

Small Area Plan Implementation

Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams Quarterly Training

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- Thank you for allowing me to present this evening.
- About 6 years ago, the Planning Department initiated a program to implement our adopted neighborhood plans and other small area plans.
- We have been making great progress on that effort ever since, and I'm here tonight to talk to you about some successes that we can all be proud of.

Policy Framework



- Just a reminder that Small Area Plans, including Neighborhood Plans, are adopted as attachments to Imagine Austin, so the implementation work I'm talking about tonight is really implementing our overall Comprehensive Plan.
- While the body of the Imagine Austin Plan references broad city programs and policies, the neighborhood plans and other small area plans typically include more specific recommendations relating to a wide spectrum of improvements ranging from major capital investments to sidewalks to programmatic items like neighborhood clean-ups

The Plan is Adopted. Now What?



- There are a lot of folks involved in the process of implementing these plans and the PZD Implementation Planners don't do it alone.
- The Implementation Planners within the Planning Department works with neighborhood groups, the Capital Planning Office, and Capital Departments to implement the recommendations called for by the small area plans.

Different Paths to Implementation

Country Club Creek Trail	North Lamar Streetscape	Chestnut Affordable Housing
<p><i>"Establish a hike and bike trail along Country Club Creek...."</i> --East Riverside Oltorf Combined, 2006</p>	<p><i>Various recommendations related to improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety.</i> --North Lamar Combined, 2010</p>	<p><i>"Incorporate as a non-profit organization to promote new housing and business investment, and rehabilitation for existing homes."</i> --Chestnut, 1999</p>
		

There are as many pathways to implementation as there are recommendations. Different levels of involvement by City and Community groups, etc:

A few examples:

Country Club Creek Trail:

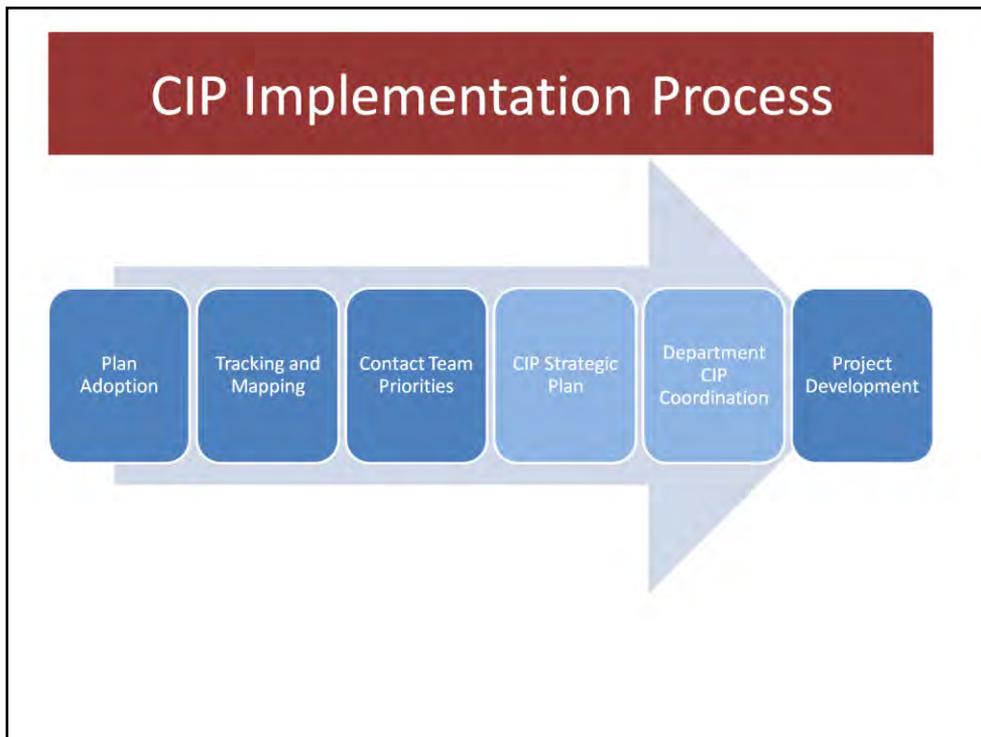
- Mile one of the trail completed by volunteers with support from Austin Parks Foundation.
- Remainder of project is being planned for construction by Public Works with Bicycle and Urban Trails funding from 2010 and 2012 Bonds.

