local governments in Central Texas to promote a mix of housing and land uses for diverse populations and income groups, located near work, shopping, and services.	PAZ, Mayor or Council	

Revise Development Regulations

Status		Action	Departments	Update
complete	CE A23	Strengthen regulations that protect creeks and floodplains from development by increasing buffer zones and reducing the amount and type of development allowed in these areas.	WPD	CodeNEXT will maintain Austin's historic watershed regulations, such as the Save Our Springs Ordinance, as well as the improvements of the Watershed Protection Ordinance.
in progress	CE A3	Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas using a variety of tools, including transferable development rights as well as policies and regulations that incentivize grayfield/redevelopment/infill.	WPD, PAZ	Improvements to the redevelopment exception were tabled by the Environmental Commission and will be discussed further with stakeholders after the adoption of CodeNEXT.
in progress	CFS A18	Ensure that land development policies, regulations, and design standards take public safety issues like roadway connectivity, ingress/ egress, and street design into consideration.	PAZ, ATD	The staff recommendation/Draft 3 includes standards for connectivity and street design, but many details for street design will be in the Transportation Criteria Manual (TCM).

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	CFS A23	Develop design standards for public buildings and spaces that promote high-quality community focal points in the areas where they are located. These standards should address issues such as: - re-use of existing structures - LEED certification, including water and energy efficiency - low-impact development - resource recovery, such as recycling, composting, and reuse - trees planting, preservation, and protection - green spaces - transit access - carshare/electric vehicle parking spaces - bikesharing and bicycle facilities and accommodations - safe, connected walkways - public spaces inside and outside of buildings - anchoring neighborhood niches - child-friendly play spaces - family-friendliness	regulatory policy sub- team, PAZ, Strategic Facilities Governance Team	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. Draft 3 of CodeNEXT contains provisions for civic open space that are related to design and function.
in progress	CFS A36	Incentivize and promote low-impact development designs and techniques on private land that preserve key environmental features, reduce runoff and the use of potable water for plantings, and increase stormwater infiltration. Examples include rainwater harvesting, porous pavement, rain gardens, and green roofs.	WPD, AW, DSD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. On the programmatic side, Watershed Protection is piloting an alternative service delivery model for achieving water quality goals through maximizing community participation in the installation and maintenance of distributed small-scale stormwater control measures in the upper Waller Creek watershed.

Status	Action	Departments	Update
LUT A.	 5 Create a regulatory environment to promote the redevelopment of brownfields and greyfields into compact, walkable places by: Increasing development rights through changes in regulations, density bonuses, and other incentives; Revising parking requirements that result in more permeable areas and promote walking, biking, and transit; Providing assistance in securing funding for redevelopment; Ensuring appropriate transitions to less intensive residential areas; Expediting the permitting and approval process; Utilizing Low Impact Development practices to mitigate impacts associated with increases in impervious cover or constrained stormwater infrastructure that may impede redevelopment. 	PAZ, DSD, PWD, ATD, EDD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. CodeNEXT is also proposing reducing parking requirements for residential uses, and eliminating parking requirements for some small-scale commercial uses in certain zones, to make compact infill more feasible.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	E A3	Create a regulatory framework to foster a business-friendly environment by: - Identifying regulatory impacts on investment, business development, and retention (zoning, permitting and licensing requirements, tax requirements, etc.) - Assigning city staff devoted to helping businesses navigate the system and troubleshoot; - Creating development incentives (including tax incentives), density and floor-to-area ratio (FAR) bonuses, reduced and alternative parking requirements, expedited review, etc. - Simplifying and clarifying the development review process, including one-stop shop review, enforced timelines, and set targets for responsiveness and accountability - Allowing more by-right development - Making development regulations more flexible, while defining the extent of flexibility and maintaining safety and code integrity - Creating a program to assist businesses that are affected by road construction or infrastructure improvements - Creating a rehabilitation building code to make adaptive reuse efficient and affordable	PAZ, SBDP, EDD	Parking has been reduced or eliminated for certain commercial uses in some zones, and the ability to change uses on a site with a site plan exemption remains in Draft 3 as it is in current code.
in progress	HN A1	Establish regulations and programs to promote the development of a variety of market rate and affordable housing types within compact, activity centers and corridors served by transit.	EDD, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT will help promote the development of a variety of market rate and affordable housing types within activity centers and corridors served by transit through re- calibrated and standardized density bonus programs.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	HN A2	Develop incentives and policies to encourage more families with children to live in Austin's established neighborhoods by increasing the supply and variety of housing.	PAZ, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT Land Development Code revisions have been proposed in Draft 3 to create new zoning categories that offer a range of missing middle housing types to allow for infill housing. The proposed Affordable Housing Bonus Program includes an incentive to generate family-friendly affordable units (2+ bedrooms) when participating in the bonus program.
in progress	HN A3	Produce regulations and enhance programs to promote affordable housing throughout Austin by: - Utilizing publicly-owned land for the development of affordable housing - Preserving existing affordable housing - Allowing for diverse housing types throughout Austin - Balancing homeownership and rental opportunities - Providing assistance in securing funding for affordable housing - Examine regulations and policies that adversely affect affordable housing and consider approaches to minimize cost impacts for units attainable for families at significantly less than market values - Land banking - Encouraging the expansion of community development corporations	EDD, PAZ	The City is working with a consultant team to develop an implementation plan and strategy to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint which Council adopted in 2017. Recommendations in the Blueprint include: utilizing publicly- owned land for the development of affordable housing and land banking, preserving existing affordable housing, allowing for diverse housing types throughout Austin, and securing additional funding for affordable housing. Some of these actions may involve policy changes, and regulation changes through CodeNEXT which is underway. Others such as funding may be dependent on the City's Budget process and the potential of another affordable housing bond, which may go to voters for approval in November 2018.
in progress	HN A11	Establish a regulatory framework to promote and assist housing development that involves adaptive re-use of existing buildings.	PAZ	The staff recommendation/draft 3 allows for additional flexibility in uses. For example, the Main Street and Mixed Use zones allow both residential and commercial uses; in addition new uses such as live/work are in the code to promote flexibility in building space. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	HN A17	Develop regulations and standards that promote innovative and diverse residential architecture that is sensitive to the surrounding neighborhood.	PAZ	Building typologies differ by zone, and some zones have additional design standards, such as articulation, FAR, and height controls, in an attempt to be sensitive to neighborhood character. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	HN A19	Ensure harmonious and compatible transitions between neighborhoods and adjacent commercial, mixed-use, and denser housing by regulating setbacks, building mass and height, and other design elements and uses.	PAZ	Compatibility standards that include setbacks, stepbacks, and landscaping are part of the staff recommendation/ Draft 3. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	HN A20	Develop and implement strategies that address spillover parking from commercial districts into adjacent residential areas that include increased public transportation, better pedestrian and bicycling amenities, improved signs, and parking management.	PAZ	The transportation chapter contains new proposals for transportation impact analyses and transportation demand management. No changes are proposed for the residential parking permit program at this time. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	HN A22	Ensure outreach efforts for the ongoing comprehensive planning program as well as small-area plans are directed toward attracting a diversity of stakeholders including under- represented demographic and socio-economic groups.	PIO, PAZ, Equity Office	PAZ is undergoing an equity assessment in partnership with the City of Austin Equity Office which will conclude in Fall 2018. Future comprehensive planning and small area planning activities will incorporate specific actions identified during this process in order to ensure that our plans engage diverse stakeholders and include policy recommendations and actions that meaningfully support communities of color and other under-represented groups.

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	HN A24	Establish a regulatory environment that creates communities across Austin that: - support walking, bicycling, and transit - encourage live/work spaces - are in proximity to daily needs - include a variety of employment opportunities - provide a range of housing (duplexes, townhouses, row houses, small-scale apartments, etc.) integrating market-rate and affordable housing for people of all ages, abilities, and means - utilize sustainable building practices - are stable with low crime and safe buildings - provides a range of facilities and services such as schools, parks, community gardens, and other public gathering spaces	EDD, PAZ, PARD, PWD	The staff recommendation/Draft 3 includes provisions for a mix of uses and building types (including housing), a new Affordable Housing Bonus Program, updated uses (including the addition of live/work), and carries forward the Austin Energy Green Building provisions from current code. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration. Revise Subdivision Regulations. Include provisions for Bungalow Courts within the Subdivision Regulations. Identify development scale which triggers need for school district.
in progress	LUT A2	Promote diverse infill housing such as small-scale apartments, smaller-lot single-family houses, town and row houses, and garage apartments that complement and enhance the character of existing neighborhoods.	PAZ, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT Land Development Code revisions have been proposed in Draft 3 to create new zoning categories that offer a range of missing middle housing types and smaller lot sizes to allow for infill housing that complements existing neighborhood character. In addition, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) now have more flexible regulations that make them easier to build.
in progress	LUT A3	Establish land use and street design regulations to create sustainable neighborhoods that are child-friendly, support walking and bicycling, are in proximity to daily needs, and provide a range of housing-type options such as duplexes, townhouses, row houses, small-scale apartments, and houses on smaller lots to meet the needs of people of different means and at different stages of their lives.	PAZ, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT Land Development Code revisions have been proposed in Draft 3 to create new zoning categories that offer a range of missing middle housing types and smaller lot sizes to allow for infill housing that complements existing neigh

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in progress	LUT A4	Use incentives and regulations to direct growth to areas consistent with the Growth Concept Map that have existing infrastructure capacity including roads, water, wastewater, drainage, and schools.		Many parcels along Imagine Austin Corridors have been mapped with MU and MS zones, which allow residential uses, or a mix of residential and commercial uses, and offer an affordable housing bonus program incentive. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	LUT A7	Implement a transfer of development rights program to transfer development rights from environmentally sensitive areas to areas identified on the Growth Concept Map for new development or redevelopment.	WPD, DSD, PAZ, PARD, AW	Improvements to the redevelopment exception were tabled by the Environmental Commission and will be discussed further with stakeholders after the adoption of CodeNEXT.
in progress	LUT A8	Adopt policies and establish a regulatory environment that promotes the development of compact, mixed-use places that provide great public spaces accessible to people of all ages and abilities.	PAZ	The staff recommendation/Draft 3 includes new mixed use zones, additional allowable building types, connectivity requirements, and open space standards. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration. In addition, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) now have more
in progress	LUT A10	Locate new industrial development; logistics, warehousing, and distribution; and other comparable businesses in areas with adequate utility and transportation infrastructure and in areas that reduce the harmful effects on neighborhoods and the environment.	EDD, EGRSO	flexible regulations that make them easier to build. Areas that are currently zoned Industrial are largely zoned Industrial in the proposed CodeNEXT draft. Potential negative effects are mitigated with compatibility setbacks and stepbacks, as described in the zoning standards. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	LUT A11		PAZ, PARD, APH, PWD	CodeNEXT continues existing parking reduction provisions that incentivize bicycle parking, showers, and car-sharing, in return for reducing required parking.

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in progress	LUT A19	Develop complete streets design guidelines for all new road construction and reconstruction: - Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities - Green street techniques - Green Street Techniques/Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices - Interconnected, navigable, grid-like streets and blocks - Flexibility in design and regulations - Create pedestrian-activated crosswalks at mid block intersections on arterials to improve pedestrian safety - Traffic calming measures - Transit accommodations - Use of native landscaping	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Land Development Code revision underway. Revise Subdivision Regulations. Transportation Criteria Manual update underway. Completion anticipated by the end of 2018.
in progress	LUT A26	Set targets for vehicle miles traveled per capita and incorporate those targets into traffic impact studies for new development.	CAMPO, ATD	The staff recommendation/Draft 3 includes an updated process for transportation impact analyses as well as transportation demand management. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	LUT A28	Create design standards for public spaces such as parks, plazas, sidewalks and trails that respond to the unique setting in which they are located.	PAZ	These standards are part of the staff recommendation/ Draft 3. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	LUT A30	Create a regulatory environment to allow flexibility in how buildings are used in compact centers and along commercial corridors— particularly the first floor—by simplifying the process to adapt from one use to another, such as residential to commercial or vice versa.	PAZ	These standards are part of the staff recommendation/ Draft 3. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	LUT A35	Develop standards and expand incentives for green building and increased energy efficiency for new construction and remodels of older houses.	PAZ	The staff recommendation/Draft 3 carries forward the Austin Energy Green Building program provisions in current code. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.

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in progress	LUT A38	Review and change building and zoning codes and incorporate best practices to promote green building and sustainable development.	PAZ	Elements within the scope of the Land Development Code including the Austin Energy Green Building program, landscaping, functional green, and water quality standards have been addressed in the draft code. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
i progress	LUT A42	Create incentives and develop funding mechanisms and regulations to promote the rehabilitation, reuse, and maintenance of historically designated properties: -Grants -Tax incentives -Flexible building requirements -Revolving loan sources -Fee waivers	PAZ	The staff recommendation/Draft 3 includes new regulations for accessory dwelling units. These standards include allowing for placement anywhere on a lot (in front of, behind, or attached to a primary unit) and incentives keeping a current house. If a house is 10 years old or more, a new accessory dwelling unit will not count toward the lot's floor to area ratio limit. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
. <u>ב</u>		-Fast-track permitting		Historic Preservation staff facilitated a 25-member working group to recommend changes to and expansion of the Heritage Grant Program and overarching Historical Preservation Fund, both supported by Hotel Occupancy Tax dollars. The working group's recommendations are currently under Council consideration.

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	LUT A44	Develop and implement straightforward and transparent preservation strategies, guidelines, and regulations for historic areas, sites and structures, and cultural resources that preserves	PAZ	These standards are part of the staff recommendation/ Draft 3, particularly in chapter 23-7. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress		Austin's heritage, while being respectful of the local character, community values, and of the desires of property owners.		 The Historic Preservation Office has formalized and distributed the standards used to evaluate historic landmarks for the historic tax exemption, supporting property owners in being good stewards of historic resources. The Historic Preservation website is currently being reorganized with more accessible and expanded information for community members. Preservation staff worked with community members to designate the Mary Street Historic District, the first local historic district in South Austin.
in progress	S A8	Make healthy and local foods accessible, particularly in underserved areas, by removing barriers and providing incentives for the establishment of sustainable community gardens, urban farms, neighborhood grocery stores, farmers markets, and farm stands and mobile vegetable sales carts.	APH, PARD	- 10 historic landmarks were designated. The staff recommendation/draft 3 allows for community gardens, small-scale retail, and mobile vending in various locations throughout the city. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration.
in progress	CFS A40	Study and implement, as appropriate, decentralized wastewater management tools that locate processing closer to the re-use site, such as package plants and satellite facilities, to reduce fixed infrastructure costs.		Plans are underway for the City's new Planning and Development Center to include an onsite blackwater reuse pilot facility. Austin's Water Forward 100-year integrated water resource plan includes recommendations for decentralized wastewater options including community-scale distributed wastewater reuse and community-scale sewer mining, as well as various on-site alternative water options including the installation and use of lot-scale graywater reuse and lot-scale blackwater reuse.

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ongoing	C A14	Develop programs and incentives to provide flexible, affordable work space and housing throughout Austin, with an emphasis placed on locations well-served by transit, Downtown, and activity centers and corridors for entrepreneurs, small and local businesses, artists, and creative professionals. Programs and incentives should address live-work space, home-based businesses, and temporary lease agreements in multi-use venues such as schools, vacant buildings, and warehouses.	PAZ, PWD, EDD	CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018. CodeNEXT includes incentives for the development of affordable housing, through the affordable housing density bonus program, and includes provisions supporting development of live/work spaces within certain zones. Work/Live and Live/Work are two new uses in CodeNEXT that allow flexible use of space.
no status available	LUT A6	Create a regional planning initiative to encourage local governments in Central Texas to promote a mix of housing and land uses for diverse populations and income groups, located near work, shopping, and services.	PAZ, Mayor or Council	
no status available	LUT A34	Incentivize new and redevelopment to be sensitive to the Central Texas climate, culture, building traditions, and constructions materials.	PAZ	
no status available	S A12	Remove regulatory barriers and provide incentives to improve and rebuild local food production, processing and distribution systems appropriate to the local context.	APH, PARD, EDD	

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complete	CFS A9	Create a trails master plan to ensure connectivity and provide consistency with regional, city, and neighborhood-level trail and transportation goals to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods and destinations; incorporate trails throughout the city and region; encourage developers to connect to or complete the trail system; and use protected land along creeks and floodplains in an environmentally sustainable way.	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Continuing to collaborate on proposed trail projects to promote environmentally sensitive alignments and design near waterways and floodplains.
complete	CE A23	Strengthen regulations that protect creeks and floodplains from development by increasing buffer zones and reducing the amount and type of development allowed in these areas.	WPD	Continuing to implement the waterway and floodplain protections of the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. CodeNEXT will maintain Austin's historic watershed regulations, such as the Save Our Springs Ordinance, as well as the improvements of the Watershed Protection Ordinance.
in progress	CE A3	Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas using a variety of tools, including transferable development rights as well as policies and regulations that incentivize grayfield/redevelopment/infill.	WPD, PAZ	Improvements to transfers of development rights were made in the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. Additional improvements to the redevelopment exception were tabled by the Environmental Commission and will be discussed further with stakeholders after the adoption of CodeNEXT.

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in progress	CE A6	Encourage designs and building practices that reduce the environmental impact of development and that result in accessible green space.	PAZ, WPD, GI regulatory policy sub- team	CodeNEXT is proposing to promote additional green infrastructure and further integrate nature into the city. The new code calls for the creation of additional contiguous, connected open space. The new code will request for sites to use green stormwater solutions, which is a big opportunity to do more with rainfall, create more sustainable developments, and conserve water by offsetting demands that would otherwise be supplied by potable water. In addition, the new code will require sites performing grading to either protect soils from compaction during construction or restore compacted soils post-construction. The new code will also distribute landscape elements throughout a site, enhance ecosystem service benefits, foster the beneficial use of stormwater, and capitalize on existing vegetation, trees, soils, and other natural features.
in progress	CE A24	Reduce pollution hotspots and prohibit high- emission uses (e.g. scrap yards, automotive repair, etc.) in floodplains and critical water quality zones.	DSD, WPD	Existing regulations prohibit these uses in the Critical Water Quality Zone, but not for redevelopment. Continue work of Stormwater Discharge Permitting Program to inspect, educate, and promote best management practices for specific commercial and industrial operations in Austin.
in progress	CFS A28	Seek opportunities to align water, energy, and waste conservation/reduction funding, education, and incentives.	AW	Continuing to maintain existing partnerships and develop new partnership opportunities with Austin Energy, Austin Resource Recovery, and Office of Sustainability. Continuing to explore low-interest third-party loans for water conservation and energy efficiency.
in progress	CFS A29	Provide tools, education, and assistance for utility users to better understand the environmental impacts of their water and energy use, and waste generation.	AW	Austin Water is continuing to pilot Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), which includes customer interface application to provide feedback on water use and comparisons to similar customers. Austin Water is continuing to assist PARD with improving water use gaging and continuing to work with the Office of Sustainability on key performance indicators relating to environmental footprint applications.

