

# 2019 Annual Report



Battle Bend Park in the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Area

## SMALL AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION



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## ABOUT THE PAZ IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The Planning and Zoning Department (PAZ) monitors and supports the implementation of adopted small area plans. Small area plans include neighborhood plans and other specialized plans that are developed by PAZ and adopted as attachments to the *Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan*. Small area plans engage the community to articulate a long term vision for a specific area of the City. Each adopted small area plan provides a framework for actions to be taken by the City, neighborhood groups, decision makers, and others within the area covered by the plan as funding and resources become available. Implementation methods are consistent with *Imagine Austin's* Five-Point Implementation Program, and include:


**Regulations:** Regulating and reviewing development under the Land Development Code and other development regulations;


**Education and Engagement:** Providing training and helping to build the capacity of community groups, including Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams;


**Partnerships:** Partnering with the private sector and community groups to implement projects; and

**Internal Alignment and Public Investment:**  
Coordinating City capital investments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

 Visit the PAZ Implementation Program website at: [austintexas.gov/department/implementation-program](https://austintexas.gov/department/implementation-program)

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## SMALL AREA PLANS

**Neighborhood Plans:** To date, the City has adopted 31 neighborhood plans covering 53 out of 60 designated neighborhood planning areas.

**Other Special Small Area Plans:** The Planning and Zoning Department has developed additional small area plans focused on urban design and other aspects of the built environment in specific areas throughout the city. These include master plans, station area plans, corridor plans, and district plans. To date, the City has adopted eight of these special small area plans.

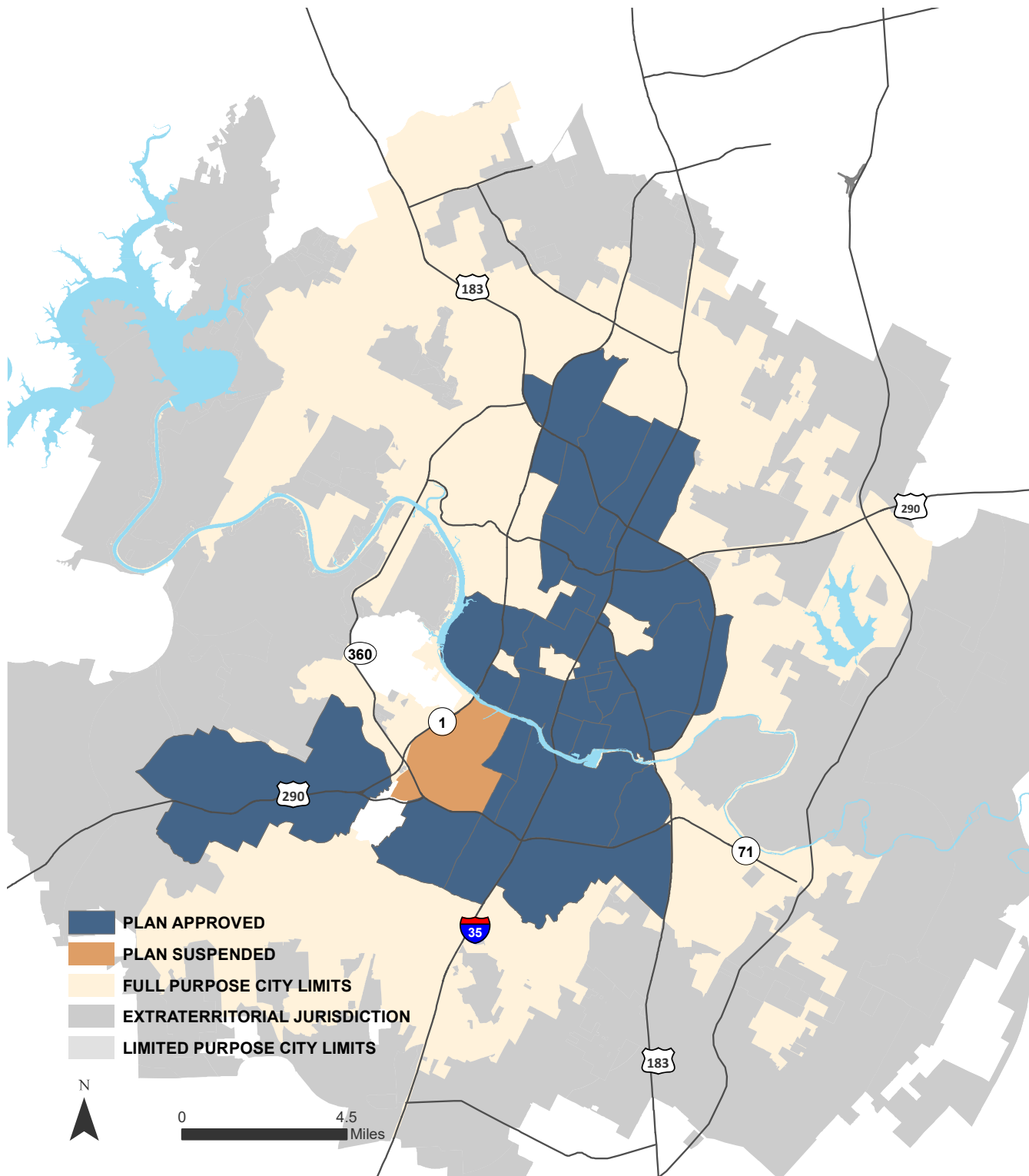
A listing of all adopted small area plans is included in **Appendix A**.