North Lamar Streetscape:

- North Lamar/Burnet Road Corridor Study completed in 2012.
- 2012 Transportation Bond included funding specifically earmarked for streetscape improvements along North Lamar and Burnet.
- Streetscape improvement project is in design by Public Works

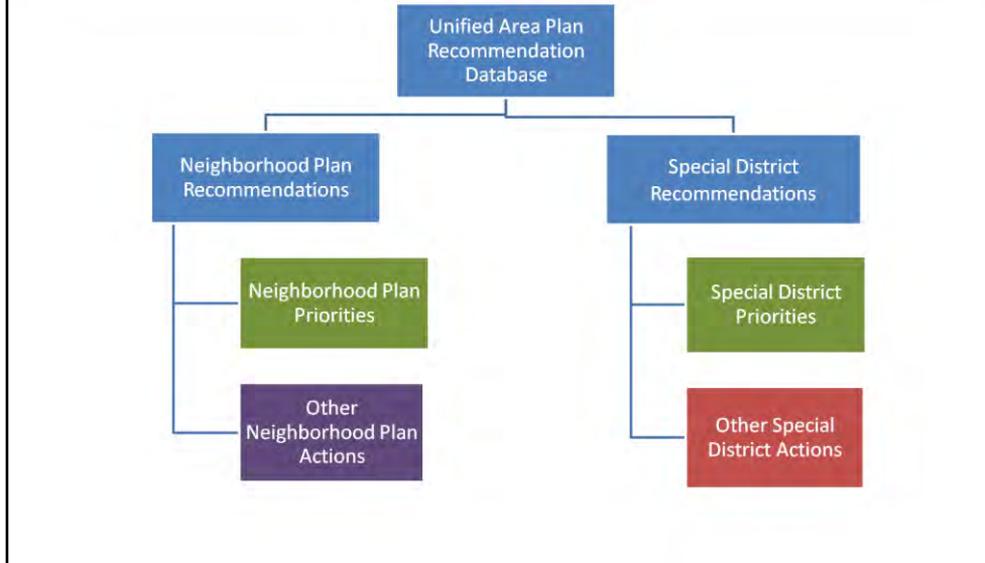
Chestnut Affordable Housing:

- Chestnut Revitalization Corporation incorporated in 2000
- has developed several projects, including construction of a 22 unit senior affordable housing, partially funded with a grant through Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.



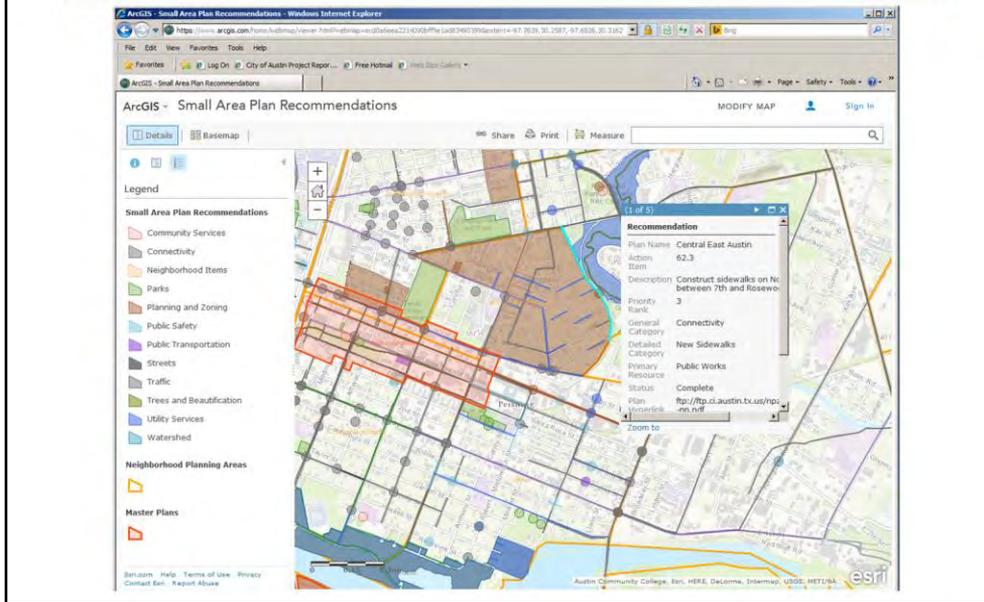
- How Area Plans are implemented through the City’s CIP Process...
- It’s important to preface this slide with an acknowledgement: Neighborhood Plans are not the only venues for identification of needs at a citywide level. Also: specific master plans focused on renewal needs, general public input through 3-1-1 requests, Council direction, etc. And there’s never enough funding to meet all of our needs.
- The Area Plan is adopted and Implementation Planners track status of projects and make data available to Capital Departments
- The Contact Team prioritizes their recommendations on a regular basis.
- One of three things then happens:
 - Projects that also meet citywide renewal needs are developed by Capital Departments.
 - Implementation Planners work with CIP Departments and incorporate additional area planning recommendations into department budgets, use recommendations as tie-breakers, etc
 - Strategic priority projects that don’t have funding identified are added to the city’s overall Long Range CIP Strategic Plan before being funded.. This report has replaced the stand alone list that PC used to develop every year.