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in progress	CFS A35	Create a green infrastructure plan for public land or in public rights-of-way to preserve Austin's ecosystem, improve the water cycle, reduce the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, enrich public space, and provide for traffic calming. Examples include open space, trails, wetlands, community gardens green streets, infiltration facilities, and the urban forest.	WPD	Many elements of an integrated green infrastructure plan are in place, including an inventory of green infrastructure assets and multiple City projects, programs, plans, and regulations relating to green infrastructure. In response to a June 2017 City Council resolution, staff is creating an online portal for the Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan that will serve as a gateway to this multitude of green infrastructure strategies and resources. In addition, staff will create a report that assesses critical gaps relating to green infrastructure policies and programs and recommends solutions to address any identified gaps
in progress	CFS A36	Incentivize and promote low-impact development designs and techniques on private land that preserve key environmental features, reduce runoff and the use of potable water for plantings, and increase stormwater infiltration. Examples include rainwater harvesting, porous pavement, rain gardens, and green roofs.	WPD, AW, DSD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. On the programmatic side, Watershed Protection is piloting an alternative service delivery model for achieving water quality goals through maximizing community participation in the installation and maintenance of distributed small-scale stormwater control measures in the upper Waller Creek watershed. Austin Water currently offers landscape conversion, landscape survival tools (compost, mulch, and core aeration), rainwater harvesting, and rainscape rebate
				programs through its Water Conservation Division. In addition, Austin Water's Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) process is considering multiple potable water use reduction strategies including additional rainwater and stormwater harvesting options.

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in progress	CFS A38	Develop incentives and coordinate regulations to promote innovative water and graywater re-use options for building and site design, landscape maintenance, and agricultural irrigation.	AW, WPD	Continuing to provide staff support to proposed low impact development (LID) elements in the CodeNEXT process: beneficial use of stormwater and landscape requirements to significantly increase use of green stormwater infrastructure. Continuing to provide staff support of Austin Water-led Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) process, which is considering multiple distributed and on-site options including greywater and blackwater reuse and rainwater and stormwater harvesting.
in progress	CFS A39	Establish regulations, programs, and funding sources to allow offsite, including regional, stormwater detention and water quality controls to be used in concert with green infrastructure and low-impact development techniques in areas identified for compact, walkable development or redevelopment and identify opportunities for recreational uses and habitat creation or restoration.	WPD, PAZ, regulatory policy sub- team	Current code allows for regional stormwater solutions through the Regional Stormwater Management Program (RSMP) and the Urban Structural Control Fund. CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. In addition, CodeNEXT is proposing that redevelopment projects contribute their fair share to flood management solutions. CodeNEXT is also proposing a typology for civic space that integrates stormwater amenities into open space and recreation areas.
in progress	CFS A40	Study and implement, as appropriate, decentralized wastewater management tools that locate processing closer to the re-use site, such as package plants and satellite facilities, to reduce fixed infrastructure costs.		Plans are underway for the City's new Planning and Development Center to include an onsite blackwater reuse pilot facility. Austin's Water Forward 100-year integrated water resource plan includes recommendations for decentralized wastewater options including community-scale distributed wastewater reuse and community-scale sewer mining, as well as various on-site alternative water options including the installation and use of lot-scale graywater reuse and lot-scale blackwater reuse.

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in progress	CFS A42	Strengthen flood control, erosion, and water quality programs, incentives, regulations, and enforcement to incorporate best practices and meet or exceed national standards.	WPD	Major regulatory improvements for flood, erosion, and water quality enacted with the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. In addition, CodeNEXT is proposing that redevelopment projects contribute their fair share to flood management solutions.
in progress	CFS A43	Expand and strengthen water quality regulations to achieve non-degradation and protect recharge zones, floodplains, creeks and their headwaters, and other environmentally sensitive areas: - Increased buffers and setbacks - Restricted land uses with significant spill risks in sensitive environmental areas - Changes in allowed impervious cover.	WPD, regulatory policy sub- team	Major regulatory improvements enacted with the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting.
in progress	HN A15	Develop a regulatory framework to incentivize the use of sustainable and cost effective design features such as rainwater harvesting, xeriscape features, rain gardens, green roofs, graywater irrigation, solar power, and energy efficient utilities.	AW, WPD, DSD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. In addition, Austin Water's Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) process is considering multiple distributed and on-site rainwater and stormwater harvesting options as well as landscape transformation options focusing on functional landscapes, which have potential to reduce on-going maintenance costs.

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in progress	LUT A7	Implement a transfer of development rights program to transfer development rights from environmentally sensitive areas to areas identified on the Growth Concept Map for new development or redevelopment.	WPD, DSD, PAZ, PARD, AW	Improvements to transfers of development rights were made in the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. Additional improvements to the redevelopment exception were tabled by the Environmental Commission and will be discussed further with stakeholders after the adoption of CodeNEXT.
in progress	LUT A19	Develop complete streets design guidelines for all new road construction and reconstruction: - Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities - Green street techniques - Green Street Techniques/Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices - Interconnected, navigable, grid-like streets and blocks - Flexibility in design and regulations - Create pedestrian-activated crosswalks at mid block intersections on arterials to improve pedestrian safety - Traffic calming measures - Transit accommodations - Use of native landscaping	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Implementation of Complete Streets Policy is ongoing, including green street components such as landscaping and green stormwater control measures.
in progress	LUT A37	Develop a regulatory framework to incentivize the use of Low Impact Development (LID) features such as rainwater harvesting, increased permeable surfaces, rain gardens, green roofs, green streets, and naturalized water quality features such as bioswales to manage stormwater.	WPD, AW, PAZ	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. In addition, Austin Water's Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) process is considering multiple strategies including additional rainwater and stormwater harvesting options.

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ongoing	CE A1	Implement the City of Austin Climate Protection Plan.	ALL, OoS	Austin Water and Watershed Protection contributed to the city's Climate Resiliency Plan. Austin Water hosted a one-day Creating Resilient Cities forum with the Water Utility Climate Alliance that focused on how water utilities are leading the way in adapting to climate change to enhance resilience for our communities. City staff completed a Climate Resilience Action Plan for City Assets and Operations, which outlines climate change-related risks in Austin, the City's strategy to address vulnerabilities and increase the resilience of municipal assets and operations, and immediate next steps for implementation of the Action Plan
ongoing	CE A2	Create a system for identifying, defining, and mapping environmentally sensitive areas for their protection.	WPD, DSD, PARD, AW, PAZ	Extensive mapping of environmental features is available to the public (e.g., tree canopy, critical environmental features, steep slopes, stream buffers). Staff from multiple departments are working to create an online portal for green infrastructure, including an geographic inventory.
ongoing	CE A4	Improve policies and incentives for restoration of damaged natural resources areas.	WPD, PAZ	Continuing implementation of riparian restoration and tree planting projects in City parks and other city-owned lands. Continuing to implement provisions of the Watershed Protection Ordinance that help restore creeks, riparian zones, and floodplains.
ongoing	CE A5	Collaborate regionally to align conservation and sustainable development regulations and policies to protect environmentally sensitive areas that cross political boundaries.	WPD, AW, PAZ, AFD	Austin Water, Watershed Protection, and other departments are continuing: - regional collaboration toward conservation and environmental protection, - regional collaboration regarding protection of water resources in the Barton Springs Zone of the Edwards Aquifer, - implementation of the countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (adopted Fall 2014) via the Austin Travis County Wildfire Coalition, - and implementation of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan.

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ongoing	CE A7	Establish a comprehensive, predictable, consistent, and efficient process to evaluate the environmental effects of new development.	PAZ, WPD, GIPPIT	At the site-scale, current code and criteria require assessment of environmental resources potentially affected by new development. Environmental review of land development applications is ongoing by Development Services with support from Watershed Protection. At a larger-scale, continuing publication of the annual State of the Environment Report with updates on environmental conditions in Austin, including new development.
ongoing	CE A8	Develop an educational and awards program to showcase best practices in sustainable and low-impact development and achievements or innovations in waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable food practices.	AE, WPD, ARR, PARD, OoS	Continuing to implement ongoing education programs relating to watershed protection, environmental protection, zero waste, sustainability, and locally sourced food education programs.
ongoing	CE A9	Create print and online educational materials to expand public awareness of the benefits of environmental protection, simple steps to improve protection, and common threats to avoid.	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Continuing to promote Austin's extensive online library of materials and curricula. Continuing ongoing education and outreach programs relating to watershed protection, environmental protection, zero waste, sustainability, and locally sourced food education programs.
ongoing	CE A15	Expand the City of Austin's acquisition of environmentally significant land, conservation easements, and/or development rights for the protection of sensitive areas, including: - floodplains - riparian areas - wetlands - prairies - land that supports recharge of the Edwards Aquifer - wildlife habitat and corridors - bottomland forests and priority woodlands - critical environmental features - agricultural land	AW, WPD, RES, PARD	Acquisition of environmentally significant land continues via the development process through the implementation of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance and the Watershed Protection Ordinance. Additional purchase of lands is limited by available funding. The Bond Election Advisory Task Force recommended \$72M for open space acquisition and \$45M for parkland acquisition as part of the 2018 Bond Development Program.

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σ	CE A16	Develop and implement unified, comprehensive land management of all City of Austin lands for integrated environmental sustainability, including carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and education.	WPD, PARD, AW, public lands management sub-team	City staff continues active land management for thousands of acres of land, including the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and the Water Quality Protection Lands. Through its Wildland Conservation Division, Austin Water manages ~28,000 acres of Water Quality Protection Lands and ~14,000 acres of Balcones Canyonland Preserve endangered species habitat land. The Climate Resilience Assessment and Action Plan for City
ongoing				Assets and Operations was released in late 2017 and serves as a planning tool to increase resiliency. Continuing Green Infrastructure Priority Program land management coordination, e.g., development of land classification system and support for the Urban Forest Plan, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and the Invasive Species Management Plan. Efforts are continuing to be made to transition from a land maintenance to a land management regime on WPD, PARD, and other public parcels.
ongoing	CE A17	Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with universities and local schools to integrate educational programs with conservation and sustainability policies and projects.	AW, WPD	Continuing work with Colorado River Foundation, AISD, and in-house elementary education programs. Continuing to explore potential demonstration projects and test sites at educational campuses as well as research partnerships. Continuing work with AISD to construct rain gardens and rainwater harvesting.
ongoing	CE A18	Create a regional task force to address inter- jurisdictional environmental sustainability issues.	OoS, WPD	Continuing efforts towards regional sustainability issues working with Central Texas Clean Air Coalition, Air Central Texas, CAMPO, Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project, the Water Forward Task Force, and others.

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ongoing	CFS A8	Restore trees and vegetation along degraded waterways, especially in eastern watersheds.	WPD, PARD, AW, PAZ, PWD	Continuing to implement provisions of the Watershed Protection Ordinance protecting and restoring creeks, riparian zones, and floodplains. Continuing implementation of the Grow Zone Program and other riparian restoration projects, such as tree planting projects in riparian areas.
ongoing	CFS A11	Develop multi-disciplinary, cross-jurisdictional planning teams for projects that involve major natural features, such as the Colorado River or Onion Creek Greenway.	WPD, PARD, AW	Continuing to work with Travis County to implement the Colorado River Corridor Plan. Continuing implementation of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan. Developing a park and restoration plan for the Onion Creek flood property buyout area.
ongoing	CFS A37	Strengthen water conservation programs to lower water use using new tools, incentives, and regulations.	AW	Continuing to implement year-round lawn watering restrictions (e.g., no more than one day per week watering for automatic irrigation systems and two days per week for hose end sprinklers). Continuing to review program offerings for cost effectiveness; research new technologies. Continuing to implement wide array of water conservation programs including new cooling tower efficiency program. Continuing to provide Dropcountr digital home water use reports to customers to better target program offerings to their needs.
ongoing	CFS A41	Participate in national, state, and local efforts to identify, assess, and reduce emerging contaminants in water, such as pharmaceuticals and personal care products.	AW, WPD	Continue Austin Water's ongoing work with large industrial customers on more stringent pretreatment practices to reduce emerging contaminants in wastewater.
ongoing	CFS A44	Collaborate with regional water providers to identify and reduce service overlaps and coordinate access to main water sources, including groundwater.	AW	Continuing ongoing coordination and information sharing with area water providers. Continuing ongoing participation in the Senate Bill 1 regional water planning process, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

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ongoing	HN A23	Coordinate with public and private sector organizations in Austin, such as school districts, non-profit organizations, and other agencies to address efforts related to health and human services, housing, economic development, sustainable development, and planning.	NHCD, PAZ, APH, WPD, AW	Continue environmental education programs (e.g., Grow Green, Earth Camp, Water Conservation education, Texas Colorado River Rolling Exhibit (in partnership with the Colorado River Alliance and AISD), flood education and awareness), partnerships with environmental non-profit organizations (e.g., Keep Austin Beautiful, Tree Folks, Austin Parks Foundation), and the installation of green stormwater infrastructure (e.g., rain gardens, rainwater harvesting) at school sites.
ongoing	CFS A34	Align policies, incentives, regulations, service area extensions, and infrastructure to coordinate with the Growth Concept Map, maintain Austin's livability and affordability, protect environmentally sensitive areas, and sustainably manage Austin's water resources. Include consideration of diverse water sources and conservation and efficiency measures when planning for future demand for potable water.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, AW, AE, WPD, PARD, NHCD	Continuing ongoing work: wholesale customers currently eligible for most AW conservation incentive programs. Water conservation provisions are incorporated as wholesale contracts are renewed. Continuing work to develop a 100-year Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP), referred to as Water Forward, to ensure a diversified, sustainable, and resilient water future. The Water Forward effort includes planning for risks associated with climate uncertainty and droughts, including droughts worse than the recent historic drought. Continuing environmental evaluation of land development permit applications for of service extension requests in the Drinking Water Protection Zone. Continuing ongoing regional water planning efforts and partnership efforts with Lower Colorado River Authority.

Green Infrastructure

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complete	CFS A9	Create a trails master plan to ensure connectivity and provide consistency with regional, city, and neighborhood-level trail and transportation goals to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods and destinations; incorporate trails throughout the city and region; encourage developers to connect to or complete the trail system; and use protected land along creeks and floodplains in an environmentally sustainable way.	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Continuing to collaborate on proposed trail projects to promote environmentally sensitive alignments and design near waterways and floodplains.
complete	CE A23	Strengthen regulations that protect creeks and floodplains from development by increasing buffer zones and reducing the amount and type of development allowed in these areas.	WPD	Continuing to implement the waterway and floodplain protections of the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. CodeNEXT will maintain Austin's historic watershed regulations, such as the Save Our Springs Ordinance, as well as the improvements of the Watershed Protection Ordinance.
complete	CE A22	Create an urban forest plan that identifies tree canopy goals, establishes a budget, and presents implementation measures.	PARD, public lands management sub-team	Urban Forest Plan adopted by City Council in 2014. Continue to implement plan. The completion of the Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review is a notable accomplishment; this is a continuous improvement tool that was used by five different city programs to increase the quality of Austin's municipal forestry programs.
in progress	CE A3	Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas using a variety of tools, including transferable development rights as well as policies and regulations that incentivize grayfield/redevelopment/infill.	WPD, PAZ	Improvements to transfers of development rights were made in the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. Additional improvements to the redevelopment exception were tabled by the Environmental Commission and will be discussed further with stakeholders after the adoption of CodeNEXT.

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in progress	CE A6	Encourage designs and building practices that reduce the environmental impact of development and that result in accessible green space.	PAZ, WPD, GI regulatory policy sub- team	CodeNEXT is proposing to promote additional green infrastructure and further integrate nature into the city. The new code calls for the creation of additional contiguous, connected open space. The new code will request for sites to use green stormwater solutions, which is a big opportunity to do more with rainfall, create more sustainable developments, and conserve water by offsetting demands that would otherwise be supplied by potable water. In addition, the new code will require sites performing grading to either protect soils from compaction during construction or restore compacted soils post-construction. The new code will also distribute landscape elements throughout a site, enhance ecosystem service benefits, foster the beneficial use of stormwater, and capitalize on existing vegetation, trees, soils, and other natural features.
in progress	CE A24	Reduce pollution hotspots and prohibit high- emission uses (e.g. scrap yards, automotive repair, etc.) in floodplains and critical water quality zones.	DSD, WPD	Existing regulations prohibit these uses in the Critical Water Quality Zone, but not for redevelopment. Continue work of Stormwater Discharge Permitting Program to inspect, educate, and promote best management practices for specific commercial and industrial operations in Austin.
in progress	CFS A28	Seek opportunities to align water, energy, and waste conservation/reduction funding, education, and incentives.	AW	Continuing to maintain existing partnerships and develop new partnership opportunities with Austin Energy, Austin Resource Recovery, and Office of Sustainability. Continuing to explore low-interest third-party loans for water conservation and energy efficiency.

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in progress	CFS A35	Create a green infrastructure plan for public land or in public rights-of-way to preserve Austin's ecosystem, improve the water cycle, reduce the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, enrich public space, and provide for traffic calming. Examples include open space, trails, wetlands, community gardens green streets, infiltration facilities, and the urban forest.	WPD	Many elements of an integrated green infrastructure plan are in place, including an inventory of green infrastructure assets and multiple City projects, programs, plans, and regulations relating to green infrastructure. In response to a June 2017 City Council resolution, staff is creating an online portal for the Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan that will serve as a gateway to this multitude of green infrastructure strategies and resources. In addition, staff will create a report that assesses critical gaps relating to green infrastructure policies and programs and recommends solutions to address any identified gaps
in progress	CFS A36	Incentivize and promote low-impact development designs and techniques on private land that preserve key environmental features, reduce runoff and the use of potable water for plantings, and increase stormwater infiltration. Examples include rainwater harvesting, porous pavement, rain gardens, and green roofs.	WPD, AW, DSD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. On the programmatic side, Watershed Protection is piloting an alternative service delivery model for achieving water quality goals through maximizing community participation in the installation and maintenance of distributed small-scale stormwater control measures in the upper Waller Creek watershed. Austin Water currently offers landscape conversion, landscape survival tools (compost, mulch, and core aeration), rainwater harvesting, and rainscape rebate
				programs through its Water Conservation Division. In addition, Austin Water's Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) process is considering multiple potable water use reduction strategies including additional rainwater and stormwater harvesting options.

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in progress	CE A10	Identify existing areas with limited access to parks, open space, and trails and create mechanisms to address these gaps.	GI acquisition sub-team, PARD	PARD, Watershed Protection, and Public Works continue to locate parkland in park deficient areas identified on the City's Parkland Deficient Map. Develop a Citywide Green Infrastructure inventory layer to show where green infrastructure exists throughout the City. PARD to expend Planning Grant from National Recreation and Parks Association 10-Minute Walk to a Park program awarded in 2018 to identify measurable polices and practices to create a park within 10 minutes walk of all residents.
in progress	CE A11	Develop regulations and incentives to protect prime farmland such as transferable development rights, farmland trusts, farmland mitigation, and conservation easements.	regulatory policy sub- team	The Farmland Preservation and Access Working Group of the Austin/Travis County Food Policy Board meets regularly to discuss policies and procedures to preserve existing farmland and increase access to new farmland for farmers from diverse backgrounds, communities, and skillsets. The City of Austin and Travis County are both exploring options for use of public land for commercial urban farming.
in progress	CFS A39	Establish regulations, programs, and funding sources to allow offsite, including regional, stormwater detention and water quality controls to be used in concert with green infrastructure and low-impact development techniques in areas identified for compact, walkable development or redevelopment and identify opportunities for recreational uses and habitat creation or restoration.	WPD, PAZ, regulatory policy sub- team	Current code allows for regional stormwater solutions through the Regional Stormwater Management Program (RSMP) and the Urban Structural Control Fund. CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. In addition, CodeNEXT is proposing that redevelopment projects contribute their fair share to flood management solutions. CodeNEXT is also proposing a typology for civic space that integrates stormwater amenities into open space and recreation areas.