*In partnership with the Community Tree Preservation Division and the Asian American Resource Center (AARC), TreeFolks gave away 1,000 free trees to Austin Residents and Austin Energy Electricity customers through the NeighborWoods program.*



ADOPTED SMALL AREA PLANS AND AUSTIN JURISDICTIONS

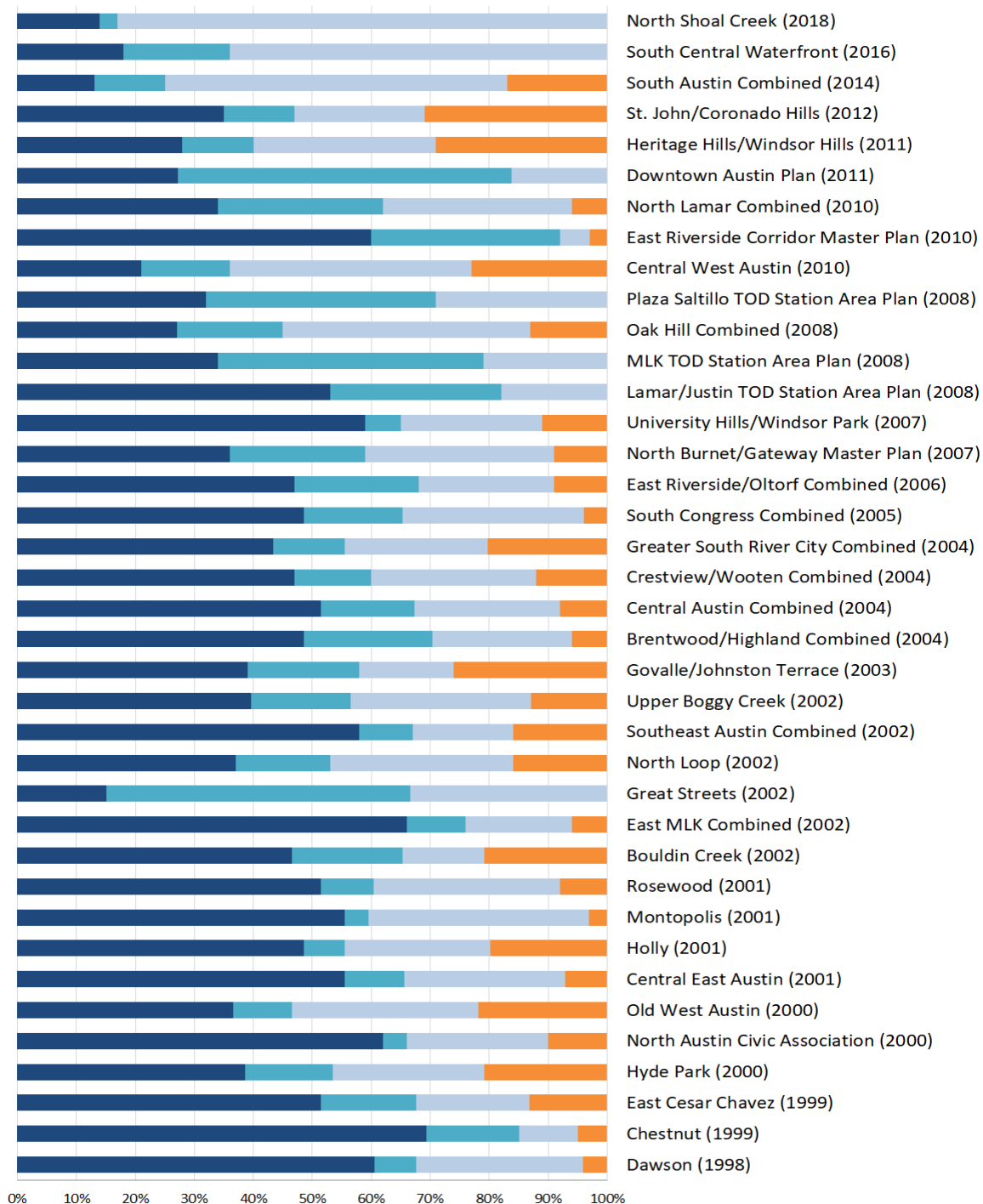


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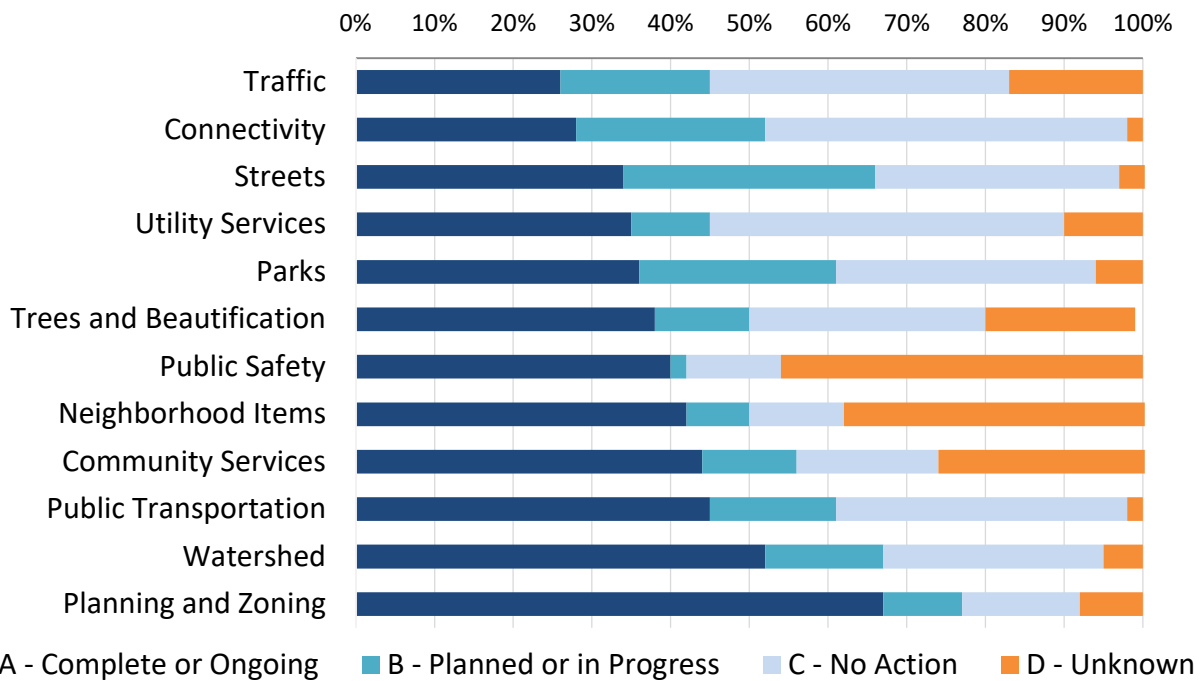
# IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY PLAN AND PROJECT TYPE

The percentage complete/ongoing varies by plan, ranging from a low of 9% to a high of 69%. In general, older plans show a higher level of completion than more recently adopted plans.