All recommendations are tracked in a single database



- We track all of the adopted recommendations in a single database. We are currently tracking just over 4600 discrete recommendations from both neighborhood plans and past urban design plans.
- Here, I need to pause to acknowledge the amazing work of my co-worker Jackie Chuter. Since she joined the team a year or so ago, we have been able to get our database and reporting functions going, update statuses, and map all of the recommendations. She is the one working with all of this data on a daily basis and has really helped it come alive and be integrated into how the City does its business.

All recommendations are mapped



- We have mapped all of the recommendations that can be mapped and this data is available to the public via our website and to City departments via several internal systems.

Implementation Focus is on Contact Team Priorities



- Emphasis is on NPCT Priorities
 - Survey 1/3 of the Neighborhood Plan Areas annually.
 - Every Neighborhood Plan Area develops new priorities once every 3 years.
 - 2013: Asking for the Top 5 CIP priorities and Top 5 operational priorities for participating plan areas.
- Other actions are monitored

- While the Implementation Planners track and monitor all 4600 recommendations, the focus in our work with departments and our input to the CIP Strategic Plan are the recommendations that have been prioritized by the Contact Teams
- We reach out to each contact team every 3 years to provide us an update on their priorities among the uncompleted items and record these priorities in the recommendation database.

Recommendations Guide CIP Strategic Plan

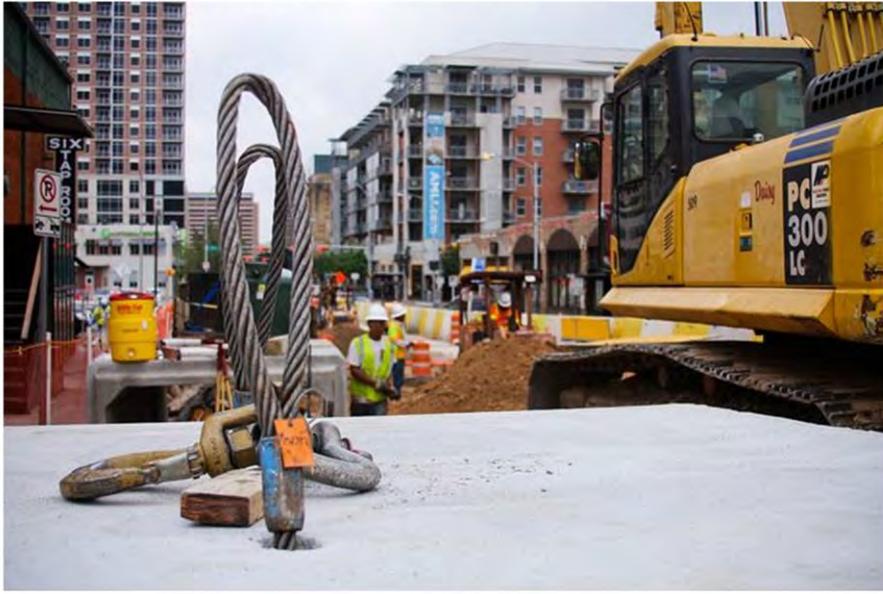


- Capital Planning Office Develops 10 Year CIP Strategic Plan
- Implementation Planners Identify Unmet Needs
- Small Area Plans Included in Strategic Areas Analysis