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in progress	CFS A43	Expand and strengthen water quality regulations to achieve non-degradation and protect recharge zones, floodplains, creeks and their headwaters, and other environmentally sensitive areas: - Increased buffers and setbacks - Restricted land uses with significant spill risks in sensitive environmental areas - Changes in allowed impervious cover.	WPD, regulatory policy sub- team	Major regulatory improvements enacted with the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting.
in progress	HN A15	Develop a regulatory framework to incentivize the use of sustainable and cost effective design features such as rainwater harvesting, xeriscape features, rain gardens, green roofs, graywater irrigation, solar power, and energy efficient utilities.	AW, WPD, DSD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. In addition, Austin Water's Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) process is considering multiple distributed and on-site rainwater and stormwater harvesting options as well as landscape transformation options focusing on functional landscapes, which have potential to reduce on-going maintenance costs.
in progress	LUT A7	Implement a transfer of development rights program to transfer development rights from environmentally sensitive areas to areas identified on the Growth Concept Map for new development or redevelopment.	WPD, DSD, PAZ, PARD, AW	Improvements to transfers of development rights were made in the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. Additional improvements to the redevelopment exception were tabled by the Environmental Commission and will be discussed further with stakeholders after the adoption of CodeNEXT.

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in progress	LUT A19	 Develop complete streets design guidelines for all new road construction and reconstruction: Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities Green street techniques Green Street Techniques/Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices Interconnected, navigable, grid-like streets and blocks Flexibility in design and regulations Create pedestrian-activated crosswalks at mid block intersections on arterials to improve pedestrian safety Traffic calming measures Transit accommodations Use of native landscaping 	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Implementation of Complete Streets Policy is ongoing, including green street components such as landscaping and green stormwater control measures.
in progress	CFS A2	Expand equitable access for adults, children, and their pets to active and passive parks throughout the city by carefully targeting new parks where most needed and developing public access agreements with non-City-owned parks and open space. For guidance, see the Walkable Access to Parks map.	PARD, PWD	Continue parkland acquisition with special focus on park deficient areas in order to meet Council mandated goals. Continue funding and marketing the PARD Youth Financial Assistance Program and Scott Johnson Youth Scholarship Program to make PARD recreation programs affordable to qualifying applicants. Revise use and maintenance agreements between AISD and PARD to better manage school parks and create more of them. Adopt CodeNEXT draft language establishing the creation of civic spaces in new larger developments.
in progress	CFS A3	Establish pocket parks, smaller undeveloped preserves, and passive recreational spaces in areas with little open space.	WPD, PARD, PWD	PARD, PAZ, WPD, and PW work with CodeNEXT to write regulations that incentivize park and recreation spaces in infill developments, allowing for recreation in the ROW, rooftops, and the ground floor and combining green infrastructure with recreational uses. Continue parkland acquisition with special focus on park deficient areas in order to meet Council mandated goals. Convert public land in infill park deficient areas to park uses.

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in progress	CFS A4	Explore additional funding sources primarily for the maintenance of parks as well as for the design and construction, including: - user fees - rental fees - additional grant opportunities - additional levy - reinvestment of revenue generated in parks - through partnerships	PARD, PWD	Through parkland dedication, develop parkland improvement agreements that require developers to maintain parkland they dedicate. City develop funding policies that allow revenue generation to return to specific parks for maintenance instead of the General Fund. PARD seeking to increase conessions by establishing a proposal process based on park need for the concession. PARD creating an online process for partners to Adopt a Park and propose improvements that meet City and PARD strategic goals.
in progress	CFS A5	Ensure adequate funding for the maintenance of parks and trees on City of Austin property through Best Maintenance Practices.	PARD, PAZ, PWD	Parks Urban Forestry and Public Works Urban Forestry programs participated in the Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review project to increase effectiveness of municipal forestry practices. Annual work plans identifying areas of improvement are expected. An analysis of the gap in funding for municipal forestry operations for the City of Austin was conducted in FY16, showing a \$33M gap between current funding and funding that would support recommended levels of service.
in progress	CFS A7	Revise tree planting and tree care standards to be more sustainable and reduce tree mortality.	PARD, public lands management sub-team, PARD, PAZ, PWD	Staff recommendations for street trees included in CodeNEXT. Specific design, planting, and tree care standards to be addressed in criteria manuals, including: street tree spacing, minimum soil volume, tree diversity, pervious surfaces, and tree care and tree health.

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in progress	LUT A37	Develop a regulatory framework to incentivize the use of Low Impact Development (LID) features such as rainwater harvesting, increased permeable surfaces, rain gardens, green roofs, green streets, and naturalized water quality features such as bioswales to manage stormwater.	WPD, AW, PAZ	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. In addition, Austin Water's Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) process is considering multiple strategies including additional rainwater and stormwater harvesting options.
in progress	CFS A10	Develop, through a process engaging the general public and professionals, context-sensitive trail, park, and greenway standards to ensure high- quality, environmentally-sustainable design.	PWD, WPD, PARD	Update the Trails and Greenways section of the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan. The plan will be updated in 2018-2019 with public and expert input. Continue to work with partners to develop Nature Exploration Zone standards for public and private recreation lands in Austin

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in progress	CFS A23	Develop design standards for public buildings and spaces that promote high-quality community focal points in the areas where they are located. These standards should address issues such as: - re-use of existing structures - LEED certification, including water and energy efficiency - low-impact development - resource recovery, such as recycling, composting, and reuse - trees planting, preservation, and protection - green spaces - transit access - carshare/electric vehicle parking spaces - bikesharing and bicycle facilities and accommodations - safe, connected walkways - public spaces inside and outside of buildings - anchoring neighborhood niches - child-friendly play spaces - family-friendliness	regulatory policy sub- team, PAZ, Strategic Facilities Governance Team	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use.

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in progress	LUT A5	Create a regulatory environment to promote the redevelopment of brownfields and greyfields into compact, walkable places by: - Increasing development rights through changes in regulations, density bonuses, and other incentives; - Revising parking requirements that result in more permeable areas and promote walking, biking, and transit; - Providing assistance in securing funding for redevelopment; - Ensuring appropriate transitions to less intensive residential areas; - Expediting the permitting and approval process; - Utilizing Low Impact Development practices to mitigate impacts associated with increases in impervious cover or constrained stormwater infrastructure that may impede redevelopment.	PAZ, DSD, PWD, ATD, EDD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use.
in progress	LUT A20	Develop roadway and rights-of-way design standards that accommodate the needs of street trees and above and below ground utilities and infrastructure.	WPD, PARD, PWD, PAZ, AE, AW	Staff recommendations for street trees included in CodeNEXT. Specific design, planting, and tree care standards to be addressed in criteria manuals, including: street tree spacing, minimum soil volume, tree diversity, pervious surfaces, and tree care and tree health.
in progress	LUT A32	Develop standards for public spaces, such as parks, plazas and streets, to create integrated, tree-covered places.	regulatory policy sub- team	Adopt CodeNEXT sections that create new standards for shaded public spaces (Civic Space). Next steps with Complete Streets. Examine park standards in 2019 PARD Long Range Plan Update.

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in progress	LUT A36	Incentivize appropriately-scaled and located green infrastructure and public spaces, such as parks, plazas, greenways, trails, urban agriculture and/or open space in new development and redevelopment projects.	gi acquisition sub-team	Continue to enforce the City's 2016 Parkland Dedication Ordinance which provides incentives for developed parkland and shade. Revise Land Development Code to include open spaces with standards that can fulfill multiple development requirements. Identify incorporable elements in Small Area Plans. Food Policy Board developed recommendations for integrating healthy local equitable food systems into Code. PARD implementing Parkland Dedication Ordinance, which gives more credit for active play areas for parkland dedication.
in progress	LUT A39	Create regulations and incentives for developers and builders to use green development techniques for buildings, streets, and open spaces with a focus on conservation, longevity, and sustainability.	PAZ, WPD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use.
in progress	LUT A40	Expand the number of parks and amount of open spaces of different sizes and purposes throughout the city.	GI acquisition sub-team, PARD, APH, PWD, PAZ	The 2018 Bond Election Advisory Task Force recommended \$45 million in funding to purchase approximately 300 acres of new parkland. Complete program to offer funding to start community agriculture programs on Watershed Protection lands (funding and soil testing being provided to applicants). Enhance Planning & Zoning's process for identifying funding and building partnerships. Identify incorporable recreation elements in Small Area Plans. Continue to acquire parkland of different sizes and types through expenditure of park bond funds and parkland dedication funds.
in progress	LUT A41	Promote Austin and the surrounding area's green infrastructure by utilizing web-based tools such as maps and other resources.	GIPPIT	In response to a June 2017 City Council resolution, staff is creating an online portal for the Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan that will map existing green infrastructure assets and serve as a gateway to green infrastructure resources.

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ongoing	CE A19	Review tree planting regulations to ensure that invasive species are not permitted. Create incentives to remove invasive plant species and replace them with native species.	WPD, DSD	The Environmental Criteria Manual specifies use of non- invasive plants for revegetation of disturbed sites. In addition, no mitigation is required for non-native invasive trees that are removed by development. Watershed Protection's Grow Green program and Austin Water's water conservation programs promote the use of non-invasive, native, and adapted plants in residential and commercial landscaping.
ongoing	CE A21	Strengthen tree protection regulations.	regulatory policy sub- team	Support proposed CodeNEXT tree protection improvements. Urban forest regulations are addressed in proposed CodeNEXT draft.
ongoing	CFS A1	Limit, buffer, or prohibit public access to certain environmentally sensitive areas to maintain their value (i.e. wildlife protection and erosion control).	WPD, AW	Existing regulations prohibit development within 150 feet (or more) of critical environmental features, such as springs, wetlands, and karst features without a variance. Public access is restricted on Water Quality Protection Lands and Balcones Canyonlands Preserve properties.
ongoing	CFS A6	Expand partnerships between local organizations and the City of Austin to maintain and improve local parks and open spaces.	PARD, AW, WPD, APH, PARD	Enhance process for identifying, funding, and building partnerships. Continue cultivating relationships for park maintenance with Austin Parks Foundation, Sustainable Foods Center, Keep Austin Beautiful, and the Austin Outside Coalition.

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ongoing	CE A1	Implement the City of Austin Climate Protection Plan.	ALL, OoS	Austin Water and Watershed Protection contributed to the city's Climate Resiliency Plan. Austin Water hosted a one-day Creating Resilient Cities forum with the Water Utility Climate Alliance that focused on how water utilities are leading the way in adapting to climate change to enhance resilience for our communities. City staff completed a Climate Resilience Action Plan for City Assets and Operations, which outlines climate change-related risks in Austin, the City's strategy to address vulnerabilities and increase the resilience of municipal assets and operations, and immediate next steps for implementation of the Action Plan
ongoing	CFS A12	Incorporate public art and interpretive signage into green spaces as an educational tool to demonstrate practices such as water conservation, recycling, and low-impact development.	WPD, PARD, EDD	Continue to incorporate interpretive and educational signage into green spaces.
ongoing	CE A2	Create a system for identifying, defining, and mapping environmentally sensitive areas for their protection.	WPD, DSD, PARD, AW, PAZ	Extensive mapping of environmental features is available to the public (e.g., tree canopy, critical environmental features, steep slopes, stream buffers). Staff from multiple departments are working to create an online portal for green infrastructure, including an geographic inventory.
ongoing	CE A4	Improve policies and incentives for restoration of damaged natural resources areas.	WPD, PAZ	Continuing implementation of riparian restoration and tree planting projects in City parks and other city-owned lands. Continuing to implement provisions of the Watershed Protection Ordinance that help restore creeks, riparian zones, and floodplains.

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ongoing	CFS A30	Implement the Zero Waste Strategic Plan and Solid Waste Services Master Plan to divert 90 percent of waste from landfills and incinerators by 2040, with particular attention to: - expanding diversion opportunities such as recycling and composting for residents and businesses; - supporting resale, refurbishing, and reuse opportunities throughout Austin; - fostering public awareness of Zero Waste through education, recognition, and incentive programs; - assessing the current capacity of waste diversion facilities to coordinate with the Growth Concept Map.	ARR	The Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan was adopted by City Council in the fall of 2011 and provides a roadmap for achieving the City's Zero Waste goal to divert 90% of material from landfill by 2040. The department has achieved major accomplishments over the past several years, but is lagging in meeting diversion targets. As a result, ARR is in the process of contracting for an update to the plan. Master Plan accomplishments to date include: - implementation of the Universal Recycling Ordinance, requiring all business to recycle; - expansion of ARR's curbside composting pilot into a program, currently serving 92,000 households; and - support for Zero Waste businesses through initiatives like Reverse Pitch.
ongoing	CE A5	Collaborate regionally to align conservation and sustainable development regulations and policies to protect environmentally sensitive areas that cross political boundaries.	WPD, AW, PAZ, AFD	Austin Water, Watershed Protection, and other departments contining: - regional collaboration toward conservation and environmental protection, - regional collaboration regarding protection of water resources in the Barton Springs Zone of the Edwards Aquifer, - implementation of the countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (adopted Fall 2014) via the Austin Travis County Wildfire Coalition, - and implementation of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan.
ongoing	CE A7	Establish a comprehensive, predictable, consistent, and efficient process to evaluate the environmental effects of new development.	PAZ, WPD, GIPPIT	At the site-scale, current code and criteria require assessment of environmental resources potentially affected by new development. Environmental review of land development applications is ongoing by Development Services with support from Watershed Protection. At a larger-scale, continuing publication of the annual State of the Environment Report with updates on environmental conditions in Austin, including new development.

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ongoing	CE A8	Develop an educational and awards program to showcase best practices in sustainable and low-impact development and achievements or innovations in waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable food practices.	AE, WPD, ARR, PARD, OoS	Continuing to implement ongoing education programs relating to watershed protection, environmental protection, zero waste, sustainability, and locally sourced food education programs.
ongoing	CE A9	Create print and online educational materials to expand public awareness of the benefits of environmental protection, simple steps to improve protection, and common threats to avoid.	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Continuing to promote Austin's extensive online library of materials and curricula. Continuing ongoing education and outreach programs relating to watershed protection, environmental protection, zero waste, sustainability, and locally sourced food education programs.
ongoing	CE A1 <i>5</i>	Expand the City of Austin's acquisition of environmentally significant land, conservation easements, and/or development rights for the protection of sensitive areas, including: - floodplains - riparian areas - wetlands - prairies - land that supports recharge of the Edwards Aquifer - wildlife habitat and corridors - bottomland forests and priority woodlands - critical environmental features - agricultural land	AW, WPD, RES, PARD	Acquisition of environmentally significant land continues via the development process through the implementation of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance and the Watershed Protection Ordinance. Additional purchase of lands is limited by available funding. The Bond Election Advisory Task Force recommended \$72M for open space acquisition and \$45M for parkland acquisition as part of the 2018 Bond Development Program.

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σ	CE A16	Develop and implement unified, comprehensive land management of all City of Austin lands for integrated environmental sustainability, including carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, water quality and quantity, and education.	WPD, PARD, AW, public lands management sub-team	City staff continues active land management for thousands of acres of land, including the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and the Water Quality Protection Lands. Through its Wildland Conservation Division, Austin Water manages ~28,000 acres of Water Quality Protection Lands and ~14,000 acres of Balcones Canyonland Preserve endangered species habitat land. The Climate Resilience Assessment and Action Plan for City
ongoing				Assets and Operations was released in late 2017 and serves as a planning tool to increase resiliency. Continuing Green Infrastructure Priority Program land management coordination, e.g., development of land classification system and support for the Urban Forest Plan, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and the Invasive Species Management Plan. Efforts are continuing to be made to transition from a land maintenance to a land management regime on WPD, PARD, and other public parcels.
ongoing	CE A17	Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with universities and local schools to integrate educational programs with conservation and sustainability policies and projects.	AW, WPD	Continuing work with Colorado River Foundation, AISD, and in-house elementary education programs. Continuing to explore potential demonstration projects and test sites at educational campuses as well as research partnerships. Continuing work with AISD to construct rain gardens and rainwater harvesting.
ongoing	CE A18	Create a regional task force to address inter- jurisdictional environmental sustainability issues.	OoS, WPD	Continuing efforts towards regional sustainability issues working with Central Texas Clean Air Coalition, Air Central Texas, CAMPO, Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project, the Water Forward Task Force, and others.

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ongoing	CFS A8	Restore trees and vegetation along degraded waterways, especially in eastern watersheds.	WPD, PARD, AW, PAZ, PWD	Continuing to implement provisions of the Watershed Protection Ordinance protecting and restoring creeks, riparian zones, and floodplains. Continuing implementation of the Grow Zone Program and other riparian restoration projects, such as tree planting projects in riparian areas.
ongoing	CFS A11	Develop multi-disciplinary, cross-jurisdictional planning teams for projects that involve major natural features, such as the Colorado River or Onion Creek Greenway.	WPD, PARD, AW	Continuing to work with Travis County to implement the Colorado River Corridor Plan. Continuing implementation of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan. Developing a park and restoration plan for the Onion Creek flood property buyout area.
ongoing	HN A23	Coordinate with public and private sector organizations in Austin, such as school districts, non-profit organizations, and other agencies to address efforts related to health and human services, housing, economic development, sustainable development, and planning.	NHCD, PAZ, APH, WPD, AW	Continue environmental education programs (e.g., Grow Green, Earth Camp, Water Conservation education, Texas Colorado River Rolling Exhibit (in partnership with the Colorado River Alliance and AISD), flood education and awareness), partnerships with environmental non-profit organizations (e.g., Keep Austin Beautiful, Tree Folks, Austin Parks Foundation), and the installation of green stormwater infrastructure (e.g., rain gardens, rainwater harvesting) at school sites.
ongoing	CFS A34	Align policies, incentives, regulations, service area extensions, and infrastructure to coordinate with the Growth Concept Map, maintain Austin's livability and affordability, protect environmentally sensitive areas, and sustainably manage Austin's water resources. Include consideration of diverse water sources and conservation and efficiency measures when planning for future demand for potable water.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, AW, AE, WPD, PARD, NHCD	Continuing ongoing work: wholesale customers currently eligible for most AW conservation incentive programs. Water conservation provisions are incorporated as wholesale contracts are renewed. Continuing work to develop a 100-year Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP), referred to as Water Forward, to ensure a diversified, sustainable, and resilient water future. The Water Forward effort includes planning for risks associated with climate uncertainty and droughts, including droughts worse than the recent historic drought. Continuing environmental evaluation of land development permit applications for of service extension requests in the Drinking Water Protection Zone. Continuing ongoing regional water planning efforts and partnership efforts with Lower Colorado River Authority.

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no further action planned	CE A20	Create a heritage tree inventory and monitoring system to create stronger mechanisms for protecting heritage trees.	DSD	Staff does not recommend a heritage tree inventory.