Status of Small Area Plan Recommendations by Plan



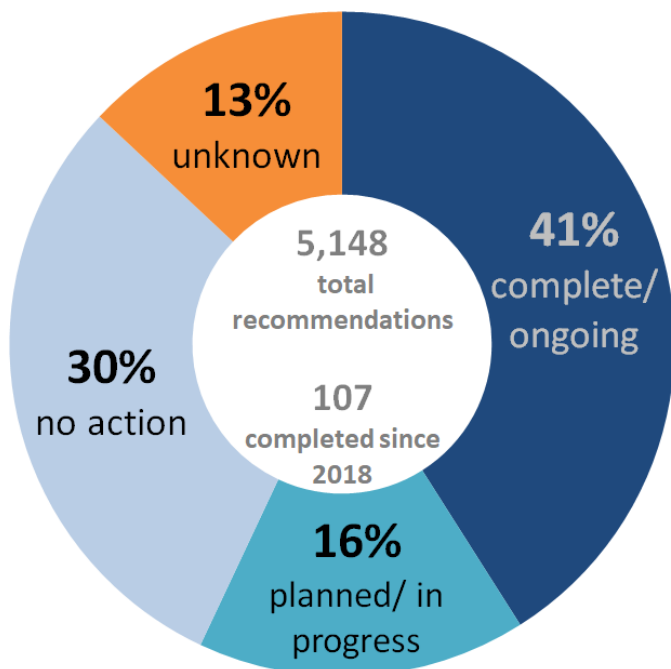
### Status of Small Area Plan Recommendations by Project Type



## SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Of the 5,148 recommendations included in adopted small area plans, 2,118 are known to have been completed or are on-going and another 826 are planned or in progress.

### Status of Adopted Small Area Plan Recommendations (as of March 2020)



“Complete” recommendations have been fully implemented.

“Ongoing” recommendations have been initiated and are of a continuing nature.