- The City's Capital Planning Office develops a Long Range CIP Strategic Plan on an annual basis which identifies unfunded project needs and provides a framework for City decision-making
- Implementation Planners work with the Capital Departments and the Capital Planning Office to make sure that area plan priorities are included in this report.
- This means that during the next bond development cycle, or as other funding is identified, the neighborhood plan recommendations will be tee-ed up for inclusion.

Implementation Program Coordinates with Capital Departments



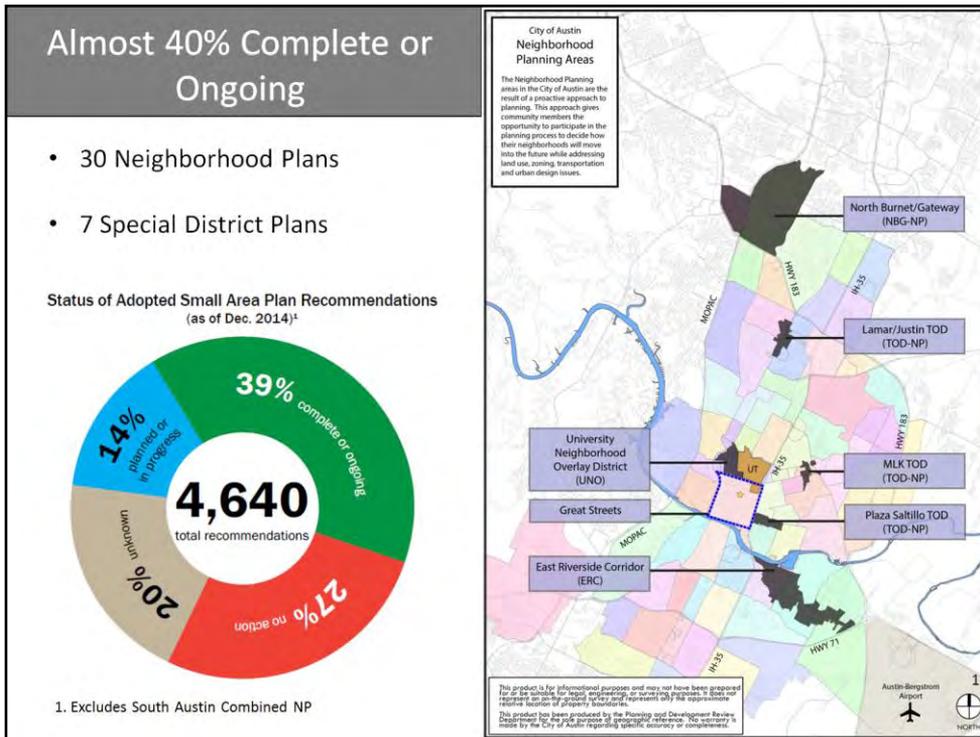
- We also work directly with various City Capital Departments to advance the recommendations of the adopted small area plans, and have really had some great success with coordination over the last several years.

Planning Department Plays a Unique Role in Project Development

- Provide Information about plan recommendations to Capital Departments
- Serve on Project Advisory Groups
- Coordinate Multi-Departmental Efforts
- Develop Catalyst/Tactical Projects