Household Affordability

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	LUT A5	Create a regulatory environment to promote the redevelopment of brownfields and greyfields into compact, walkable places by: - Increasing development rights through changes in regulations, density bonuses, and other	PAZ, DSD, PWD, ATD, EDD	CodeNEXT will help promote the development of a variety of market rate and affordable housing types within activity centers and corridors served by transit through re- calibrated and standardized density bonus programs.
in progress		 incentives; Revising parking requirements that result in more permeable areas and promote walking, biking, and transit; Providing assistance in securing funding for redevelopment; Ensuring appropriate transitions to less intensive residential areas; Expediting the permitting and approval process; Utilizing Low Impact Development practices to mitigate impacts associated with increases in impervious cover or constrained stormwater infrastructure that may impede redevelopment. 		CodeNEXT is also proposing reducing parking requirements for residential uses, and eliminating parking requirements for some small-scale commercial uses in certain zones, to make compact infill more feasible.

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in progress	HN A1	Establish regulations and programs to promote the development of a variety of market rate and affordable housing types within compact, activity centers and corridors served by transit.	EDD, PAZ, NHCD	The Household Affordability Priority Program touches both the CodeNEXT and the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint Implementation. Both seek to maintain and create affordable housing for a range of incomes throughout the city, as envisioned in Imagine Austin. Consultants are working to develop an implementation plan and strategy to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint which Council adopted in 2017. This will include more specific goals along corridors. The Blueprint recommends that at least 75% of new housing units over the next 10 years should be within 1/2 mile of an activity center or corridor as defined by the Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map. Meanwhile CodeNEXT will help promote the development of a variety of market rate and affordable housing types within activity centers and corridors served by transit through re-calibrated and standardized density bonus programs.
in progress	HN A2	Develop incentives and policies to encourage more families with children to live in Austin's established neighborhoods by increasing the supply and variety of housing.	PAZ, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT Land Development Code revisions have been proposed in Draft 3 to create new zoning categories that offer a range of missing middle housing types to allow for infill housing. The proposed Affordable Housing Bonus Program includes an incentive to generate family-friendly affordable units (2+ bedrooms) when participating in the bonus program.

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in progress	HN A3	Produce regulations and enhance programs to promote affordable housing throughout Austin by: - Utilizing publicly-owned land for the development of affordable housing - Preserving existing affordable housing - Allowing for diverse housing types throughout Austin - Balancing homeownership and rental opportunities - Providing assistance in securing funding for affordable housing - Examine regulations and policies that adversely affect affordable housing and consider approaches to minimize cost impacts for units attainable for families at significantly less than market values - Land banking - Encouraging the expansion of community development corporations	EDD, PAZ	The City is working with a consultant team to develop an implementation plan and strategy to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint which Council adopted in 2017. Recommendations in the Blueprint include: - utilizing publicly-owned land for the development of affordable housing and land banking - preserving existing affordable housing - allowing for diverse housing types throughout Austin - securing additional funding for affordable housing. Some of these actions may involve policy changes, and regulation changes through CodeNEXT which is underway. Others such as funding may be dependent on the City's Budget process and the potential of another affordable housing bond, which may go to voters for approval in November 2018.
in progress	HN A6	Provide greater consideration for the awarding of incentives to businesses, organizations, and developments that provide housing and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals.	NHCD, EDD, PAZ	The City is continuing to work with a consultant team to develop an implementation plan and strategy to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint which Council adopted in 2017. The Blueprint states that the City should consider revising the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program to lengthen the affordability period and to better balance developer benefits with unit construction. This program is producing positive results; however, after almost two decades it needs modification in order to help the City of Austin achieve affordability goals.
in progress	HN A7	Advocate changes to State of Texas legislation to support the development of affordable housing (i.e., repeal of the ban on inclusionary zoning).	NHCD	NHCD and the City of Austin Intergovernmental Relations Office have advocated for changes to state laws to support the development of affordable housing.

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in progress	HN A8	Expand home-buyer assistance programs so that lower income households can purchase houses to increase homeownership levels in Austin.	NHCD	The City offers HousingSMARTS counseling and first time home buyer assistance programs for income-qualified households. Work is continuing to expand the City's Community Land Trust program which would help preserve public investment in affordability in perpetuity. Additional resources may become available to acquire more land for the trust through an affordable housing bond which may go before voters this fall.
in progress	HN A10	Create incentives and form partnerships with large employers to develop workforce housing.	NHCD, EDD, PAZ	The City of Austin has acquired two parcels - the southeast corner of Tannehill and Jackie Robinson St. as well as, Dorris and Hathaway Dr.) from the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to be utilized for affordable housing. Additional resources may become available to acquire land for affordable housing through another affordable housing bond which may head to voters this fall.
in progress	LUT A2	Promote diverse infill housing such as small-scale apartments, smaller-lot single-family houses, town and row houses, and garage apartments that complement and enhance the character of existing neighborhoods.	PAZ, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT Land Development Code revisions have been proposed in Draft 3 to create new zoning categories that offer a range of missing middle housing types and smaller lot sizes to allow for infill housing that complements existing neighborhood character. In addition, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) now have more flexible regulations that make them easier to build.
in progress	LUT A3	Establish land use and street design regulations to create sustainable neighborhoods that are child-friendly, support walking and bicycling, are in proximity to daily needs, and provide a range of housing-type options such as duplexes, townhouses, row houses, small-scale apartments, and houses on smaller lots to meet the needs of people of different means and at different stages of their lives.	PAZ, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT Land Development Code revisions have been proposed in Draft 3 to create new zoning categories that offer a range of missing middle housing types and smaller lot sizes to allow for infill housing that complements existing neighborhood character.

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in progress	S A24	 Reduce homelessness in the City of Austin by: Expanding the recuperative care program for the homeless Incorporating recommendations of the current homeless and mental health task forces Reducing regulatory barriers to the development of housing for the homeless 	NHCD	Front Steps operates a Recuperative Care program that puts those experiencing homelessness in nursing home beds instead of the hospital, thus saving millions of dollars. The City and several other partners have also come to an agreement on a Pilot Pay for Success Program that will provide services and housing to keep people out of the criminal justice system and long hospital stays. Several audits on homelessness programs have provided recommendations that the City is working to implement. The City is still limited by the high cost of land in Austin, thus making it difficult to build PSH units.
in progress	S A30	Regulate the geographic distribution and operation of group homes for the disabled, homeless, and other individuals needing supportive housing.	PAZ, NHCD	A database of all homeless services has been developed along with a map that shows how those experiencing homelessness interact with City services. This will help give the City a better idea of how services should be better distributed, which may include pop-up clinics.
ongoing	HN A4	Provide incentives, educational materials, and develop new funding sources for the rehabilitation and repair of affordable housing, including: - Tax rebates - Flexible development regulations - Fees-in-lieu of providing affordable housing - Bond elections	NHCD, PAZ	The Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint recommends making strategic investments to minimize displacement. It highlights strategies like developing a Strike Fund which would strategically acquire, renovate, and manage existing multi- family buildings to make them affordable for the long term. The Blueprint estimates that 10,000 affordable housing units could be preserved through the development of a strike fund over the next 10 years. While the City is not involved, Affordable Central Texas (ACT) has been created to fulfill this role. Additional resources through another Affordable Housing Bond, set to go before Austin voters this fall will be allocated to the rehabilitation and repair of housing to help maintain affordability and meet the Blueprint goal of 600 home repairs annually.

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ongoing	HN A9	Expand existing and develop new programs, and coordinate with other organizations to retain long-time residents of neighborhoods experiencing rapidly increasing property values and an influx of wealthier new residents.	NHCD	NHCD will continue to refine and enhance several city- administered home repair and architectural barrier removal programs that assist low-income, elderly, and disabled residents to remain in their homes. These programs also work to preserve critical affordable housing stock. NHCD will continue partnering with local non-profit organizations whose missions support local residents in preserving their housing in their current neighborhoods.
ongoing	HN A18	Work with employers to locate their place of business along activity centers and corridors in proximity to residential areas that could provide housing for their employees.	NHCD, EDD, PAZ	The Housing Transit Jobs Action team has been expanded to serve as an interdepartmental action team that can facilitate collaboration to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint. Regulatory changes through CodeNEXT, which is also underway, may help employers to locate their place of business along activity centers and corridors and/ or may help increase the housing supply along activity corridors and centers to support transit and promote alternative transportation choices.
ongoing	C A14	Develop programs and incentives to provide flexible, affordable work space and housing throughout Austin, with an emphasis placed on locations well-served by transit, Downtown, and activity centers and corridors for entrepreneurs, small and local businesses, artists, and creative professionals. Programs and incentives should address live-work space, home-based businesses, and temporary lease agreements in multi-use venues such as schools, vacant buildings, and warehouses.	PAZ, PWD, EDD	CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released. City Council consideration is underway. CodeNEXT includes incentives for the development of affordable housing, through the affordable housing density bonus program, and includes provisions supporting development of live/work spaces within certain zones. Work/Live and Live/Work are two new uses in CodeNEXT that allow flexible use of space.
ongoing	HN A5	Incentivize and subsidize the construction of infrastructure for projects providing affordable housing.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, NHCD, AE, AW	Colony Park street infrastructure is being constructed with funding from 2016 Mobility Bond. This infrastructure will leverage redevelopment of Colony Park consistent with Colony Park Master Plan, including the provision of new affordable housing units.

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ongoing	HN A23	Coordinate with public and private sector organizations in Austin, such as school districts, non-profit organizations, and other agencies to address efforts related to health and human services, housing, economic development, sustainable development, and planning.	NHCD, PAZ, APH, WPD, AW	NHCD partners with Travis County, AISD and quasi- governmental agencies (Workforce Solutions, Integral Care) to directly reach and assist Austinites in need of housing services. NHCD also consults and collaborates with housing and social service agencies, commissions, and other groups in the planning and development of the City's plans for the use of federal funding.
ongoing	S A25	Coordinate between all the organizations providing services to the homeless community to maximize the efficacy of limited resources.	NHCD	A representative from NHCD and APH both sit on the Membership Council of ECHO that serves as a liaison between the ECHO Board and the ECHO Members. The Council oversees and coordinates homeless planning, housing, events and activities in addition to working with the Board to address policy, communication, and funding issues. Interim Assistant City Manager Sara Hensley coordinated a homelessness team that analyzed City resources and provided recommendations for council.
ongoing	S A26	Promote the development of housing opportunities that support persons transitioning from homelessness and other barriers to housing stability.	NHCD, PAZ	NHCD has a contract with ECHO to address homelessness in Austin by building on existing and creating new partnerships with government entities, committees, service providers, and private property owners and managers to expand the stock of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units. NHCD is also helping to fund PSH units to reach the 400 unit PSH goal by 2018.
ongoing	S A27	Support social services that provide financial support to families who are losing their homes and encourage public/private partnerships that create and implement solutions to this issue.	NHCD, APH	NHCD and APH will continue to target federal funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs, depending on funding.
unsure	S A28	Locate supportive housing (i.e., housing with supportive services such as financial counseling, medical facilities, and child care) for families with children in areas of the city with under- enrolled schools.	NHCD, PAZ	The City has worked to build or incentivize supportive housing, but there has not been a concerted effort to do so in areas with under-enrolled schools.

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unsure	S A29	Investigate the feasibility of creating a program of city-owned housing, including but not limited to, cooperative, affordable and permanent supportive housing.	NHCD, ORES, AE, PAZ, EDD, APH, APL	The City is both using a scattered, voucher-based system to fund PSH units along with building PSH units among other affordable housing units. Most affordable housing provides individual units, and few buildings have looked into the cooperative housing model.
no status available	LUT A6	Create a regional planning initiative to encourage local governments in Central Texas to promote a mix of housing and land uses for diverse populations and income groups, located near work, shopping, and services.	PAZ, Mayor or Council	

Healthy Austin

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complete	CFS A9	Create a trails master plan to ensure connectivity and provide consistency with regional, city, and neighborhood-level trail and transportation goals to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods and destinations; incorporate trails throughout the city and region; encourage developers to connect to or complete	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	Urban Trails Master Plan adopted 2014. Funding from 2016 Mobility Bond has been allocated to support construction of several priority urban trails, and coordination to support additional trails is on-going. Continuing to collaborate on proposed trail projects to promote environmentally sensitive alignments and design
		the trail system; and use protected land along creeks and floodplains in an environmentally sustainable way.		near waterways and floodplains.
complete	LUT A47	Create an ongoing Vision Zero Task Force to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan and subsequent undates to that Action Plan	PAZ, ATD, APD, AFD,	This action was added to Imagine Austin with CPA-2015- 0001. The Vision Zero Task Force prepared an Action Plan,
com		subsequent updates to that Action Plan	APH, EMS	adopted by City Council in May 2016. The Task Force continues to meet quarterly.

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in progress	LUT A5	Create a regulatory environment to promote the redevelopment of brownfields and greyfields into compact, walkable places by: - Increasing development rights through changes in regulations, density bonuses, and other incentives; - Revising parking requirements that result in more permeable areas and promote walking, biking, and transit; - Providing assistance in securing funding for redevelopment; - Ensuring appropriate transitions to less intensive residential areas; - Expediting the permitting and approval process; - Utilizing Low Impact Development practices to mitigate impacts associated with increases in impervious cover or constrained stormwater infrastructure that may impede redevelopment.	PAZ, DSD, PWD, ATD, EDD	CodeNEXT is proposing a new requirement for sites to use green stormwater solutions like rain gardens, porous pavement, and rainwater harvesting. CodeNEXT is also proposing a new tool called Functional Green that will offer highly urbanized sites a weighted menu of landscape elements like green roofs to address issues such as urban heat island, stormwater management, habitat loss, and have potential for beneficial reductions in potable water use. CodeNEXT is also proposing reducing parking requirements for residential uses, and eliminating parking requirements for some small-scale commercial uses in certain zones, to make compact infill more feasible.
in progress	C A17	Expand existing programs and identify funding sources to provide affordable physical and mental health care, housing and other support services for artists, musicians and others in the creative community.	APH, EDD- MUSIC	 During FY18, APH is funding a social services contract with Foundation Communities called Insure Central Texas (ICT). More than 1,500 musicians as members of HAAM (Health Alliance for Austin Musicians)are served annually through the ICT program. HAAM members receive Marketplace health insurance or access to HAAM's medical services if not eligible for subsidized insurance. Hi, How are you Day produced by EDD/Music Division to check in on musicians
in progress	CE A24	Reduce pollution hotspots and prohibit high- emission uses (e.g. scrap yards, automotive repair, etc.) in floodplains and critical water quality zones.	DSD, WPD	Existing regulations prohibit these uses in the Critical Water Quality Zone, but not for redevelopment. Continue work of Stormwater Discharge Permitting Program to inspect, educate, and promote best management practices for specific commercial and industrial operations in Austin.

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in progress	CFS A35	Create a green infrastructure plan for public land or in public rights-of-way to preserve Austin's ecosystem, improve the water cycle, reduce the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, enrich public space, and provide for traffic calming. Examples include open space, trails, wetlands, community gardens green streets, infiltration facilities, and the urban forest.	WPD	Many elements of an integrated green infrastructure plan are in place, including an inventory of green infrastructure assets and multiple City projects, programs, plans, and regulations relating to green infrastructure. In response to a June 2017 City Council resolution, staff is creating an online portal for the Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan that will serve as a gateway to this multitude of green infrastructure strategies and resources. In addition, staff will create a report that assesses critical gaps relating to green infrastructure policies and programs and recommends solutions to address any identified gaps
in progress	CE A10	Identify existing areas with limited access to parks, open space, and trails and create mechanisms to address these gaps.	GI acquisition sub-team, PARD	PARD, Watershed Protection, and Public Works continue to locate parkland in park deficient areas identified on the City's Parkland Deficient Map. Develop a Citywide Green Infrastructure inventory layer to show where green infrastructure exists throughout the City. PARD to expend Planning Grant from National Recreation and Parks Association 10-Minute Walk to a Park program awarded in 2018 to identify measurable polices and practices to create a park within 10 minutes walk of all residents.
in progress	CE A12	Support local farmers by creating incentives and removing regulatory barriers, offering tailored small business support, and creating public information campaigns to promote local food.	APH, PARD, EDD	APH will be initiating increased media and marketing for Fresh for Less projects.
in progress	CE A14	Identify and map food deserts and provide incentives for full service grocery stores and farmers markets to locate in these underserved areas.	PAZ, APH, OoS	APH is working with the Office of Sustainability to respond to a Food Access Resolution passed by City Council in April, which directed several City departments to address increasing food access in the most under-served areas of Austin. APH, OoS, and ED are discussing a possible healthy food retail feasibility study for the eastern crescent.

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in progress	LUT A19	Develop complete streets design guidelines for all new road construction and reconstruction: - Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities - Green street techniques - Green Street Techniques/Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices - Interconnected, navigable, grid-like streets and blocks - Flexibility in design and regulations - Create pedestrian-activated crosswalks at mid block intersections on arterials to improve pedestrian safety - Traffic calming measures - Transit accommodations - Use of native landscaping	PWD, ATD, PAZ, WPD, PARD	 Use 2016 Mobility Bond funding to continue to implement Urban Trails, Bicycle and Sidewalk plans. Land Development Code revision underway. Revise Subdivision Regulations. Transportation Criteria Manual update underway. Completion anticipated by the end of 2018.
in progress	CFS A2	Expand equitable access for adults, children, and their pets to active and passive parks throughout the city by carefully targeting new parks where most needed and developing public access agreements with non-City-owned parks and open space. For guidance, see the Walkable Access to Parks map.	PARD, PWD	Continue parkland acquisition with special focus on park deficient areas in order to meet Council mandated goals. Continue funding and marketing the PARD Youth Financial Assistance Program and Scott Johnson Youth Scholarship Program to make PARD recreation programs affordable to qualifying applicants. Revise use and maintenance agreements between AISD and PARD to better manage school parks and create more of them. Adopt CodeNEXT draft language establishing the creation of civic spaces in new larger developments.
in progress	CFS A3	Establish pocket parks, smaller undeveloped preserves, and passive recreational spaces in areas with little open space.	WPD, PARD, PWD	PARD, PAZ, WPD, and PW work with CodeNEXT to write regulations that incentivize park and recreation spaces in infill developments, allowing for recreation in the ROW, rooftops, and the ground floor and combining green infrastructure with recreational uses. Continue parkland acquisition with special focus on park deficient areas in order to meet Council mandated goals. Convert public land in infill park deficient areas to park uses.