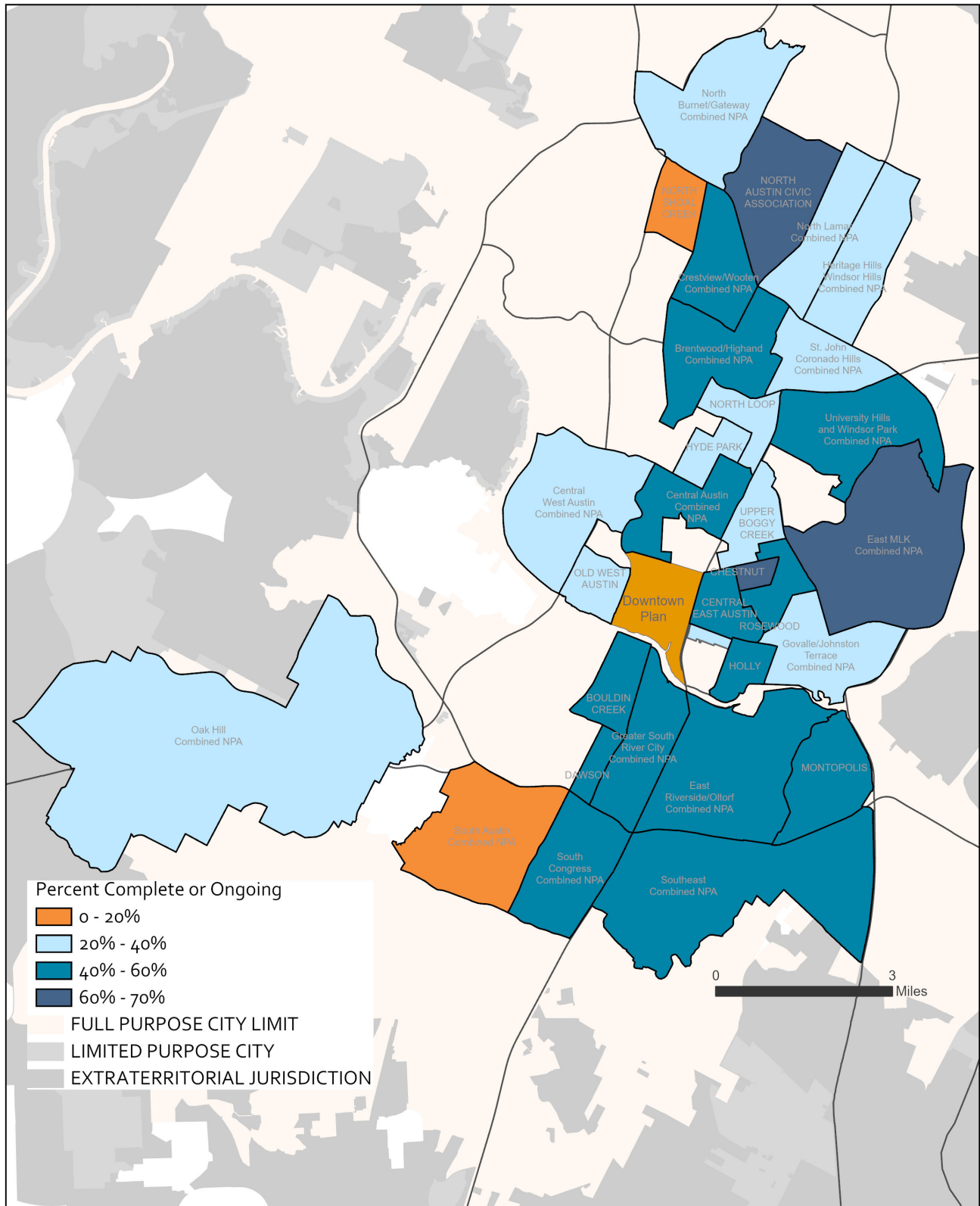
“Planned” recommendations have been included in a City budget document, or have been otherwise formally advanced through specific planning, design, or engineering.

“In Progress” recommendations have been partially completed or are underway.

“No Action” recommendations have not yet been initiated or are not recommended for action.

“Unknown” recommendations are those which PAZ Implementation Program staff have not yet been able to verify an implementation status.

SMALL AREA PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS: PERCENT COMPLETE/ONGOING



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COORDINATION

PAZ Implementation Program staff collaborates with various City departments to integrate small area plan recommendations into capital project planning. Examples of recent CIP collaboration activities include:

- **Coordination with internal capital project management systems** (eCapris and IMMPACT) provide for automated tracking of capital projects that implement small area plan recommendations and allow project managers to identify opportunities to implement small area plan recommendations through near term and routine capital investments.
- **Regular coordination with staff from Capital Departments** (including Public Works, Watershed Protection, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation) help identify opportunities to include small area plan recommendations in department budgets.
- **Creation and distribution of small area plan recommendation data** to department staff in formats that meet the individual needs of the departments and support broader understanding and use of small area plan recommendations. Methods vary by project type and include: making geographic data available for download, interactive online viewer and Flickr site, and providing specialized reports by project type.
- Coordination with departments to develop **the Long Range CIP Strategic Plan**. The CIP Strategic Plan identifies the City's priority unfunded capital needs over the next 10 years, as identified by City departments, to keep pace with services as well as make strategic investments aligned with the recommendations of *Imagine Austin*, its supporting small area plans, departmental master plans, and related City priorities. By collecting future capital needs in one place, the City can better identify opportunities for coordinated CIP investments at an early stage in the project planning process and prepare for future bond package development and identification of other funding. Included in this plan is the **Rolling Needs Assessment**, a list of long-term, unfunded Capital Improvement needs throughout the city, organized by infrastructure category.