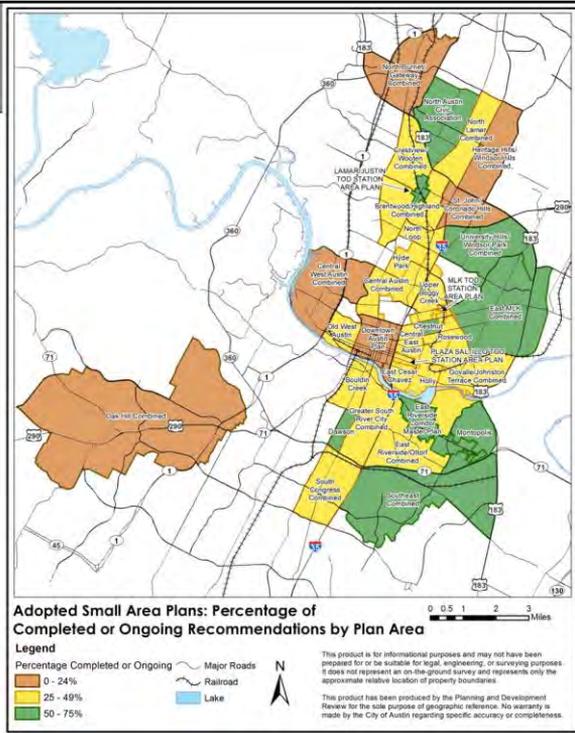


- Since we aren't a Capital Department, Planning plays kind of a unique role in Capital Project Development.
- In general, our role involves providing information about plan recommendations to Capital Departments and serving on Project Technical Advisory Groups.
- We also occasionally play the role of coordinating a multi-departmental infrastructure effort
- One role that we haven't played as much, that there is interest in growing into is actually bringing funding to the table to develop catalyst projects.



- So all of that coordination has been resulting in some real progress. Of the 4600 recommendations that we track, almost 40% are complete or ongoing.

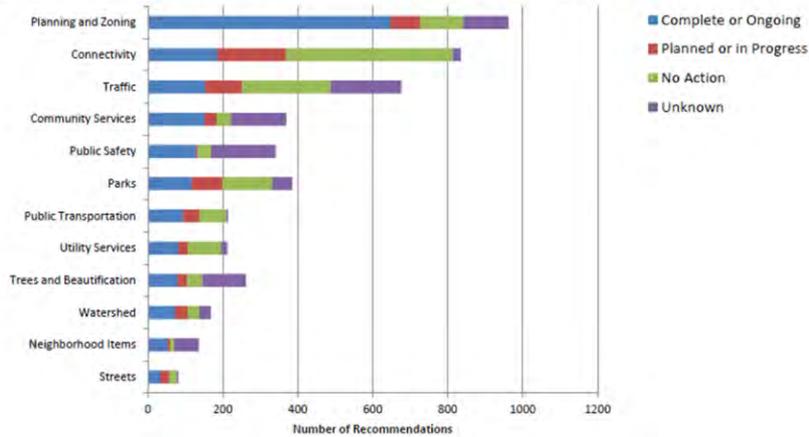
Completion rate varies by plan area



- The completion rate varies by planning area...green planning areas have seen a larger percentage of their recommendations completed
- Generally, the older the plan is, the more that has been complete
- Another factor in this figure is the wide range of recommendation #s Central West included over 300 recommendations, so they'll probably stay uncomplete for awhile.

Planning and Zoning and Connectivity are the most requested recommendation types

Status of Small Area Plan Recommendations by Type (as of December 2014)



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- Almost 1000 recommendations relate to Planning and Zoning, and as stated, many of those recommendations were implemented with adoption of the Zoning along with the Plan
- Over 800 recommendations relate to Connectivity, including Sidewalks. Because of the large number of overall projects, our percentage complete isn't very high, but we have implemented an impressive 185 sidewalk projects called for by small area plans!

Recently Completed Projects



MetroRapid

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Some Example Projects:

MetroRapid

2014

-Implements several transit recommendations in:

Brentwood/Highland, Central Austin Combined, Dawson NP, Downtown Austin Plan, and South Congress Combined Plans

Recently Completed Projects



Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake

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- Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake
- Implemented 2014
- Implements several recommendations in Greater South River City Combined and East Riverside/Oltorf Combined

Recently Completed Projects



Guadalupe Cycle Track



Pedernales Cycle Track

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- Guadalupe Cycle Track
- Implemented 2013
- Implements recommendation in Central Austin Combined NP

- Pedernales Cycle Track
- Implemented 2014
- Implements Recommendation in Holly NP

Recently Completed Projects



Boggy Creek Streambank Stabilization ¹⁹

- Boggy Creek Streambank Stabilization (WPD)
- Implemented 2014
- Partially Implements recommendation in the Rosewood Neighborhood Plan