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in progress	CFS A4	Explore additional funding sources primarily for the maintenance of parks as well as for the design and construction, including: - user fees - rental fees - additional grant opportunities - additional levy - reinvestment of revenue generated in parks - through partnerships	PARD, PWD	Through parkland dedication, develop parkland improvement agreements that require developers to maintain parkland they dedicate. City develop funding policies that allow revenue generation to return to specific parks for maintenance instead of the General Fund. PARD seeking to increase conessions by establishing a proposal process based on park need for the concession. PARD creating an online process for partners to Adopt a Park and propose improvements that meet City and PARD strategic goals.
in progress	CFS A5	Ensure adequate funding for the maintenance of parks and trees on City of Austin property through Best Maintenance Practices.	PARD, PAZ, PWD	Parks Urban Forestry and Public Works Urban Forestry programs participated in the Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review project to increase effectiveness of municipal forestry practices. Annual work plans identifying areas of improvement are expected. An analysis of the gap in funding for municipal forestry operations for the City of Austin was conducted in FY16, showing a \$33M gap between current funding and funding that would support recommended levels of service.
in progress	CFS A10	Develop, through a process engaging the general public and professionals, context-sensitive trail, park, and greenway standards to ensure high- quality, environmentally-sustainable design.	PWD, WPD, PARD	Update the Trails and Greenways section of the Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan. The plan will be updated in 2018-2019 with public and expert input. Continue to work with partners to develop Nature Exploration Zone standards for public and private recreation lands in Austin

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in progress	CFS A13	Coordinate among City of Austin departments and other agencies to market recreational programs and health related awareness campaigns.	APH, PARD	 APH has partnered with Foundation Communities and other non-profit partners to launch resident-led walking groups and other opportunities for physical activity. PARD continues and expands Fit & Strong classes recreation centers. This is a 12-week program designed for older adults with osteoarthritis and lower extremity mobility challenges. PARD and the Central Texas Food Bank continue to provide afterschool and summer meals at 22 PARD centers PARD continue and expand Brigher Bites program bringing nutrition education, produce distribution and and food fun to summer camps.

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in progress	LUT A14 Increase public transit ridership. - Expand service to compact centers and activity corridors - Increase the number of people who use transit by choice - Create inviting public spaces at stops and transfer centers - Provide real-time schedule information - Add more covered bus shelters - Make stops more convenient - Add park and ride facilities - Make routes more convenient and the system more intuitive - Create street design standards (bus turnouts, sidewalk width, benches, shelter) - Give transit priority (queue jumpers, signal priority, managed lanes, and dedicated lanes) - Launch an informative and enticing public relations campaign - Implement first and last mile solutions such as carpooling, vanpools, and bicycle and car sharing - Add more bicycle carrying capacity to buses and trains	ATD, PAZ, PWD, EDD, CPO, EGRSO, CMTA, TxDOT, CTRMA	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated winter 2018. Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. Capital Metro Cap Remap: is underway, overhaul of system to implement Connections 2025 Plan will begin June 3, 2018. City of Austin and Capital Metro have partnered on SmartTrips program, and program implementation has been completed in 3 areas of Austin: <u>smarttripsaustin.org/</u> In April 2018, City Council adopted temporary regulations governing dockless scooter and bicycle rentals.
in progress	LUT A3 Establish land use and street design regulations to create sustainable neighborhoods that are child-friendly, support walking and bicycling, are in proximity to daily needs, and provide a range of housing-type options such as duplexes, townhouses, row houses, small-scale apartments, and houses on smaller lots to meet the needs of people of different means and at different stages of their lives.	PAZ, PAZ, NHCD	CodeNEXT Land Development Code revisions have been proposed in Draft 3 to create new zoning categories that offer a range of missing middle housing types and smaller lot sizes to allow for infill housing that complements existing neighborhood character.

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in progress	HN A24	Establish a regulatory environment that creates communities across Austin that: - support walking, bicycling, and transit - encourage live/work spaces - are in proximity to daily needs - include a variety of employment opportunities - provide a range of housing (duplexes, townhouses, row houses, small-scale apartments, etc.) integrating market-rate and affordable housing for people of all ages, abilities, and means - utilize sustainable building practices - are stable with low crime and safe buildings - provides a range of facilities and services such as schools, parks, community gardens, and other public gathering spaces	EDD, PAZ, PARD, PWD	Fund training for PARD employees to gain SITES certification and adopt policies for Park development to meet SITES requirements for innovative sustainable site design. Continue to partner with OLE (Texas Outdoor Learning Environment) program to create more nature play amenities and curriculum in elementary schools that are also parkland. Fund training for PARD Planning and Development staff to certify in North Carolina State's OLE path for landscape architects. This will improve the design of children's outdoor learning environments and outdoor play places where young children and families spend time, with the objective to facilitate healthy, active lifestyles, learning in and through nature, within all City of Austin parks.

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in progress	LUT A17	Create an efficient and connected transportation system that allows people with disabilities and special needs to easily access their daily needs from where they live and work.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, EDD, CMTA	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. Capital Metro Cap Remap: is underway, overhaul of system to implement Connections 2025 Plan will begin June 3, 2018. The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds. ATD has completed work to develop a plan for Shared, Electric, and Autonomous Mobility Services and continues to partner with Capital Metro, the private sector, and others to implement the plan. City of Austin and Capital Metro have partnered on SmartTrips program, and program implementation has been completed in 3 areas of Austin

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in progress	LUT A18	Develop a program and funding source to retrofit existing, incomplete roadways into complete streets.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. A Street Impact Fee program is in development and would be a tool to implement roadway projects recommended in the ASMP. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. Corridor Construction Program will include improvements to make existing corridors more complete. CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018. CodeNEXT includes requirements for streetscape and sidewalk improvements adjacent to development. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. Recommendation includes funding for sidewalks and complete street enhancements. The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds.

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in progress	LUT A21	Create a network of on- and off-street physically separated bicycle and walking routes or trails linking all parts of Austin and the region.	PWD, ATD	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. As part of this process, the Transportation Criteria Manual is being updated to reflect modern standards for multi-modal street design. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds.
in progress	LUT A11	Develop land use and transportation policies and regulations that promote the development of projects that promote more active and healthy lifestyles, such as community gardens, tree- shaded sidewalks and trails, bicycle parking, showers within office buildings, and having daily needs within proximity to home and work.	PAZ, PARD, APH, PWD	 Land Development Code revision in progress. Staff recommended an updated Transportation Chapter of the code. Transportation Criteria Manual update is underway to reflect modern standards for multimodal street design. Final anticipated by end of 2018. Finalized and implement the Community Health Assessment December 2017. The subsequent Community Health Improvement Plan is in development. Anticipate implementation to begin Fall of 2018. PARD continuing to permit community gardens and plant urban orchards on City-owned land. PARD and Watershed completed development of permitting procedures to start community gardens on City-owned land. CodeNEXT continues existing parking reduction provisions that incentivize bicycle parking, showers, and car-sharing, in return for reducing required parking.

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in progress	LUT A12	Create an integrated transportation plan that encompasses driving, transit, bicycling, walking, and roadway and rail freight.	PWD	Austin Strategic Mobility Plan in development. Presentation to City Council anticipated winter 2018/2019.
in progress	LUT A23	Develop standards to connect all new neighborhoods to adjacent neighborhoods and commercial areas by streets, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes and/or paths.	PAZ, PWD, ATD	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018.
in progress	S A1	Support wellness and prevention education in schools and the general public to reduce the burden on primary care.	АРН	APH and the Mayor's Health and Fitness Council have begun implementing a yearly Healthiest Workplaces and Healthiest Schools competition to incentivize and recognize worksites and schools that are addressing pillars of health such as nutrition, physical activity, tobacco free living and preventive health services.
in progress	S A3	Collaborate with counties, the hospital district, and school districts to dedicate funding to mental health & substance abuse programming.	АРН	During FY18, APH is funding \$3.9M in behavioral health social services contracts with nonprofit and quasi- governmental partners. The Sobering Center, will begin operations in late summer / early fall of 2018. This is a joint effort of both the City and Travis County.
in progress	S A5	Increase public awareness of social services programs and healthcare options through the use of such devices as dedicated healthcare information lines, non-verbal flashcards, mobile preventative care vans, etc., to increase access to social resources, specifically: - Mental Health - Substance Abuse - HIV care - Homeless/basic needs - Prenatal education - Child development - Adult basic education & literacy	АРН	 APH contracts with Latino Healthcare Forum providing kiosks and mobile applications which provide social services and health services information in English, Spanish and Arabic to residents of the Rundberg community as well as refugees throughout Austin/Travis County. Through the Northeast Health Resource Center collaborative partnership, Travis County Health and Human Services provides eligibility for basic needs assistance.

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in progress	S A6	Partner with healthcare providers such as hospitals and clinics in the region to develop and implement strategies to increase the affordability and access to healthcare, including: - offering incentives to increase the number of providers - building more clinics - offering a path to practice for licensed professionals from other countries - developing educational programs - affordable health coverage programs for small business	АРН	 In collaboration with Central Health, AISD, Travis County and others, Austin Public Health launched the Northeast Health Resource Center at Overton Elementary. The Northeast Health Resource Center located in Colony Park is a collaborative effort for the community to utilize both public health and medical services within their community. This center is an intermediate plan to encourage community members to access both medical and public services and participate in diabetes education classes. Public Health partners identified access to health care with an emphasis on cultural competency and workforce development as part of the next iteration of the Austin/ Travis County Community Health Improvement Plan. This three year plan is slated to launch in Fall of 2018.
in progress	S A7	Address the high incidence of teenage pregnancy by creating and expanding partnerships with area school districts, nonprofit organizations, and healthcare providers to develop a comprehensive education and outreach program to reduce the number of teenage mothers, to expand access to social and health care services for teenage mothers and their children, and to increase educational and vocational opportunities for the mothers.	АРН	 During FY18, APH continues to fund a social services contract with Planned Parenthood. During FY 2018, Austin Healthy Adolescent (AHA) has been working on formalizing community engagement efforts to develop comprehensive education and outreach programs to reduce teen pregnancy and provide health services to young mothers and their children. AHA has partnered with Planned Parenthood to expand peer health educator implementation and increase turnout through PP's social services agreement with APH. Additionally, AHA has finalized an MOU with People's Community Clinic which will assist in increasing the number of patients served and increasing provider visits as well as decreasing teen pregnancies, decreasing STI/STD rates, and increasing access to medical care for adolescents. AHA has also implemented a Visibility project to strengthen our social media campaign to promote adolescent health education throuth a Peer-to-Peer Facebook page, e-Newsletter and re-vamped brochure targeted to a teen audience.

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in progress	S A8	Make healthy and local foods accessible, particularly in underserved areas, by removing barriers and providing incentives for the establishment of sustainable community gardens, urban farms, neighborhood grocery stores, farmers markets, and farm stands and mobile vegetable sales carts.	APH, PARD	 The staff recommendation/draft 3 allows for community gardens, small-scale retail, and mobile vending in various locations throughout the city. CodeNEXT is currently under Council consideration. APH is contracting with Farmshare Austin and Sustainable Food center to implement the Fresh for Less Farm Stands and Mobile Markets. APH is contracting with Go Austin Vamos Austin to implement a healthy corner store initative in 78744 and 78745 zip codes. APH and OoS are partnering with Central Texas Food Bank to launch the Nutritious Food Incentive Program at a brick and mortar grocery store in
in progress	S A9	Facilitate a strong and sustainable local food system by linking farmers, distributors, and markets, and create programs and partnerships to ensure profitable local food enterprises throughout all five food sectors —production, processing, distribution, consumption, and waste recovery.	APH, PARD, EDD	 FY18. APH funded improvements or expansion of 1 school and 1 community garden in FY18. APH has funded 2 mini grant projects to increase capacity for distribution of healthy perishable foods at 2 food pantries in Austin.

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in progress	S A10 Develop partnerships with public and prive stakeholders to promote awareness and e residents about healthy food choices, sourd and preparation, including keeping up-to- and accessible data on community garden availability, cooking classes, and city and property for neighborhood gardens and f farms, and the sale of sustainably produce culturally appropriate food at farmers mo farm stands, mobile vegetable carts, and neighborhood grocery stores.	ducate ces, date n plot county amily ed and	 APH is contracting with Farmshare Austin and Sustainable Food center to implement the Fresh for Less Farm Stands and Mobile Markets. APH is contracting with Go Austin Vamos Austin to implement a healthy corner store imitative in 78744 and 78745 zip codes. APH and OoS are partnering with Central Texas Food Bank to launch the Nutritious Food Incentive Program at a brick and mortar grocery store in FY18. APH provided chronic disease prevention mini grants to Common Threads and 4-H Capitor for expansion of nutrition education programs. PARD and AISD continue to partner to expand existing school garden into full community gardens such as the oen at Pillow Elementary School which opened as the North Shoal Creek Garden in 2018. Continue COA-developed website that houses all information about how to start community garden, school gardens, backyard gardens and urban farms. austintexas.gov/food Community Gardens Program working with Sustainable Food Center to update website community gardensaustin. org with a page for each of the 67 community gardens in the Austin area, maps of all gardens, and information for residents about how to join a community garden. Community Gardens Program to continue coordinating with WPD on making land available for urban agriculture through a request for proposals process.

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in progress	S A11 Reduce obesity and other diet-related diseases by establishing local fresh food initiatives in institutions such as schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, city and county departments and facilities, and by implementing and encouraging purchasing policies that support local and sustainable foods.	APH, PARD	- APH will continue to work with childcare centers to improve nutrition and the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables served in the early childhood environment. Community Gardens Program to continue coordinating with WPD on making land available for urban agriculture through a request for proposals process. Community Gardens Program partnering with AISD to expand existing school gardens into full community gardens, such as the 2018 opening of the North Shoal Creek Community Garden at Pillow School Park.
in progress	S A18 Support the development of a community-wide electronic health information system.	APH	- APH is in the process of implementing an Electronic Health Record using the eClinical Works platform. APH has purchased data from the Integral Care Collaborative (ICC) on chronic disease and mental health for program planning and to better understand health disparities.

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in progress	S A33	Collaborate with school districts to allow public and private sector use of underutilized schools and other public facilities for child care, educational programs, healthy living programs, and neighborhood activities.	APL, PARD, HRD, CAD, APH	 APH has an agreement with AISD for the Victory Tutorial Program, which uses City libraries to recruit, train, match, and supervise volunteer tutors that serve students through out-of-school time programming. In collaboration with Central Health, AISD, Travis County and others, Austin Public Health launched the Northeast Health Resource Center at Overton Elementary. Services including preventative health screenings, healthy lifestyle classes, and WIC are a being provided for the surrounding community each Wednesday afternoon. Connecting Children to Nature PARD Program begun to create nature play areas in School Parks. Barrington Elementary playground opened in March. Continue to expand student education, community awareness and programming to improve the design and increase usage of naturalized child play areas on community school parks. Barrington, Wooldridge and Cook elementary began initial programs, ensuring equitable access to nature through a Communities Connecting Children to Nature Green School Park pilot project. A work group has formed to rewrite the 1980s AISD/PARD joint use agreements to make agreements more specific about programming and maintenance and reduce the need for inter-local agreements on individual sites.
in progress	S A41	Develop programs to aid children transitioning out of the foster care system.	АРН	The City of Austin is funding a portion of Lifeworks' new rapid rehousing program that includes working with Child Protective Services to make sure that kids in foster care do not get exited to homelessness

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in progress	S A49	Develop educational and public information programs focusing on promoting nutrition, healthy food, and local food sources.	APL, APH, PARD	 APH has provided free diabetes education classes in FY18 as well as opportunities for physical activity with focus on the Eastern Crescent of Austin and Travis County. APH is implementing a coordinated awareness campaign on sugar sweetened beverages with community partners. APH worked with Healthy Connections to launch a Sugar awareness challenge and has created a toolkit for other employers to utilize in their employee wellness programs. APH has implemented media campaigns to increase awareness of SNAP and WIC in FY18. PARD and the Central Texas Food Bank continue to provide afterschool and summer meals at 22 PARD centers PARD continues and expands Brigher Bites program bringing nutrition education, produce distribution and food fun to summer camps. PARD Community Gardens Program continue to educate community gardeners on how to sell produce they have grown to benefit their community garden.
in progress	S A51	Work with local health providers to develop educational materials and programs for use in schools and the community about the dangers of tobacco use and promote available cessation resources.	APH, PARD	APH is in the process of instituting the Ask, Advise, Refer universal tobacco screening protocol across all APH clinical and outreach sites, with direct referral to the tobacco Quitline.
in progress	S A52	Promote tobacco free multifamily housing which share common walls, such as apartments, duplexes, townhouses, row houses, and condominiums.	APH, PARD	APH hosted a tobacco free multi-unit housing forum in late 2017 to encourage additional multi-unit housing communities to go smoke free. As part of the Texas Smoke- free Multi-Unit Housing taskforce, APH is supporting and providing technical assistance to public housing authorities across the state and nation in implementing smoke-free housing following the HUD ruling.

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in progress	S A53	Promote tobacco-free environments and tobacco- free living.	APH, PARD	APH provided technical assistance to 4 City departments, including Austin Energy, to implement tobacco-free worksite policies, providing protection to over 2,000 additional COA employees. APH will continue to work with City departments and private employers to institute these comprehensive tobacco policies
in progress	S A54	Create more opportunities for outdoor play, recreational activities, healthy eating, and other activities and programs that address obesity.	PARD	APH will continue to provide CATCH early childhood support and technical assistance to redesign menus at childcare centers in Austin and Travis County. An additional 4 Child Inc. centers will receive CATCH early childhood training in FY18. APH administered 12 Chronic Disease Prevention mini grants in FY18 to support healthy eating, active living, tobacco free living and breastfeeding support. APH has provided technical assistance to several workplaces in becoming certified Texas Mother Friendly Workplaces in FY18. APH is beginning a partnership with several churches for expansion of their health ministries to encompass chronic disease prevention. PARD: continue and expand collaborations with strongeraustin.org.
ongoing	CE A13	Expand existing and facilitate the establishment of new distribution avenues for local farm products.	APH, PARD, EDD	 During FY18, APH renewed the contract with the Sustainable Food Center (SFC) to maintain the Double Dollar Incentive program aimed at increasing the purchasing power of SNAP benefits at farmers markets. Additionally, SFC is piloting a Triple Dollar WIC day once a month, increasing WIC card benefits to three times the purchasing power for buying fruits and vegetables . APH's Fresh for Less partners have expand existing healhty food access efforts; 7 weekly Farm Stands and Mobile Markets are now being offered to provide fresh fruits and vegetables in healthy food priority areas.
ongoing	CFS A6	Expand partnerships between local organizations and the City of Austin to maintain and improve local parks and open spaces.	PARD, AW, WPD, APH, PARD	Enhance process for identifying, funding, and building partnerships. Continue cultivating relationships for park maintenance with Austin Parks Foundation, Sustainable Foods Center, Keep Austin Beautiful, and the Austin Outside Coalition.

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ongoing	LUT A1	Give priority to City of Austin investments to support mixed use, transit, and the creation of compact walkable and bikeable places.	PAZ, PWD, ATD, CPO, EDD	 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019. City Council approved Corridor Construction Program for 2016 Mobility Bond in April 2018. CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018. 2018 Bond Package recommendation from Bond Election Advisory Task Force presented to City Council in March 2018. Long Range CIP Strategic Plan updates proceeding under a new 2-year Cycle. Next plan will be developed in FY 2019.
ongoing	LUT A22	Expand the Safe Routes to School programs.	PWD, ATD	The City continues to implement sidewalk master plan, bicycle master plan, and urban trails master plan, and continues to support the Public Works Department Safe Routes to Schools Program with funding from 2012 and 2016 bonds.