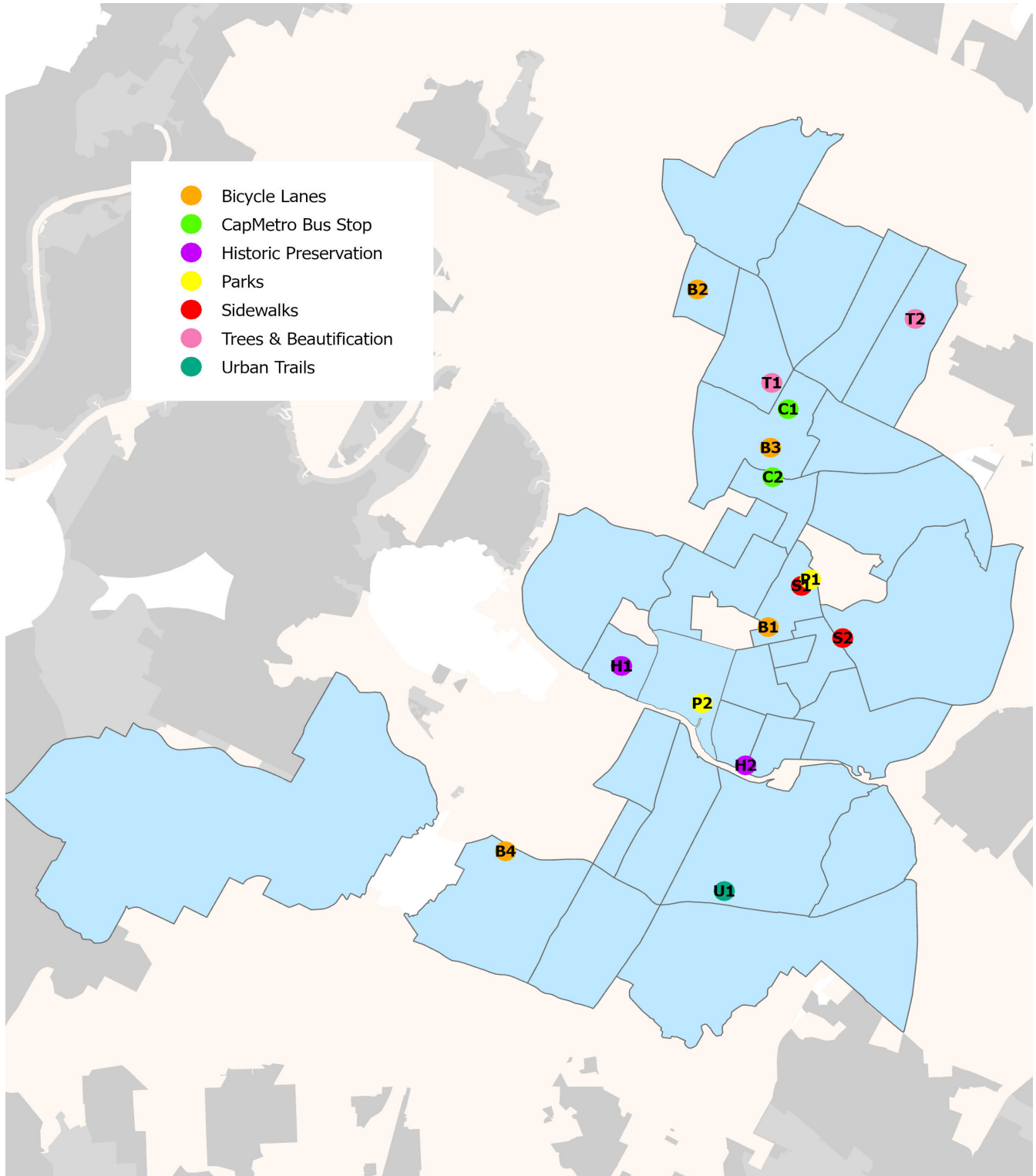


The Long-Range Capital Improvement Program Strategic Plan can be found at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/long-range-cip-strategic-plan>



## RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Numerous projects were completed in 2020 which implemented small area plan recommendations. Recently completed projects are geographically dispersed and include a range of project types. The map and accompanying descriptions below provide highlights of recently completed projects.



# PARKS



## P.1 Patterson Park Playground

**Description:** Austin Parks Foundation hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil Patterson Park’s improvement and playground redevelopment. Park patrons will enjoy several amenities including: playscape equipment, seating area improvements, a miniature amphitheater, walkways that improve park access, and natural play features. The new playground equipment incorporates key elements of physical activity to help children build strength, coordination, and balance. Friends of Patterson Park led the initiative with the support of a \$50,000 grant from Austin Parks Foundations’s Austin City Limits Music Festival Grants Program.

**Year Complete : 2019**

**Implements:** Upper Boggy Creek Recommendation 87: “Upgrade the playscape area at Patterson Park to promote its use by children of a variety of ages and their parents. Refer to plan for a list of suggested improvements.”

## P.2 Brush Square Master Plan & Implementation

**Description:** The Brush Square Master Plan was adopted by the Austin City Council on March 28, 2019. The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) was awarded a Planning Achievement Award in Urban Design for this plan by the American Planning Association Texas Planning Awards.

By the end of 2019, Phase I Construction activities had begun. Schematic designs were since submitted, and site plans are expected to be submitted in mid-2020.

The Austin Transportation Department and Planning and Zoning, through the Great Streets program, will fund the installation of the first Downtown public bathroom located at this park.