Recently Completed Projects



Northwestern Avenue Sidewalks



Georgian Acres Neighborhood Park

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- Northwestern Avenue Sidewalks
 - Implemented 2014
 - Implements Recommendation in Central East Austin Neighborhood Plan
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- Georgian Acres Neighborhood Park
 - Acquired 2014
 - Implements North Lamar Combined NP Recommendation

Many recommendations are funded to start in the next few years

- North Lamar/Burnet Road
- Riverside Drive
- Waller Creek District
- Seaholm
- Great Streets
 - 3rd Street
 - Colorado
 - Cesar Chávez
- Urban Trails
 - Country Club Creek
 - YBC Trail
 - Violet Crown Trail
- Parks
 - Oak Hill acquisition
 - Dove Springs Rec Center
 - Montopolis Rec Center
 - Set Aside for “Neighborhood Plan Parks”
- Citywide Funding Programs
 - Bike Lane and Cycle Tracks
 - Sidewalk Program
 - Neighborhood Partnering Program

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- As we’ve presented to this group previously, many neighborhood plan recommendations were included in the 2012 Bond package and are moving toward implementation

For More Information

Implementation Program Webpage:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/implementation-program>

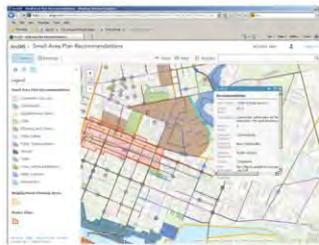
Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Webpage:

<http://austintexas.gov/department/neighborhood-plan-contact-teams>

Annual Report:



Web Viewer:

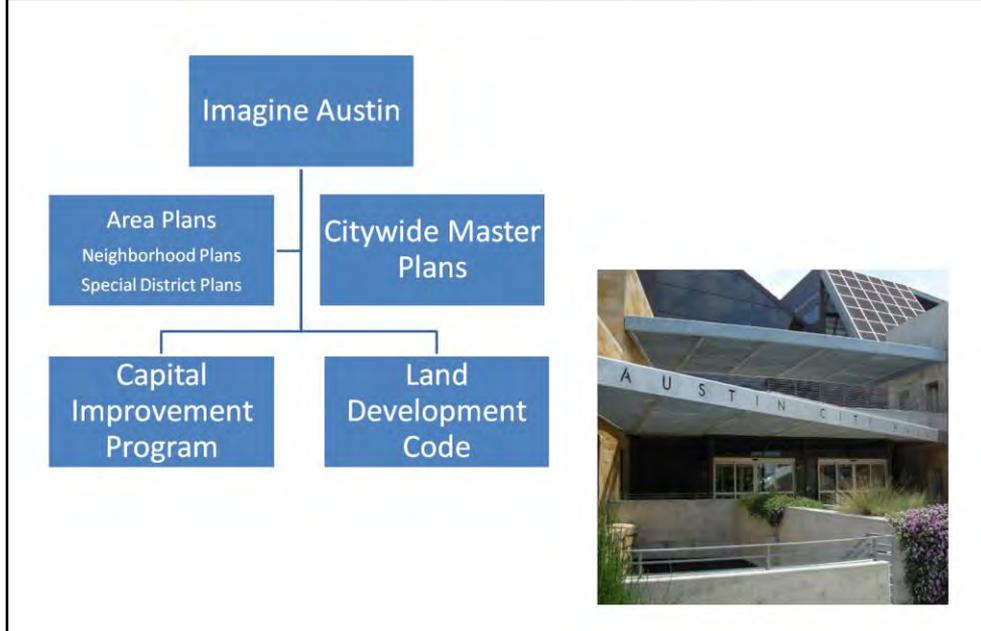


Guidebook:



We've got a lot of resources related to implementation on the web site. If you visit the implementation program page, you can download the full annual report, check out an on-line web viewer of the mapable recommendations, or read a guidebook that provides some details regarding how to implement various types of projects....copy of annual report is available at this meeting.

Policy Framework



- As a reminder neighborhood plans and other area plans are adopted as elements of the broader Imagine Austin Plan, so **implementation of these plans helps to implement Imagine Austin.**

Thank you!

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