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ŋ	S A20	Maintain and expand city programs that promote the safety, prosperity, and integration of immigrants, refugees, and their families.	APH, APD, EDD, NHCD	The APH Communicable Diseases Refugee Health Screening Program provides medical screening for communicable diseases, laboratory tests, immunizations, and referral to healthcare services (such as PCP, dental, or mental health follow-up care) to all newly arriving refugees, asylees, victims of trafficking, and SIVs (Special Immigrant Visas). Services are provided during the first year after their arrival date. These services are provided to the above categories only with a legal visa status.
ongoing				The City of Austin provides funding for refugee and immigrant services through a variety of agreements with community organizations including: - Rapid Rehousing and Shelter programs with Casa Marianella (Refugee Services of Central Texas is a subgrantee) - Immigration Legal Services and Counseling with American Gateways and Catholic Charities of Central Texas - Refugee Services and Resettlement, Education and Employment programs for refugees and asylees with Caritas of Austin

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BuioBuo	Coordinate with public and private sector organizations in Austin, such as school districts, non-profit organizations, and other agencies to address efforts related to health and human services, housing, economic development, sustainable development, and planning.	NHCD, PAZ, APH, WPD, AW	 APH participates in multiple groups and committees for planning, policy and funding efforts addressing social services, housing, workforce development and other areas. APH contracts with dozens of local non-profit agencies providing access to human services for residents of Austin/Travis County. These partnerships include government agencies (AISD, Travis County) and quasi-governmental agencies (Workforce Solutions, Integral Care). Response and recovery efforts during Hurricane Harvey highlighted some of these key partnerships and collaborations, addressing basic needs, health and housing for hundreds of Texas residents who came to Austin. The Northeast Health Resource Center (NHRC) located at Volma Overton Elementary is a direct response to the community's request for both public health and medical services for the area. Health Screenings including, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol screenings, Diabetes Education Classes and WIC services are provided by APH; Eligibility services for Medical Access Program (MAP), Medicaid, CHIP, TX Healthy Women, and Family Planning application are provided by Central Health, and Basic Need Assistance are provided by Travis County Health and Human Services.

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ongoing	S A42	Make programs available for children and adult immigrants regardless of their legal status.	APH, PARD	 The APH Communicable Diseases TB and STD programs offer many services including but not limited to TB screening, TB preventive therapy, active TB case management, STD/HIV screening, STD treatment, social services and support, and linkage to medical care for anyone who lives or works in City of Austin or Travis County regardless of their legal status. All APH Social Service programs do not exclude clients based on immigration or documentation status. As long as the client meets the residency, income and/or other program eligibility guidelines, legal status is not relevant to program admission. All PARD programs and services for children and adults are available to the public – Legal status does not restrict anyone from participating.
no status available	E A21	Establish strategies, incentives, or investments in healthful outdoor activities and venues that generate economic benefits to local businesses while promoting wellness.	АРН	
no status available	S A4	Partner with healthcare providers to identify areas with limited access to adequate health services and develop regulations and policies to promote the clustering of medical facilities (i.e., clinics, and trauma and specialty care) in these areas.	АРН	
no status available	S A12	Remove regulatory barriers and provide incentives to improve and rebuild local food production, processing and distribution systems appropriate to the local context.	APH, PARD, EDD	

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no status available	Work with local school districts to use locally- grown produce and increase the quality and nutritional value of food served to school aged young people.	APH, PARD
no status available	 Help children between ages 0-5 achieve success in school by implementing the School Readiness Action Plan which seeks to ensure that: -families have access to and use the necessary resources that support nuturing their children; -children and families have access to high quality early learning environments; -children receive early and developmental screenings; -children have access to health care; -and public and private sectors in Austin and Travis County work together to ensure that the community has the resources and infrastructure to deliver services to children and their families 	

Workforce, Education, and Local Business

Status		Action	Departments	Update
in progress	E A5	Improve Austin's transportation and economic connections between other major cities in Texas by supporting the construction of a high speed rail network.	PAZ, PWD, ATD	 Capital Metro Project Connect under development. Draft system map released spring 2018. The City continues to participate in regional transportation coordination as a member jurisdiction of CAMPO, and the CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee includes representation from ATD and PAZ. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan under development. Presentation to City Council anticipated spring 2019.

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in progress		Create a regulatory framework to foster a business-friendly environment by: - Identifying regulatory impacts on investment, business development, and retention (zoning, permitting and licensing requirements, tax requirements, etc.) - Assigning city staff devoted to helping businesses navigate the system and troubleshoot; - Creating development incentives (including tax incentives), density and floor-to-area ratio (FAR) bonuses, reduced and alternative parking requirements, expedited review, etc. - Simplifying and clarifying the development review process, including one-stop shop review, enforced timelines, and set targets for responsiveness and accountability - Allowing more by-right development - Making development regulations more flexible, while defining the extent of flexibility and maintaining safety and code integrity - Creating a program to assist businesses that are affected by road construction or infrastructure improvements - Creating a rehabilitation building code to make adaptive reuse efficient and affordable		- Parking has been reduced or eliminated for certain commercial uses in some zones, and the ability to change uses on a site with a site plan exemption remains in Draft 3 as it is in current code.
in progress	E A10	Partner with the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau to develop a marketing strategy to promote tourism that builds upon Austin and Central Texas' unique natural environment, outdoor lifestyles, live music, performing arts, culture, diversity, and history.	EDD, CAD, APL	The Cultural Arts Division of Economic Development in partnership with the Music Division, EDD and PARD completed the first phase of its three phased Cultural Tourism Master plan. The second phase will commence in partnership with Visit Austin with the assistance of marketing contractor.

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in progress	HN A6	Provide greater consideration for the awarding of incentives to businesses, organizations, and developments that provide housing and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals.	NHCD, EDD, PAZ	The City is continuing to work with a consultant team to develop an implementation plan and strategy to implement the Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint which Council adopted in 2017. The Blueprint states that the City should consider revising the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program to lengthen the affordability period and to better balance developer benefits with unit construction. This program is producing positive results; however, after almost two decades it needs modification in order to help the City of Austin achieve affordability goals.
in progress	HN A10	Create incentives and form partnerships with large employers to develop workforce housing.	NHCD, EDD, PAZ	The City of Austin has acquired two parcels - the southeast corner of Tannehill and Jackie Robinson St. as well as, Dorris and Hathaway Dr.) from the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to be utilized for affordable housing. Additional resources may become available to acquire land for affordable housing through another affordable housing bond which may head to voters this fall.
in progress	S A31	Expand mentoring and tutoring programs to help school-aged children improve their academic performance and develop essential life skills.	AE	The City of Austin Mentor and Tutor Program allows City employees to volunteer in mentoring and tutoring roles with any of five programs approved by the Austin Independent School District (AISD). Nearly 400 volunteers participate in this program each academic year.

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S A33	Collaborate with school districts to allow public and private sector use of underutilized schools and other public facilities for child care, educational programs, healthy living programs, and neighborhood activities.	APL, PARD, HRD, CAD, APH	 APH has an agreement with AISD for the Victory Tutorial Program, which uses City libraries to recruit, train, match, and supervise volunteer tutors that serve students through out-of-school time programming. In collaboration with Central Health, AISD, Travis County and others, Austin Public Health launched the Northeast Health Resource Center at Overton Elementary. Services including preventative health screenings, healthy lifestyle classes, and WIC are a being provided for the surrounding community each Wednesday afternoon. Connecting Children to Nature PARD Program begun to create nature play areas in School Parks. Barrington Elementary playground opened in March. Continue to expand student education, community awareness and programming to improve the design and increase usage of naturalized child play areas on community school parks. Barrington, Wooldridge and Cook elementary began initial programs, ensuring equitable access to nature through a Communities Connecting Children to Nature Green School Park pilot project. A work group has formed to rewrite the 1980s AISD/PARD joint use agreements to make agreements more specific about programming and maintenance and reduce the need for inter-local agreements on individual sites.

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in progress	S A49	Develop educational and public information programs focusing on promoting nutrition, healthy food, and local food sources.	APL, APH, PARD	 APH has provided free diabetes education classes in FY18 as well as opportunities for physical activity with focusing on eastern Travis County. APH is implementing a coordinated awareness campaign on sugar sweetened beverages with community partners. APH worked with Healthy Connections to launch a Sugar awareness challenge and has created a toolkit for other employers to utilize in their employee wellness programs. APH has implemented media campaigns to increase awareness of SNAP and WIC in FY18. PARD and the Central Texas Food Bank continue to provide afterschool and summer meals at 22 PARD centers. PARD continues and expands Brigher Bites program bringing nutrition education, produce distribution and and food fun to summer camps. PARD Community Gardens Program continue to educate community gardeners on how to sell produce they have grown to benefit their community garden.
ongoing	C A16	Support programs to engage the business development community to assist creative economy start-ups and to develop business and management skills.	EDD, PAZ	- CAD developed partnership with Austin Asian Chamber and other chambers to provide support for the Creative Community
ongoing	C A18	Coordinate with the different creative industry job sectors and area school districts, trade and vocational schools, colleges, and universities to develop and expand educational curricula to support the creative industries.	PARD, EDD	PARD partnered with MindPop to provide the Creative Learning strategies to all PARD programming personnel
ongoing	C A19	Facilitate partnerships to connect artists with artist residency opportunities to provide workforce support for the creative community.	EDD, PARD	- CAD created an Artist in Residency program to site artists within City government

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ongoing	CFS A27	Create a world-class library system by expanding collections and public computer access and by upgrading and expanding library facilities by completing the new Central Library, building four regional Resource Branches in the four quadrants of Austin, and retrofitting the Faulk Library as an expansion of the History Center.	APL	Opening of the new Central Library with expanded collections and public computer access that includes 140 public use PC and Mac computers as well 150 self-check electronic devices
ongoing	E A1	Maintain partnerships between local chambers of commerce, business associations, and regional and state economic agencies to develop and improve programs to recruit and retain businesses to Austin.	EDD	Maintained partnerships with local chambers of commerce, business associations, and regional and state economic agencies. After a year of community engagement, community leadership consultation, best practice analysis and program development work, Austin City Council heard recommendations for a new Economic Development policy direction from City staff and a consultant. The new vision for the policy includes a focus on reflecting today's economic conditions and addressing current community challenges. Proposal includes expanding the policy to include support for small businesses, incentives for employers seeking to hire economically and socio-economically disadvantaged individuals, and recruiting external businesses that provide community benefits beyond jobs, including transportation infrastructure, sustainable operations, new opportunities for small, local, and creative, equitable hiring practices and other community benefits. Learn more at <u>custintexas.gov/</u> investingustin

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ongoing	E A2	Establish strategic incentives and investments tailored to targeted industries and business districts throughout Austin, such as downtown, industrial areas, roadway corridors, neighborhood-oriented and -scaled districts, transit-oriented districts (TOD), etc.	EDD, PARD, PAZ	 Souly Austin Business District Incubator successfully incubated six merchant associations of businesses located on Imagine Austin Corridors and Centers across multiple Council districts, and helped associations enhance their districts. After a year of community engagement, community leadership consultation, best practice analysis and program development work, Austin City Council heard recommendations for a new Economic Development policy direction from City staff and a consultant. The new vision for the policy includes a focus on reflecting today's economic conditions and addressing current community challenges. Staff is requesting authorization to research, develop, and return to Council with a Locational Enhancement Program under the Chapter 380 Policy, to administer programming that will address the following items articulated through Resolution No. 20170302-034: Community benefits; Increased access to goods and services in communities that are traditionally underinvested, including but not limited to, healthy food options in the Eastern Crescent; Increased availability of affordable commercial space for local small businesses, including the creative sector; Development of vibrant, mixed-use commercial corridors; Leverage of public investments to improve positive health outcomes for low-income Austinites; and Retention of local small business employers struggling to survive and stay in Austin.
ongoing	E A4	Establish and continually monitor a set of measures to gauge the effectiveness of economic development initiatives.	EDD c	City adopted Strategic Direction 2023 including an outcome area and associated metrics for "Economic Opportunity and Affordabilty".

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ongoing	E A6	Increase international air service to Austin- Bergstrom International Airport to improve business and tourism opportunities.	EDD, PARD, Aviation	EDD Global Business Recruitment and Expansion Division serves on the Air Service Task Force with key organizations from the community to support efforts for increasing international air service.
ongoing	E A7	Facilitate international trade that benefits diverse sectors of the Austin economy.	EDD	Implement an international business plan that routinely assesses quantifiable data to develop strategic international partnerships that will offer an increasing benefit to the Austin economy. 2017 work includes formation of International Business Affairs Focus Group, Alibaba Live Midnight Pitch Event and multiple outbound international delegations.
ongoing	E A8	Expand the online availability of business development resources, such as best practices, for small businesses.	EDD, SBDP, APL	 The Council's Omnibus Resolution in March 2016 suggested staff research a variety of ways to increase revenue for industry members and the music and creative sectors themselves. The Music Division has also implemented a new online panel series through Facebook Live that brings together industry professionals to speak on topics of interest and give tips of the trade. Continue to record Exploring Entrepreneurship panel discussions made available for online viewing. Continue to inform small business owners with online access to BizOpen Orientation, covering development and permitting. Launch online BizAid Business Orientation to educate small business owners on resources and steps to starting or expanding a business. The Austin Public Library will continue to expand the online availability of business development resources, such as best practices for small businesses. APL offers home access to over 25 online reference databases covering marketing tools, company and investment information, business plans, directories, interactive maps and metrics.

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ongoing	E A9	Establish and expand policies, programs, and partnerships to support the development of creative industries, including film, music, gaming, etc., in Austin. These could include: - Incubator programs - Business accelerators - Promotional programs - Live-work opportunities - Financial assistance - Implementation of the Create Austin Cultural Master Plan - Technical assistance and professional development opportunities - Workshops	EDD, CAD, HRD, PAZ	 The Small Business Program created an in-house 6-week business skill development seminar for 24 artists of all disciplines accepted through a call and competitive process. The Small Business Program provided over 100 hours of one-on-one career coaching
ongoing	E A11	Partner with business, property, and arts organizations to enhance downtown Austin's position as a nationally- and internationally- renowned business, entertainment center, and regional destination.	EDD	 Through its completed Cultural Tourism Strategic Plan, EDD/CAD has partnered with culturally based Chambers of Commerce to promote cultural tourism in Austin. EDD/CAD will continue to partner with Visit Austin. PARD participated in a process to develop
ongoing	E A12	Preserve and promote iconic and unique Austin facilities and events that attract tourists, convention business, corporate relocations, and the recruitment of skilled workers.	EDD, CAD, HRD, PAZ	 Develop final Cultural Tourism Plan and identify outreach strategies related to cultural tourism. The Parks Department launched a community engagement process for the development of a venue at the Oakwood Cemetery that would recognize the rich history of the area
ongoing	E A13	Work with local school districts, the University of Texas, Austin Community College, other area institutions of higher learning, major employers, and elected officials to: - Identify gaps in educational programs; - Identify the skills needed for current, emerging, and targeted job sectors; - Educate students at all levels about the skills needed to compete in a 21st Century economy.	EDD, PARD, CAD, HRD	City Council voted to adopt the Austin Metro Area Master Community Workforce Plan as an attachment to Imagine Austin, joining regional partners like the Travis County, Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

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ongoing	E A15 Develop economic development programs and incentives to promote the employment of historically under-employed segments of the population.	EDD	After a year of community engagement, community leadership consultation, best practice analysis and program development work, Austin City Council heard recommendations for a new Economic Development policy direction from City staff and a consultant. The new vision for the policy includes a focus on reflecting today's economic conditions and addressing current community challenges. Proposal includes expanding the policy to include incentives for employers seeking to hire economically and socio- economically disadvantaged individuals, equitable hiring practices and other community benefits. Learn more at <u>austintexas.gov/investinaustin</u>

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E A16	Create a regional economic development task force, led by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, that includes the City of Austin, nearby municipalities and surrounding counties; the University of Texas, Austin Community College, and other area institutions of higher learning; area transportation providers such the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Agency, Texas Department of Transportation, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority; major employers and representatives from major industries; and other regional partners to develop a strategic direction for the Austin region by: - Developing a shared direction for the region; - Sharing information between the public and private sectors; - Establishing collaborative communication links among regional planning efforts; - Analyzing the impacts of publically-owned land; - Collaborating and co-locating institutional uses; - Attracting and supporting target industries; - Assisting with grant research and writing.	EDD	Continue participation in Opportunity Austin

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Buobuo Buobuo	Partner with the Austin business community to develop policies, regulations, and programs to foster the development and success of local businesses by: - Creating an inventory of locally-owned businesses, including creative industries; - Developing a mentor program for locally- owned businesses; - Promoting the formation of worker-owned and community-owned businesses (co-ops) that sell local products; - Creating an Austin Craftsmen's Guild to showcase products created by Austin residents; - Providing tax incentives for locally-owned businesses; - Creating a directory of locally-produced products; - Simplifying the process to have local businesses provide additional services (e.g. host bands for SXSW); - Supporting businesses at each stage of the business life cycle; - Enhancing and expanding small business development services to grow market share of small, local businesses; - Expanding economic opportunities and measurable results for Minority- and Women- Owned Business Enterprise (MBE / WBE) firms.	EDD, SBDP, SMBR	 -After a year of community engagement, community leadership consultation, best practice analysis and program development work, Austin City Council heard recommendations for a new Economic Development policy direction from City staff and a consultant. The new vision for the policy includes a focus on reflecting today's economic conditions and addressing current community challenges. Proposal includes expanding the policy to include support for small businesses, incentives for employers seeking to hire economically and socio-economically disadvantaged individuals, and recruiting external businesses that provide community benefits beyond jobs, including transportation infrastructure, sustainable operations, new opportunities for small, local, and creative, equitable hiring practices and other community benefits. -EDD published "Thriving in Place: Supporting Austin's Cultural Vitality through Place-Based Economic Development." -EDD published "The CAMP Report: Final Report ad Overview of the Cultural Mapping Project." -EDD Supports the "Solely Austin" program. -The Small Business Program created an in-house 6-week business skill development seminar for 24 artists of all disciplines accepted through a call and competitive process. -The Small Business Program provided over 100 hours of one-on-one career coaching and assistance navigating opportunities available through the City of Austin, local organizations and national opportunities. -The Small Business Program offered an additional 60 hours of business development classes to over 200 artists, including BizAid for Creatives. -The Music Division produces "Sector Summits" to provide business development information to musicians.