**Year Complete : 2019**

**Implements:** Downtown Austin Plan Recommendation PR-1.2-4; A5 “Establish and implement long-term vision for Brush Square “

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION



### H.1 *Smoot-Terrace Park*

**Description:** The Smoot/Terrace Park section of the Clarksville neighborhood became a historic district in 2018.

**Year Complete : 2018**

**Implements: Old West Austin** Recommendation 99: "Support the designation of a local historic district for West 6th Street, if instigated by owners of property on West 6th St. & "If initiated by the residents, support the designation of a local historic district for Clarksville when ordinance revisions are complete."



### H.2 *Fiesta Gardens*

**Description:** In 2019 Fiesta Gardens at Edward Rendon Sr. Metropolitan Park at Festival Beach was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Fiesta Gardens was listed in the National Register for its significance in the areas of Community Planning and Development, Social History, and Entertainment and Recreation.

**Year Complete : 2019**

**Implements:** Holly Recommendation 43: "Complete historic survey of structures in the Holly area and determine historic resources in the neighborhood. "

## TREES & BEAUTIFICATION



### T.1 *TreeFolks Tree Giveaway*

**Description:** NeighborWoods 1,000 Tree Giveaway on January 19, 2019. In partnership with the Community Tree Preservation Division and the Asian American Resource Center (AARC), TreeFolks is giving away 1,000 free trees to Austin Residents and Austin Energy Electricity customers through their NeighborWoods program. 18 trees were recorded planted in this neighborhood.

**Year Complete :** 2019

**Implements:** Crestview/Wooten Combined Recommendation QL2.1: “Plant more trees throughout the neighborhood.”



### T.2 *Tree Giveaway*

**Description:** In 2019, 250 trees were distributed in the Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills combined planning area through the Austin Community Trees, NeighborWoods, and Ready-Set-Plant Programs.

**Year Complete:** 2019

**Implements:** Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Combined Recommendation 5: “Preserve and expand the tree canopy in the single family neighborhoods.”

## SIDEWALKS



### **S.1** *Cherrywood Road Sidewalk*

**Description:** Sidewalk constructed on Cherrywood from E. 38th to Shieffer Ave in 2019 as part of 2016 Mobility Bond and 2018 Local Mobility Annual Plan Bond funding.

**Year Complete :** 2019

**Implements:** Upper Boggy Creek Recommendation 38G: “Build a sidewalk on the east side of Cherrywood Road from Manor Road to Patterson Park. Ensure that the sidewalk is wide enough for safe and easy travel.. “



### **S.2** *Tillery Street Sidewalk*

**Description:** A newly constructed sidewalk is now available on Tillery Street.

**Year Complete :** 2018

**Implements:** East MLK Combined Recommendation 96d : “Construct a sidewalk on Tillery (west side) from MLK Blvd. to 14th Street.”

## BICYCLE LANES



### **B.1** *Manor Road Bicycle Lane*

**Description:** New protected bicycle lanes were added on Manor Rd from Clyde Littlefield Drive to the Y intersection at Dean Keeton St. in 2019. The new bike lanes provide a protected east-west route to and from Central Austin and into the UT campus as well as an upgraded crosswalk and sidewalk. The project was funded through the bikeways program of the 2016 Mobility Bond.

**Year Complete: 2019**

**Implements:** Upper Boggy Creek Recommendation 33: “Paint bicycle lanes on Manor Rd between the “Y” intersection at Manor Road and Dean Keeton extending to the University of Texas on the west side of IH-35 and work with UT to extend a striped bicycle lane from IH-35 into campus.)”

### **B.2** *Shoal Creek Boulevard Bicycle Lane*

**Description:** One-way protected bicycle lanes have been installed on both sides of Shoal Creek Boulevard, Between Foster Lane and US 183.

**Year Complete: 2019**

**Implements:** North Shoal Creek Recommendation 97: “Install a protected bike lane on Shoal Creek Boulevard from Anderson Lane to Research Boulevard.”



**B.3** *Denson Road Bicycle Lane*

**Description:** Bicycle and pedestrian improvements were made along Romeria Drive and Denson Drive as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond. Students have a new two-protected bikeway to ride to nearby Reilly Elementary.

**Year Complete :** 2019

**Implements:** Brentwood/Highland Combined Recommendation TH2.1a: “Install bike lane along Denson--from Airport to Lamar.”



**B.4** *Redd Street Bicycle Lane*

**Description:** A protected and striped bike lane has been installed on Redd Street from Menchaca to Mount Vernon.

**Year Complete:** 2019

**Implements:** South Austin Combined Recommendation T A7.1: “Create and connect bike lanes on major thoroughfares, prioritizing: Redd Street (Mount Vernon Dr. to Pack Saddle Pass)”

## CAPMETRO BUS STOPS



### **C1** *Bus Shelter at Guadalupe and St Johns*

**Description:** In 2019 CapMetro installed benches and shelter at bust stop #1275 at Guadalupe/St Johns. In 2019 the Capital Area Metropolitan Transportation Authority invested over \$3 million for new shelters, benches, and solar-powered lighting to be installed at bus stops. These improvements led Cap Metro to completely meet its own bus stop standards.

