TO: Mayor and City Council
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SUBJECT: 2016 Annual Report for Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and amendments

The link below contains the 2016 Imagine Austin Annual Report under the Recent Documents section. The Imagine Austin Annual Report provides key facts and accomplishments of the Imagine Austin Priority Program teams over the course of a year, from fall 2015 to summer 2016. While not a listing of all city activities, the annual report highlights the important initiatives that are helping make Imagine Austin a reality in our community.

2016 DRAFT Annual Report
http://www.austintexas.gov/department/imagine-austin-download-center

Next Steps
July 26, 2016 – Briefing, discussion and possible action at Planning Commission
August 18, 2016 – Set public hearing at City Council
September 1, 2016 – Conduct public hearing, discussion and possible action at City Council

Along with the 2016 Annual Report, amendments to the comprehensive plan are proposed.

CPA-2016-0001: Colony Park Master Plan amendments

Applicant: City Council
Background: With Ordinance 20141211-197, City Council adopted the Colony Park Master Plan and Regulation Plan. Adopted small area plans, neighborhood plans, and station area plans are attached to and included in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

1. Add new Neighborhood Center to the Growth Concept Map series with boundary determined by the Colony Park Master Plan. Figure 4.2 (p 100), Figure 4.3 (p 101), Figure 4.4 (p 102), and Figure 4.5 (p 103).

2. Add new Neighborhood Center to the Growth Concept Map centers key and map (p A-31).

3. Add Colony Park Master Plan to Appendix G. Attached Plans (p A-61).
**CPA-2016-0002**: South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan amendments

Applicant: City Council

Background: With Ordinance 20160616-074, City Council adopted the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan. Accepted small area plans, neighborhood plans, and station area plans are attached to and included in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

1. Add new Regional Center to the Growth Concept Map series with boundary determined by the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan. Figure 4.2 (p 100), Figure 4.3 (p 101), Figure 4.4 (p 102), and Figure 4.5 (p 103).

2. Add new Regional Center to the Growth Concept Map centers key and map (p A-31).


**CPA-2016-0003**: Activity Corridor on Guadalupe Street from 29th Street to 51st Street

Applicant: Planning and Zoning Department

Background: Guadalupe Street is designated as a Core Transit Corridor, and identified in Imagine Austin as a route for high capacity transit. Imagine Austin defines Activity Corridors as similar to an activity center, it is an area identified on the Growth Concept Map where an increased density of people, jobs, businesses, and services will be located. However, due to its linear nature the people, jobs, and services will be located along the length of the corridor. A corridor’s character will depend on factors such as road width, traffic volume, the size and configuration of lots, and existing uses. Along different segments of these corridors, there may be multi-story mixed-use buildings, apartment buildings, shops, public uses, offices, as well as townhouses, rowhouses, duplexes, and single-family houses.

1. Add new Activity Corridor on Guadalupe Street from 29th Street to 51st Street to the Growth Concept Map series. Figure 4.2 (p 100), Figure 4.3 (p 101), Figure 4.4 (p 102), and Figure 4.5 (p 103).

**CPA-2016-0004**: Vision Zero Action Plan

Applicant: City Council

Background: With ordinance 20160519-049, Council adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan. Adopted small area plans, neighborhood plans, and station area plans are attached to and included in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

**CPA-2016-0005: Age Friendly amendments**

Applicant: Commission on Seniors

Background: Imagine Austin lays out the community’s vision for Austin to become a city of “complete communities,” or places where people of all ages, abilities, and incomes have access to amenities, transportation, services, and opportunities that fulfill all of their material, social, and economic needs.

In June 2016, the City’s Commission on Seniors voted 13-0 to recommend amending the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to include a policy and action to address key issues and challenges faced by seniors.

1. Add new policy (S P30) (p 174): “Austin commits itself to becoming an age-friendly city that enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age.”

2. Add new action (S A55) (p 262): “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.”

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