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	E A18 continued		EDD, SBDP, SMBR	 -PARD continues to administratively support the 23rd Street Artists Market, providing vending permits to artists and crafts persons. The Small Business Program initiated an mapping exercise to plot the locations of Austin small businesses.
ongoing	E A19	Create a public-private task force between the State of Texas, the City of Austin, Travis County, local universities, the Chamber of Commerce, and local industries to invest in research and development and green tech, biotech, high tech, and other emerging technologies.	EDD	Continue work with Austin Technology Incubator CleanTech Incubator and Opportunity Austin regional partnership.
ongoing	S A32	Work with educational and business partners to expand the availability of early childhood education and childcare services and programs for all residents, especially for middle and low income households and for those with children with disabilities, and fund through a modest fee or sliding-fee structure.	HRD, PARD, CAD	Austin Community College agreement for Teacher & Director TRAC program – Provides child development training for teachers and directors that work with young children; upholding quality professional practices that are tied directly to improved child outcomes for the most at- risk children is foundational to the TRAC program and the efforts of the early childhood community. Workforce Solutions agreement for QC3 program – provides access to child care through Continuity of Care services and increases the available quality slots in the community by helping child care centers achieve high
ongoing	S A34	Work with child care providers, school districts, local businesses, government agencies and non- profits to make affordable and accessible child care, early education, preschool, afterschool, and summer programs widely available throughout Austin and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).	HRD, APL	quality ratings through mentoring and other services Out of school time agreements with African American Youth Harvest Foundation, Austin Independent School District, Creative Action, River City Youth Foundation

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ongoing	S A35	Partner with businesses to offer incentives to childcare, early education and preschool programs that locate in underserved areas and near employment centers.	APH, HRD	EDD and APH worked together to provide a proposal for further exploration of a quality childcare incentive program. The proposal was recommended to City Council by the Qulaity Child Care & Pre-K Resolution Work Group.
ongoing	S A36	Explore funding opportunities to offer financial assistance or scholarships to low and moderate income families for early childhood education and childcare.	APH, HRD, APL	Workforce Solutions agreement for QC3 program – provides access to child care through Continuity of Care services
ongoing	S A37	Create opportunities for public-private partnerships to increase direct involvement by city departments, such as Parks and Recreation, in childcare and afterschool programming.	APL, PARD, HRD, APH	 Mindpop collaborated with PARD to integrate the Creative Learning Initiative into afterschool programming. The Smithsonian Institution funded the Asian American Resource Center to develop Asian Studies curriculum for high school teachers in Austin and across the country. Austin Energy provides access to citizens who wish to donate funds (the Scott Johnson Scholarship) to PARD, HHS, and APL to provide low-cost access to out-of-school programming. Boys and Girls Clubs partner with PARD to provide after- school programming. PARD contracts with private entities such as artists to provide enhancements to out-of-school programs. APL created Connected Youth computer centers, serving youth ages 10-18, with assistance from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. APL partners with AISD to provide after school tutoring through the Victory Tutorial program, for grades 1-12 at six APL branches.
ongoing	S A39	Develop a youth student leadership program that involves students in community planning and implementation.	HRD, CPIO	Continue to work with Youth Council. Continue to implement AustinCorps.

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ongoing	S A40	Collaborate with educational and business partners in developing a comprehensive education program for all ages that focuses on the range of skills (i.e., literacy, interpersonal skills, and vocational skills) needed to for gainful employment.	APL, PARD, HRD	City Council voted to adopt the Austin Metro Area Master Community Workforce Plan as an attachment to Imagine Austin, joining regional partners like the Travis County, Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.
ongoing	S A43	Collaborate with educational and business partners in expanding educational opportunities to meet the needs of current and emerging industries, the safety needs of the public sector, as well as those of the skilled trades.	HRD, PARD, EDD	City Council voted to adopt the Austin Metro Area Master Community Workforce Plan as an attachment to Imagine Austin, joining regional partners like the Travis County, Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.
ongoing	S A44	Partner with the colleges and universities when designing community-based education programs.	EDD, SBDP, APL, PARD	City Council voted to adopt the Austin Metro Area Master Community Workforce Plan as an attachment to Imagine Austin, joining regional partners like the Travis County, Austin Community College, Workforce Solutions Capital Area and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.
ongoing	S A46	Create the capacity within the City of Austin to partner with school districts, community organizations, and the private sector to increase collaboration at school campuses.	PARD, HRD, CMO, EDD	 APL partnered with AISD to provide library cards to all students. EDD/CAD worked with Mindpop to match arts groups to underutilized schools.
ongoing	S A47	Develop seamless, coordinated relationships between school districts, community colleges, other higher education institutions, to integrate and minimize lack of funding for better educational community opportunities.	PARD, HRD, APL, EDD	 Austin public library is working with AISD to create an APL student card that will be issued to each AISD student. EDD works with UT to offer a Business Skills Certificate. ACC classes are provided at APL and PARD. EDD/CAD works with St.Edwards, UT, ACC to improve curriculum in Creative industries such as gaming.
no status available	E A14	Work with local colleges and universities to expand their medical education offerings and increase the availability of medical residency programs.	EDD	

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no status available	E A17	Establish more formal relationships between the cities in the Texas Triangle (Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio) to address issues regarding the larger region, including intraregional trade policies, the development of an inland port, and the employment of the region's diverse population.	EDD
no status available	E A20	Improve government efficiency through technology (software and hardware) investments and by developing and retaining information technology staff.	CTM, HR
no status available	E A21	Establish strategies, incentives, or investments in healthful outdoor activities and venues that generate economic benefits to local businesses while promoting wellness.	APH
no status available	S A38	Partner with local school districts, colleges, universities, and vocational schools to expand the availability of evening and weekend continuing education and higher education classes.	HRD
no status available	S A45	Explore leasing and cost-sharing agreements between the Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin to facilitate under- capacity schools and under-funded programs to remain open and in operation.	СМО
no status available	S A48	Support better integration of education from pre-kindergarten through higher education.	PARD, HRD

Creative Economy

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complete	C A6	Collaborate with sponsoring organizations, sponsors, and transportation companies to develop special event transportation plans to mitigate traffic congestion associated with these events.	EDD, PARD, ATD	The multidepartmental Austin Center for Events - Special Events Committee oversees special event transportation planning.
in progress	C A7	Promote the development and expansion of arts space, facilities and programming, including libraries, museums, parks, performing art venues and community centers by identifying existing facilities and conducting a needs assessment.	EDD, PAZ, PARD, APL	 PARD Inventoried all current efforts for the development of space. CAD, Austin Creative Alliance, and Partners for Sacred Spaces, non-profit, developed partnerships between artists and churches. CAD, Mindpop and AISD developed a pilot program in a school for artists to use space. PARD and CAD developed an expansion of a Cultural Center residencies program called the Artist access program Several bond proposals for Cultural Center expansions were proposed with gallery and performance space EDD/CAD developed Art Space Assistance Program (ASAP) CAD completed the Cultural Asset Mapping Project and the Thriving in Place report -non-profit Austin Creative Alliance developed the Austin Creative Alliance

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in progress	C A8	Develop programs to promote Austin's diverse cultural heritage: - Cultural events and venues - A citywide multi-cultural festival - Culture-based tourism - Educational materials	PARD, PW, PAZ-HP	 CEPP documented multicultural programming produced by the COA Historic Preservation won an Historic Preservation Grant to focus on preserving diverse communities PARD hosted multicultural Music festival CAD supports multicultural arts activity through Cultural Funding Programs The AHC completed 3 exhibits, with related public programming, highlighting different aspects of Austin's diverse history: Clearing Stones, Sewing Seeds promoting African American history in Austin through the story of the Travis County Negro Extension Service; We'll Just Rock For Ourselves: Selections from the Lisa Davis Photograph Archive covering Austin's LGBTQ+ history; and Taking it to the Street: A Visual History of Protest in Austin examining an array of social justice issues in Austin.
in progress	E A10	Partner with the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau to develop a marketing strategy to promote tourism that builds upon Austin and Central Texas' unique natural environment, outdoor lifestyles, live music, performing arts, culture, diversity, and history.	EDD, CAD, APL	The Cultural Arts Division of Economic Development in partnership with the Music Division, EDD and PARD completed the first phase of its three phased Cultural Tourism Master plan. The second phase will commence in partnership with Visit Austin with the assistance of marketing contractor.
in progress	C A17	Expand existing programs and identify funding sources to provide affordable physical and mental health care, housing and other support services for artists, musicians and others in the creative community.	HHSD, EDD- MUSIC	 During FY18, APH is funding a social services contract with Foundation Communities called Insure Central Texas (ICT). More than 1,500 musicians as members of HAAM (Health Alliance for Austin Musicians)are served annually through the ICT program. HAAM members receive Marketplace health insurance or access to HAAM's medical services if not eligible for subsidized insurance. Hi, How are you Day produced by EDD/Music Division to check in on musicians

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in progress	LUT A42	Create incentives and develop funding mechanisms and regulations to promote the rehabilitation, reuse, and maintenance of historically designated properties: -Grants -Tax incentives -Flexible building requirements -Revolving loan sources -Fee waivers -Fast-track permitting	PAZ	Historic Preservation staff facilitated a 25-member working group to recommend changes to and expansion of the Heritage Grant Program and overarching Historical Preservation Fund, both supported by Hotel Occupancy Tax dollars. The working group's recommendations are currently under Council consideration.
in progress	LUT A44	Develop and implement straightforward and transparent preservation strategies, guidelines, and regulations for historic areas, sites and structures, and cultural resources that preserves Austin's heritage, while being respectful of the local character, community values, and of the desires of property owners.	PAZ	 The Historic Preservation Office has formalized and distributed the standards used to evaluate historic landmarks for the historic tax exemption, supporting property owners in being good stewards of historic resources. The Historic Preservation website is currently being reorganized with more accessible and expanded information for community members. Preservation staff worked with community members to designate the Mary Street Historic District, the first local historic district in South Austin. 10 historic landmarks were designated.
in progress	S A23	Develop informational materials and programs to promote the culture and history of Austin's diverse neighborhoods.	PAZ, PIO	- PAZ has secured grant funding from the National Park Service to develop educational materials about historic preservation principles, policies, and tools, particularly as they relate to community and cultural preservation. These materials are expected to

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ongoing	C A1	Create a City of Austin function to oversee all arts, creative, and heritage programs, such as: - identifying funding sources for the arts - promoting the economic impact of arts and creativity - publicizing best practice success stories - developing an advertising program and a website to promote local talent - creating an annual awards program for local artists - developing a branding campaign for arts and creativity in Austin - developing a mapping and wayfinding system for arts, creative, cultural, and historic resources - developing an arts exchange program to market local artists regionally, nationally, and internationally - developing impromptu and non-traditional venues for art exhibits and installations and performances - facilitating the inclusion of public art.	EDD, PAZ, PARD, APL, PAZ-HP, AIR	 Reconstituted CEPP to include more representation from Music and the Airport and non-profits. CEPP worked to provide oversight for the multiple functions listed that relate to the day-to-day activities of our four Departments. CEPP hosted the leaders of all Music and arts advocacy organizations to provide a progress report on Imagine Austin Creative Economy. CEPP developed ArtistsATX, a one-stop website on Imagine Austin's sites to provide one-stop access to arts resources provided by COA. Creative Economy team members provided input into the Council's new strategic plan specifically addressing Culture and Learning.
ongoing	C A2	Incorporate the arts and cultural preservation themes and elements into small area plans, such as neighborhood and corridor plans.	EDD, PAZ	- Devised a more focused Historic Preservation plan using all pertinent Imagine Austin Actions from other Priority Plans.
ongoing	C A3	Create incentives, and programs to promote the inclusion of public art into new development.	EDD, PAZ, AUSTIN ART ALLIANCE	 PARD started a new public art professional development training program for artists at the Dougherty arts Center in collaboration with AIPP/CAD. worked with art Alliance Artist to envision a public art educational workshop for architects and contractors, provided by a non-profit.

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ongoing	C A4	Cultivate cultural and heritage education and tourism by marketing and promoting Austin's museums, libraries, historic sites and venues, and providing education and training to frontline tourism workers.	PARD, EDD	 CAD began the implementation of the Cultural Tourism Plan and completed its first phase. CAD initiated the second phase with the solicitation of a consultant to implement the Cultural Heritage Tourism plan. CAD worked directly with Visit Austin on cult
ongoing	C A5	Promote the use of non-traditional venues (such as parks, schools, streets, and vacant buildings) for impromptu and small scale performances and events, such as jugglers, dancers, mimes, actors, storytellers, poets, and performance artists.	EDD, PARD, APL	 PARD established a busking permit available through the Parks department. Music Department established the xxx program CAD funded the development of a new stage at Millenium Youth Complex PARD completed the Community Creativity Center Plan
ongoing	С А9	Develop and invest in intergenerational art education partnerships and programming between schools, artists, and arts organizations, libraries, neighborhood associations, and senior programs to provide life-long exposure to the arts	EDD, PARD	- PARD produces ongoing programs in partnership with schools, libraries and senior programs.
ongoing	C A10	Develop regulations to mitigate the sound from live music venues through a collaborative process that includes the City of Austin, musicians, venue operators, property owners, and residents.	EDD-Music	- the Music Division continues to work on strategies including the Agent of Change program
ongoing	C A11	Create incentives and programs to preserve iconic and established music venues and performance spaces throughout Austin and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).	EDD, APL, PW, PAZ-HP	- non-profit Preservation Austin inventoried Historic Music venues.

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ongoing	C A12	Increase funding sources (grants, private and public funding programs) and non-financial support (business recruitment, business expansion and retention, workforce development) to sustain and expand the creative industry sector.	EDD, PARD, PAZ	 Small Business Program provided Artist Inc AIPP Program developed LaunchPAD and Visionary Voices PARD provided Creative Connections in partnership with Mindpop Small Business Program provided Small Business festival CAD continued Capacity Building funding program EDD/Small Business provided Business coaching PARD developed Artist Resource Center at the Dougherty Arts Center.
ongoing	C A13	Establish incentives and regulations to promote the creation of artists' live/work space in residential areas that allow for limited gallery space.	EDD, PAZ	Efforts were made to address this in Code Next.
ongoing	C A15	Create programs and incentives and develop partnerships between the City of Austin, artists and members of the creative community, businesses, developers, and arts education institutions to provide more public and private exhibition space for local artists, students' exhibitions, and cultural events at such places as parks, public buildings, plazas, office and commercial buildings, as well as vacant buildings.	ERGSO, PARD, APL, PAZ	- EDD/CAD developed partnership with SXSW for UNESCO Media arts Showcase
ongoing	C A16	Support programs to engage the business development community to assist creative economy start-ups and to develop business and management skills.	EDD, PAZ	- CAD developed partnership with Austin Asian Chamber and other chambers to provide support for the Creative Community
ongoing	C A18	Coordinate with the different creative industry job sectors and area school districts, trade and vocational schools, colleges, and universities to develop and expand educational curricula to support the creative industries.	PARD, EDD	PARD partnered with MindPop to provide the Creative Learning strategies to all PARD programming personnel

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ongoing	C A19	Facilitate partnerships to connect artists with artist residency opportunities to provide workforce support for the creative community.	EDD, PARD	- CAD created an Artist in Residency program to site artists within City government
ongoing	E A9	Establish and expand policies, programs, and partnerships to support the development of creative industries, including film, music, gaming, etc., in Austin. These could include: - Incubator programs - Business accelerators - Promotional programs - Live-work opportunities - Financial assistance - Implementation of the Create Austin Cultural Master Plan - Technical assistance and professional development opportunities - Workshops	EDD, CAD, HRD, PAZ	 The Small Business Program created an in-house 6-week business skill development seminar for 24 artists of all disciplines accepted through a call and competitive process. The Small Business Program provided over 100 hours of one-on-one career coaching
ongoing	E A 1 1	Partner with business, property, and arts organizations to enhance downtown Austin's position as a nationally- and internationally- renowned business, entertainment center, and regional destination.	EDD	 Through its completed Cultural Tourism Strategic Plan, EDD/CAD has partnered with culturally based Chambers of Commerce to promote cultural tourism in Austin. EDD/CAD will continue to partner with Visit Austin. PARD participated in a process to develop
ongoing	E A12	Preserve and promote iconic and unique Austin facilities and events that attract tourists, convention business, corporate relocations, and the recruitment of skilled workers.	EDD, CAD, HRD, PAZ	 Develop final Cultural Tourism Plan and identify outreach strategies related to cultural tourism. The Parks Department launched a community engagement process for the development of a venue at the Oakwood Cemetery that would recognize the rich histor

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ongoing	E A18	Partner with the Austin business community to develop policies, regulations, and programs to foster the development and success of local businesses by: - Creating an inventory of locally-owned businesses, including creative industries; - Developing a mentor program for locally- owned businesses; - Promoting the formation of worker-owned and community-owned businesses (co-ops) that sell local products; - Creating an Austin Craftsmen's Guild to showcase products created by Austin residents; - Providing tax incentives for locally-owned businesses; - Creating a directory of locally-produced products; - Simplifying the process to have local businesses provide additional services (e.g. host bands for SXSW); - Supporting businesses at each stage of the business life cycle; - Enhancing and expanding small business development services to grow market share of small, local businesses; - Expanding economic opportunities and measurable results for Minority- and Women- Owned Business Enterprise (MBE / WBE) firms.	EDD, SBDP, SMBR	 EDD initiated a public process to amend Chapter 380 to provide incentives for private development to support the arts. EDD published Thriving in Place: Supporting Austin's Cultural Vitality through Place-Based Economic Development.

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ongoing	S A37	Create opportunities for public-private partnerships to increase direct involvement by city departments, such as Parks and Recreation, in childcare and afterschool programming.	APL, PARD, HRD, HHSD	 Mindpop collaborated with PARD to integrate the Creative Learning Initiative into afterschool programming. The Smithsonian Institution funded the Asian American Resource Center to develop Asian Studies curriculum for high school teachers in Austin and across the country. Austin Energy provides access to citizens who wish to donate funds (the Scott Johnson Scholarship) to PARD, HHS, and APL to provide low-cost access to out-of-school programming. Boys and Girls Clubs partner with PARD to provide after- school programming. PARD contracts with private entities such as artists to provide enhancements to out-of-school programs. APL created Connected Youth computer centers, serving youth ages 10-18, with assistance from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. APL partners with AISD to provide after school tutoring through the Victory Tutorial program, for grades 1-12 at six APL branches.
ongoing	S A46	Create the capacity within the City of Austin to partner with school districts, community organizations, and the private sector to increase collaboration at school campuses.	PARD, HRD, CMO, EDD	 APL partnered with AISD to provide library cards to all students. EDD/CAD worked with Mindpop to match arts groups to underutilized schools.
ongoing	S A47	Develop seamless, coordinated relationships between school districts, community colleges, other higher education institutions, to integrate and minimize lack of funding for better educational community opportunities.	PARD, HRD, APL, EDD	 Austin public library is working with AISD to create an APL student card that will be issued to each AISD student. EDD works with UT to offer a Business Skills Certificate. ACC classes are provided at APL and PARD. EDD/CAD works with St.Edwards, UT, ACC to improve curriculum in Creative industries such as gaming.

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ongoing	LUT A29	Engage the local creative community to create more robust public art for Austin's public gathering places such as plazas, parks, trails, roadways, transit stops, and sidewalks.	EDD	 The TEMPO (temporary public art) and 2% (permanent public art) programs of Art in Public Places continues to work collaboratively will all departments and stakeholders to add public art to the built environment. PARD partnered with EDD/CAD to provide a professional development class for working artists who wish to expand their work in the realm of public art.
ongoing	C A14	Develop programs and incentives to provide flexible, affordable work space and housing throughout Austin, with an emphasis placed on locations well-served by transit, Downtown, and activity centers and corridors for entrepreneurs, small and local businesses, artists, and creative professionals. Programs and incentives should address live-work space, home-based businesses, and temporary lease agreements in multi-use venues such as schools, vacant buildings, and warehouses.	PAZ, PWD, EDD	CodeNEXT staff recommended Code and Map released and public hearings underway. City Council scheduled to hold public hearings on May 29 and June 2, 2018. CodeNEXT includes incentives for the development of affordable housing, through the affordable housing density bonus program, and includes provisions supporting development of live/work spaces within certain zones. Work/Live and Live/Work are two new uses in CodeNEXT that allow flexible use of space.

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	LUT A43	Conduct ongoing updates to the historic and cultural resource survey and inventory to include iconic heritage trees, sites, structures, and districts.	PAZ	PAZ is currently completing a historic building scan of nearly 54,000 buildings that are 45+ years old. Comprising 70 percent of Austin's historic-age buildings, this scan will provide an essential update to the 1984 Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey. Two detailed historic building surveys are planned for FY 2019.
ongoing				In 2010, Austin's City Council unanimously adopted the Heritage Tree Ordinance to provide a higher level of protection to the largest trees in our community. Since then 4,400 Heritage Trees have been identified during the development review process. The City receives requests to impact and remove these trees for a variety of reasons, including trees in poor health and land development. Of the total number of Heritage Tree removal or impact requests, the City has been able to successfully work with the community to preserve 93% of Heritage Trees. The 2014 United States Department of Agriculture's report on Austin's Urban Forest estimated that our community contains 33.8 million trees, and that these trees are valued at approximately \$16 billion dollars. While Heritage Trees represent less than 1% of the total number of trees within the urban forest, they provide a substantial portion of the environmental benefits overall.

Other, Non-Priority Program Actions

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complete	E A22	Initiate the development of the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan		Council Adopted in 2014
complete	S A56	Develop an age-friendly action plan for Austin to include the elements of outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and health services.	PAZ, APH	Council Adopted in 2017
in progress	HN A22	Ensure outreach efforts for the ongoing comprehensive planning program as well as small-area plans are directed toward attracting a diversity of stakeholders including under- represented demographic and socio-economic groups.	PIO, PAZ, Equity Office	PAZ is undergoing an equity assessment in partnership with the City of Austin Equity Office which will conclude in Fall 2018. Future comprehensive planning and small area planning activities will incorporate specific actions identified during this process in order to ensure that our plans engage diverse stakeholders and include policy recommendations and actions that meaningfully support communities of color and other under-represented groups.
in progress	S A41	Develop programs to aid children transitioning out of the foster care system.	АРН	The City of Austin is funding a portion of Lifeworks' new rapid rehousing program that includes working with Child Protective Services to make sure that kids in foster care do not get exited to homelessness

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	HN A12	Develop a program to expand opportunities for homebuyers to incorporate the cost of energy- efficient improvements into their mortgages or	AE, NHCD	Texas has not passed legislation authorizing residential PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs).
in progress		into the refinancing of existing mortgages.		Austin Energy Green Building (AEGB) offers a quarterly class at ABOR to teach realtors about the Green MLS whice allows homeowners selling a home to list the energy efficient features of the home to capture that value at the point of sale. The AEGB 2016 Single Family Rating incorporates a Basic Requirement to provide the homeowner with a completed ABOR Energy, Environment and Sustainability attachment or another approved list of Green Features of the home. This is so the homeowner is made aware of and has a record of the energy efficient (and other sustainability) features of the home so it can used in assessing the value of the home by potential buyers.
in p				Another City-wide initiative is the Austin City Code 6-7, Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) Ordinance requiring residential homes over 10 years old to be audited before the time of sale. Audits are conducted by an qualified Energy Professional, and Home Sellers must disclosure the home's energy efficiency to Buyer as part of the real estate transaction. Homeowners can use ECAD audit results to make energy efficiency improvements that increase property marketability in a completive real estate market. Community outreach efforts include partnering with Austin Board of REALTORS (ABOR) and supporting local green jobs for ECAD Energy Professionals to promote and educate home sellers , buyers and real estate professionals on energy efficiency benefits.

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	CFS A16	Develop or enhance public safety educational programs in the community regarding topics such as: - personal safety - drug use, especially among youth - fire dangers for property within or near the wildland interface - police and fire procedure awareness.	APD, AFD, EMS, 911	APD's Office of Community Liaison (OCL) promotes National Night Out held on the first Tuesday of October each year. The even begins with a kick-off event followed by the main National Night Out focusing on neighborhood block parties through Austin. OCL also teaches and promotes crime prevention training with officers, community groups through youth outreach efforts. One example is SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) that includes a safety fair for seniors in our community.
in progress				Fire Wise Presentations – Educational Presentation to the residents who live in these Wildfire areas about becoming a Fire Wise Community. We have 15 nationally recognized FW Communities in Austin, the most of any city (Travis Country, Lost Creek, Steiner Ranch, Jester Estates, etc.) SIM Table Presentations – We use our new SIM Table to conduct presentations to the residents use their neighborhoods (simulations) as areas where a Wildfire could happen and what to expect (the progression of wildfires, evacuations procedures, Ready, Set, Go Program, etc.).
				HIZ Presentations (Home Ignition Zone) – We reach out to the residents of these WF Communities and conduct a class on how to protect their homes form the dangers of Wildfires (cleaning & maintaining their gutters & roofs, reducing vegetation around their homes in order to create a safety zone from embers that may travel to their homes from a Wildfire).
				Wildfire Symposium – this is a yearly event that is conducted by the AFD WFD in May. This past May 4th,

2018 we conducted the Symposium and around 80 people attended from different industries: residents, community leaders, insurance representatives, etc.)

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in progress	CFS A24	Ensure the City's bidding and design processes achieve superior design and promote quality construction of parks, buildings, and other City of Austin facilities.	Contract Management, Building Services, PARD	Sustainable design criteria and LEED green building rating certification is required in contract agreements with design consultants and construction contracts. LEED certification includes a comprehensive range of elements and criteria achievable within the scope of the proposed public building work. Reports on achievements to date can be seen at the Office of the City Architect website www.leedatx.com To date. The city has acheived 31 LEED certified Muncipal projects
in progress	CFS A26	Increase access to and awareness of City of Austin services and public spaces through new tools and technologies, including web-based services and self-service kiosks.	СТМ	The Digital Empowerment Community of Austin - Curriculum Standards Working Group developed a portfolio of digital literacy skills fundamentals to create flexible and relevant digital literacy curriculum standards for the following topics; Device, Internet, Email, Productivity Programs (Microsoft Office), Social Media, Job Search, Resource Apps (Uber), Smartphones, and Privacy and Security. The Digital Inclusion Team co-created with City departments represented in the Community Technology Management Scope of Work (APL, APH, HRD & PARD) serving their client population to align these standards to self-sufficiency outcomes.
in progress	CFS A33	Maintain superior energy efficiency standards and requirements for new construction.	AE, OoS	LEED criteria require energy efficiency in excess of Code requirements. New CIP construction and renovation projects incorporate energy analysis of design proposals and the analyses regularly exceed code (in design) by 20% to 30%. The Office of the City architect has created performance reports, including energy, for all municipal LEED projects, which are available at the our Website www. leedatx.com. A summary is also available there combining all the energy use reductions for the City's municipal LEED certified facilities.

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in progress	S A22	Expand access to free wi-fi across Austin in indoor and outdoor public spaces.	TARA, CTM	The Google Fiber Community Connections Program that provides free gigabit Internet connectivity to 102 public and non-profit facilities. To date, 21 facilities have been connected to gigabit speed Internet, concurrent with Google Fiber's deployment and construction. The Digital Inclusion Program created a report of the Community Connections facilities with active gigabit speed Internet, how those facilities are utilizing the connection, and what benefits it brings to the core services offered.
ē.				The Digital Empowerment Community of Austin-Capacity Working Group continues work toward objectives for an Internet community resource map and inventory of assets that can be leveraged to support program development in the community. The working group also serves to heighten outcomes from the residential technology survey; and to leverage US Ignite funds and to convene lunch and learns with the private tech sector.
ongoing	CFS A15	Develop notification tools which help inform the public about active/recent safety issues, public education efforts, and natural disaster threats.	APD, AFD, EMS, 811, HSEM	HSEM has developed a social media and outreach strategy to inform the public and media with public service announcements and other materials about disaster preparedness and how the public can take action.
ongoing	CFS A21	Continue to explore the potential benefits associated with various public safety partnerships across the region.	APD, AFD, EMS, HSEM	The Austin Fire Department currently has auto-aid agreements with all Travis Counts Emergency Service Departments) and is able to provide 'closest unit response' to all areas of the county. AFD is also actively pursuing an auto-aid agreement with our neighboring Williamson County Departments. The main hurdle for this type of agreement is the ability for our dispatching systems to communicate and we are working on purchasing this type of software system. The system for improved 24/7 response in both counties

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ongoing	CFS A30	Implement the Zero Waste Strategic Plan and Solid Waste Services Master Plan to divert 90 percent of waste from landfills and incinerators by 2040, with particular attention to: - expanding diversion opportunities such as recycling and composting for residents and businesses; - supporting resale, refurbishing, and reuse opportunities throughout Austin; - fostering public awareness of Zero Waste through education, recognition, and incentive programs; - assessing the current capacity of waste diversion facilities to coordinate with the Growth Concept Map.	ARR	The Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan was adopted by City Council in the fall of 2011 and provides a roadmap for achieving the City's Zero Waste goal to divert 90% of material from landfill by 2040. The department has achieved major accomplishments over the past several years, but is lagging in meeting diversion targets. As a result, ARR is in the process of contracting for an update to the plan. Master Plan accomplishments to date include: - implementation of the Universal Recycling Ordinance, requiring all business to recycle; - expansion of ARR's curbside composting pilot into a program, currently serving 92,000 households; and - support for Zero Waste businesses through initiatives like Reverse Pitch.
ongoing	HN A13	Expand informational programs that educate homeowners and builders about sustainable building practices.	AE	Austin Energy Green Building (AEGB) creates education opportunities with community partners to share knowledge and resources. Participation in community fairs, trade shows, conferences, trade organization committees and sustainability events helps everyone learn about the benefits of green building. Throughout the year, AEGB offers engagement through: Seminars — Monthly professional development REALTOR® Training — Educational series for real estate professionals Green by Design — Public workshops on home design and lifestyle Cool House Tour — Annual event featuring rated projects Training and Tours — Custom designed outings and education for special groups and specific projects In development, partnering with Skillpoint Alliance to incorporate sustainable building concepts into training for construction trades.

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ongoing	S A14	Continue and expand the reverse 911 to inform residents of public safety emergencies.	HSEM, 911	HSEM continues to expand WarnCentralTexas.org registrations by informing the public about receiving emergency alerts with a public awareness campaign that reaches people through radio ads, local news, press conferences, community events, and social media.
Đ	S A20	Maintain and expand city programs that promote the safety, prosperity, and integration of immigrants, refugees, and their families.	APH, APD, EDD, NHCD	The APH Communicable Diseases Refugee Health Screening Program provides medical screening for communicable diseases, laboratory tests, immunizations, and referral to healthcare services (such as PCP, dental, or mental health follow-up care) to all newly arriving refugees, asylees, victims of trafficking, and SIVs (Special Immigrant Visas). Services are provided during the first year after their arrival date. These services are provided to the above categories only with a legal visa status.
ongoing				The City of Austin provides funding for refugee and immigrant services through a variety of agreements with community organizations including: - Rapid Rehousing and Shelter programs with Casa Marianella (Refugee Services of Central Texas is a subgrantee) - Immigration Legal Services and Counseling with American Gateways and Catholic Charities of Central Texas - Refugee Services and Resettlement, Education and Employment programs for refugees and asylees with Caritas of Austin
ongoing	S A21	Develop the capacity of geographically-based communities of interest (i.e., neighborhood associations, community organizations, schools) to take ownership of their areas and share information and best practices with one another to achieve shared goals.	PAZ, DSD	A planner on the PAZ staff provides support to designated Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams, which includes capacity building and training. Two neighborhood advisors housed within the Development Services Department provide information referral and liaison services to neighborhood organizations including neighborhood associations.

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Ð	S A42	Make programs available for children and adult immigrants regardless of their legal status.	APH, PARD	The APH Communicable Diseases TB and STD programs offer many services including but not limited to TB screening, TB preventive therapy, active TB case management, STD/ HIV screening, STD treatment, social services and support, and linkage to medical care for anyone who lives or works in City of Austin or Travis County regardless of their legal status.
ongoing				All APH Social Service programs do not exclude clients based on immigration or documentation status. As long as the client meets the residency, income and/or other program eligibility guidelines, legal status is not relevant to program admission.
				All PARD programs and services for children and adults are available to the public – Legal status does not restrict anyone from participating.

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	S A13	Increase the ethnic and racial diversity and	APD, AFD,	Internal Interpretation Resource
		bilingual and multilingual abilities of law	EMS, HSEM,	In 2017, CPIO partnered with the Multicultural Refugee
		enforcement, other first responders, and	APH, HRD,	Coalition (MRC), a Non-Profit organization in Austin, to
		healthcare staff, and increase opportunities for	CPIO	provide a Community Interpreting Training to all Bilingual
		city staff to learn languages other than English.		City of Austin Staff. The training is designed to provide
				practical guidance on the kind of day-to-day interactions
				bilingual employees may have with the community. It also introduces the ethics, best practices, and legal framework
				that support excellent customer service to people with
				limited English proficiency.
				So far we have trained 61 bilingual staff from 24
				departments including APD and APH. The graduates speak
				a variety of languages: Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese,
ongoing				Cantonese, French, Arabic, Morre and Shanghainese
onge				Translation of critical documents and Interpretation services
				Over the past year, CPIO has assisted City departments
				with translation requests for over 1,000 documents into
				fifteen languages, as well as coordination for interpretation
				needs. CPIO will continue to provide this service and
				technical assistance as departments further develop their
				resources and contracts are put into place.
				Hiring of a Full Time Language Access Coordinator
				City Council approved a new staff Language Access
				Coordinator position in the FY18 budget. The position is
				housed in CPIO's Community Engagement Division and will
				work across departments to continue building upon existing
			_	efforts and further integrate language access services.

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	S A13	Increase the ethnic and racial diversity and bilingual and multilingual abilities of law	APD, AFD, EMS, HSEM,	(continued)
ongoing		enforcement, other first responders, and healthcare staff, and increase opportunities for city staff to learn languages other than English.	APH, HRD, CPIO	Translation Service Contracts An audit of existing contracts indicated a need for Citywide service contracts for translation and interpretation. CPIO worked with Financial Services to issue a Request for Qualifications Solicitation (RFQS) for translation services in multiple languages. The result will be multiple vendors who meet the qualifications recommended in best practices for translation procurement. Following this model, CPIO will work on additional solicitations for over-the-phone, video and in-person interpretation services.
чo				Departmental training and language access plans CPIO developed and trained departments' language access representatives or Single Point of Contacts (SPOCs) on best practices to develop language access plans. CPIO provided an ongoing support during that and most departments are equipped with an implementation plan that will provide staff with guidelines on how to identify LEP individuals in the community and the next steps to follow to effectively serve LEP individuals. There is an ongoing support from the Language Access Coordinator for the few departments that have not completed their plan yet.

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ongoing	S A13		APD, AFD, EMS, HSEM, APH, HRD, CPIO	(continued) Language Identification Procedures As part of its participation in the Language Access Working Group of the Community Advancement Network (CAN), City staff led the development of a language identification system (called iSpeak Austin) to facilitate easy access for limited English speakers at points of contact with the public. The system includes language identification placards and wallet size cards that are customized for languages spoken in Austin placed in areas where public contact/interaction is common. The placards are intended to help public-facing employees identify the language of a Limited English Proficient (LEP) member of the public before contacting an over-the-phone interpreter. The wallet size cards are intended to help LEP individuals identify their preferred language of communication at points of contact with City Services.
				APD strives for a diverse workforce that ideally reflects Austin's demographics. Hispanics are 35% of Austin's population, but only 20% of APD. Since 2016, recruiters have actively sought out potential Hispanic applicants at career and college fairs. As a result, the last four cadet classes averaged more than 23% Hispanic. The 139th cadet class, set to graduate in August, is 33% Hispanic and has a larger number of African American cadets than previous classes. Cadets participate in a Spanish immersion class that requires them to interact with Spanish speaking individuals needing police assistance.

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ongoing	S A19	Expand collaboration among law enforcement personnel and service providers of marginalized populations.	APD	HOST (Homeless Outreach Street Team) was launched in June 2016 as a pilot program using reallocated resources from several departments (EMS, APD, and Downtown Austin Community Court). In July 2017, the lead department role transferred from APD to EMS, with continued collaboration among law enforcement and service providers. The team has proposed FY 2019 funding to sustain the program. APD has provided in-kind resources for the last two years. Performance measures and goals have been created and are being tracked.
no status available	CFS A19	Develop an integrated emergency mitigation and response plan through coordination with our public and private sector regional partners: - Surrounding municipalities and counties - School districts, colleges, and universities - Major employers - Hospitals - Regional agencies such as Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Cap Metro) - State of Texas agencies and departments, including TxDOT.	HSEM	
no status available	CFS A20	Improve communication between City of Austin departments, as well as other local governments and school districts, regarding future facility planning to ensure that opportunities for shared facilities are discussed at the earliest stage of the planning process.		
no status available	CFS A22	Create a more robust and flexible code enforcement program to improve the quality of housing.	Code Compliance	

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no status available	CFS A31	Maintain a safe and reliable energy system and improve Austin's air quality and lower greenhouse gas emissions through continued review and adoption of alternative fuel sources and energy storage technologies.	AE
no status available	CFS A32	Maintain Austin Energy's financial stability and affordable energy rates while encouraging conservation and funding increased energy efficiency and conservation incentives.	AE
no status available	CFS A45	Provide the appropriate service delivery to all areas of the City, including areas of new development and redevelopment.	
no status available	HN A14	Create a more robust code enforcement program to improve the quality of housing	Code
no status available	HN A16	Engage the local architect and design community in creating a variety of housing types to meet the housing needs of all types of households (e.g., singles, empty nester, families with children, and people with disabilities).	
no status available	LUT A9	Coordinate with local school districts in the planning and siting of schools and other educational facilities to encourage sustainable designs and promote the creation of complete communities.	

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no status available	LUT A33	Develop dark sky regulations and standards to reduce nighttime light pollution to: - Allow people to see the stars - Reduce the adverse health effects of light pollution on humans - Reduce the effects of unnatural lighting on the environment and nocturnal animals - Conserve natural resources due lowered energy usage.	
no status available	LUT A45	Develop a program that acknowledges and rewards notable contemporary and historic architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design: - create an annual award for excellence in design - sponsor a design studio - develop a mapping and wayfinding system	
no status available	S A15	Monitor community gathering spaces to maximize the safety of individuals utilizing an area in pursuit of professional, educational, or recreational opportunities.	APD, PARD
no status available	S A16	Publish and publicize a list of emergency contacts to develop closer relationships between public safety personnel and the community.	APD, AFD, EMS
no status available	S A17	Extend the assignments of public safety professionals in a given geographic area in order to build stronger community relationships.	APD, AFD, EMS

Resources

Imagine Austin austintexas.gov/imagineaustin

Imagine Austin Indicator Dashboard

austintexas.gov/imagineaustin/indicators

ArtistsATX austintexas.gov/ArtistsATX

Austin Strategic Direction 2023

austintexas.gov/strategicplan

Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

austintexas.gov/asmp

City of Austin Active Plans Portal

plans.bloomfire.com

City of Austin Performance Dashboards

performance.austintexas.gov



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