**Year Complete :** 2019

**Implements:** Brentwood/Highland Combined Recommendation TH3.2: "Install benches and shelters at all bus stops at (southwest and southeast of intersection).. "

### **C2** *Bus Shelter on Avenue F and 56th*

**Description:** In 2019 Cap Metro installed a shelter and seating at this location

**Year Complete :** 2019

**Implements:** North Loop Combined Recommendation 1.8d: "Improve transit stops by providing bus shelters and seating at the stop located on Avenue F near 56th Street (west side)."

## URBAN TRAILS



### **U1** *Country Club Creek Trail Expansion*

**Description:** The segment of the Country Club Creek Trail connector from Burleson Rd to Ventura Dr was constructed in 2019. Another section, from E. Riverside to Elmont, also completed construction in 2019, this section funded as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond program.

**Year Complete :** 2019

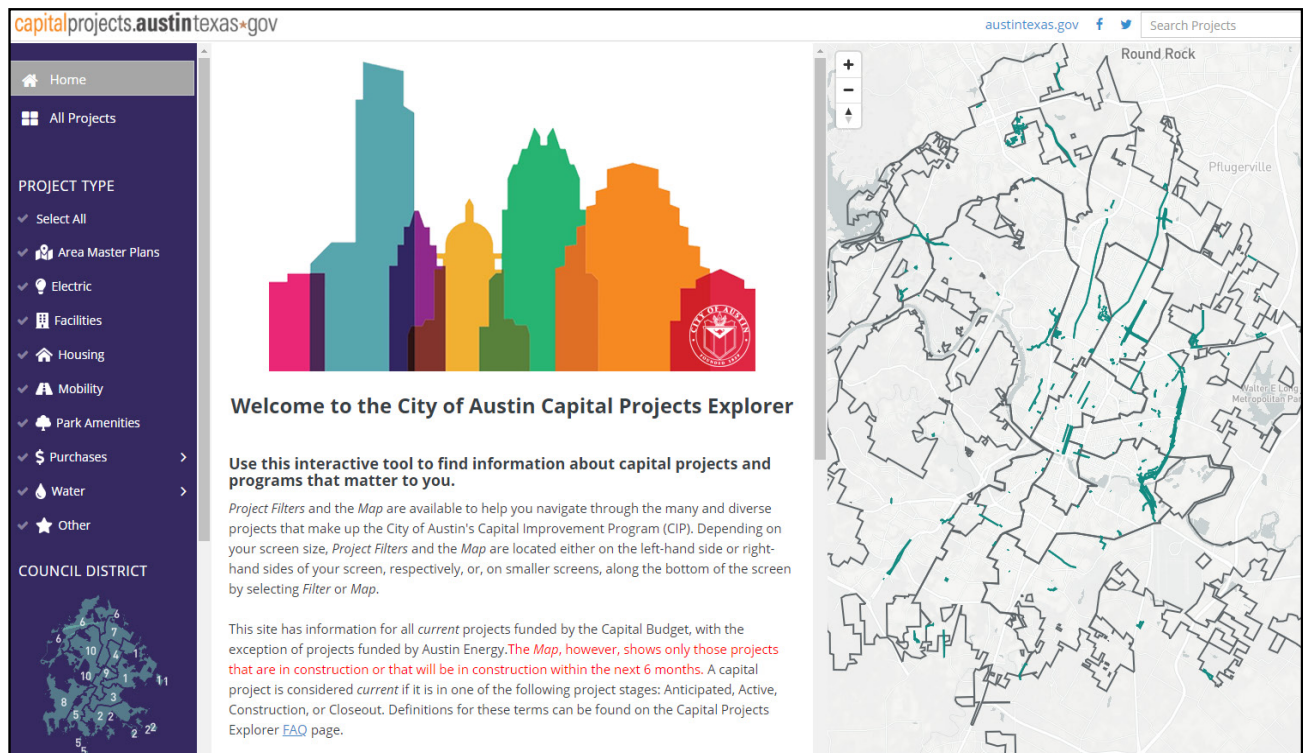
**Implements:** East Riverside Corridor Master Plan: "Provide improved connections between Lady Bird Lake and Roy G. Guerrero Park to the East Riverside Corridor and surrounding neighborhoods. Options include completion of the Country Club Creek Trail, an underpass at East Riverside Drive and the creek, and improved bikeways on streets.



## PLANNED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Small area plan recommendations are likely to be constructed with funding authorized under the 2012, 2016, and 2018 bond packages over the next several years. Planned projects include:

- The 2018 bond allocated \$20 million dollars for sidewalk rehabilitation. The City estimates approximately 40 miles of sidewalk will be replaced as a result of this funding.
- The 2018 bond allocated \$66.5 million for street reconstruction.
- Safe Routes to School programs improvements on sidewalks, trails, and intersections.
- The 2018 bond allocated \$3 million for urban trails. Funding would allow the City to enhance its current network of urban trails, and work toward the goals and timelines set forth in the Urban Trails Plan.
- Construction of mobility improvements on East Riverside Drive, North Lamar Boulevard, Burnet Road, Airport Boulevard, South Lamar Boulevard, Guadalupe Street, Slaughter Lane, and William Cannon Drive.
- Engineering and design for East Rundberg Lane, West Rundberg Lane, MLK Jr Boulevard, South Congress Avenue, Manchaca Road, and South Pleasant Valley Road, Colony Loop Drive, North Lamar Blvd and Guadalupe Street.
- The 2018 bond allocated \$149 million for Parks and Recreation improvements, renovations and upgrades, as well as acquisition of new parkland. Renovations include Pharr Tennis Center, Golf Course Improvements, Norwood House and Grounds, Givens pool, and the Givens Recreation Center.
- The 2018 bond allocated \$149 million for Flood Mitigation, Open Space and Water Quality Protection, which will help fund drainage improvement projects and acquire land for water quality projection.
- Ongoing support of citywide bicycle improvements and citywide sidewalk improvements.
- Ongoing support of the Public Works Neighborhood Partnering Program. The 2018 Bond allocated \$1 million dollars for the NPP.
- The 2018 bond allocated \$15 million for intersection and pedestrian safety improvements through the Vision Zero Program.



The new City of Austin Capital Projects Explorer is an interactive tool that allows you to find more information about capital projects and programs that matter to you. View the map at:

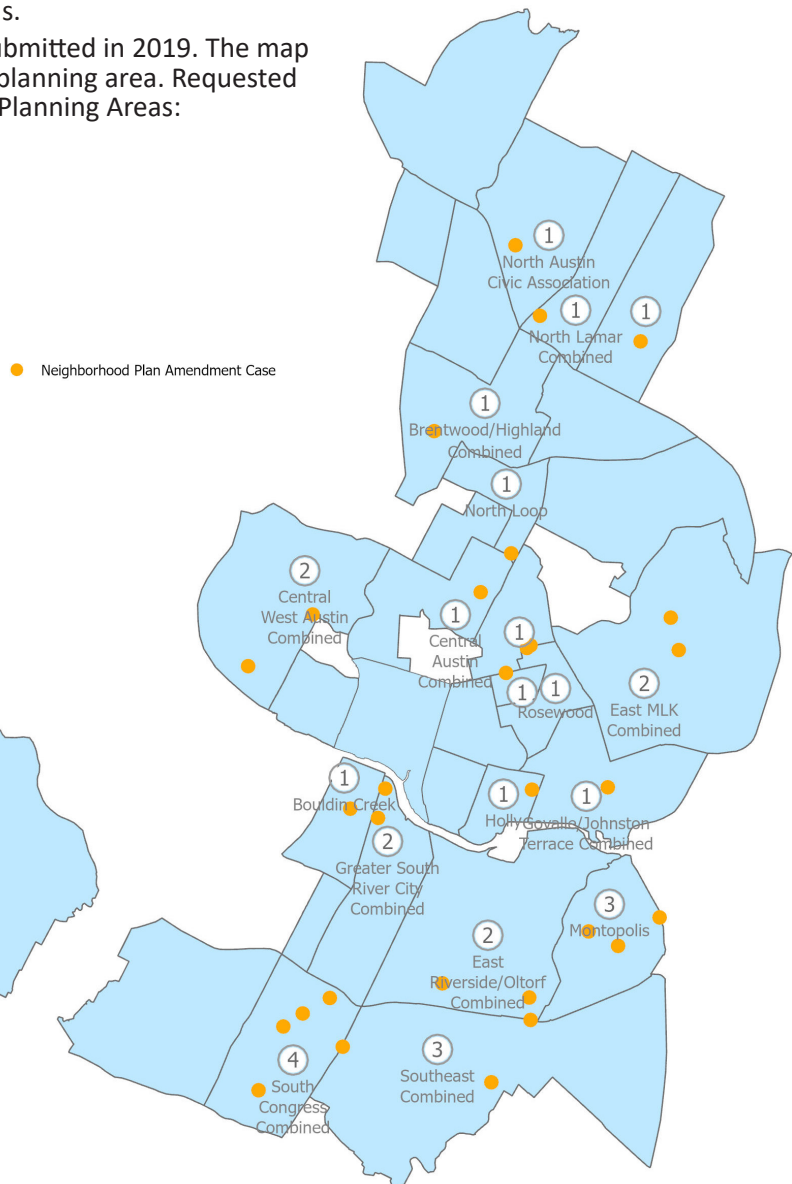
<https://capitalprojects.austintexas.gov/projects>

## NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENTS

Amendments to neighborhood plans must meet the process requirements in the Land Development Code which include submittal deadlines by geographic area and a requirement for input from the Neighborhood Plan Contact Team. Contact Teams have the authority to submit applications to amend the goals, recommendations, and other text within their plans.

31 requests to amend neighborhood plans were submitted in 2019. The map shows the number of amendment applications by planning area. Requested amendments include the following Neighborhood Planning Areas:

- East MLK Combined - 2
- East Riverside/Oltorf Combined - 2
- Govalle/Johnston Terrace Combined - 1
- Greater South River City Combined - 2
- Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills - 1
- Holly - 1
- Montopolis - 3
- North Austin Civic Association - 1
- North Lamar Combined - 1
- North Loop - 1
- Oak Hill Combined - 1
- Rosewood - 1
- South Congress Combined - 4
- Southeast Combined - 3
- Upper Boggy Creek - 1



## NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN CONTACT TEAMS

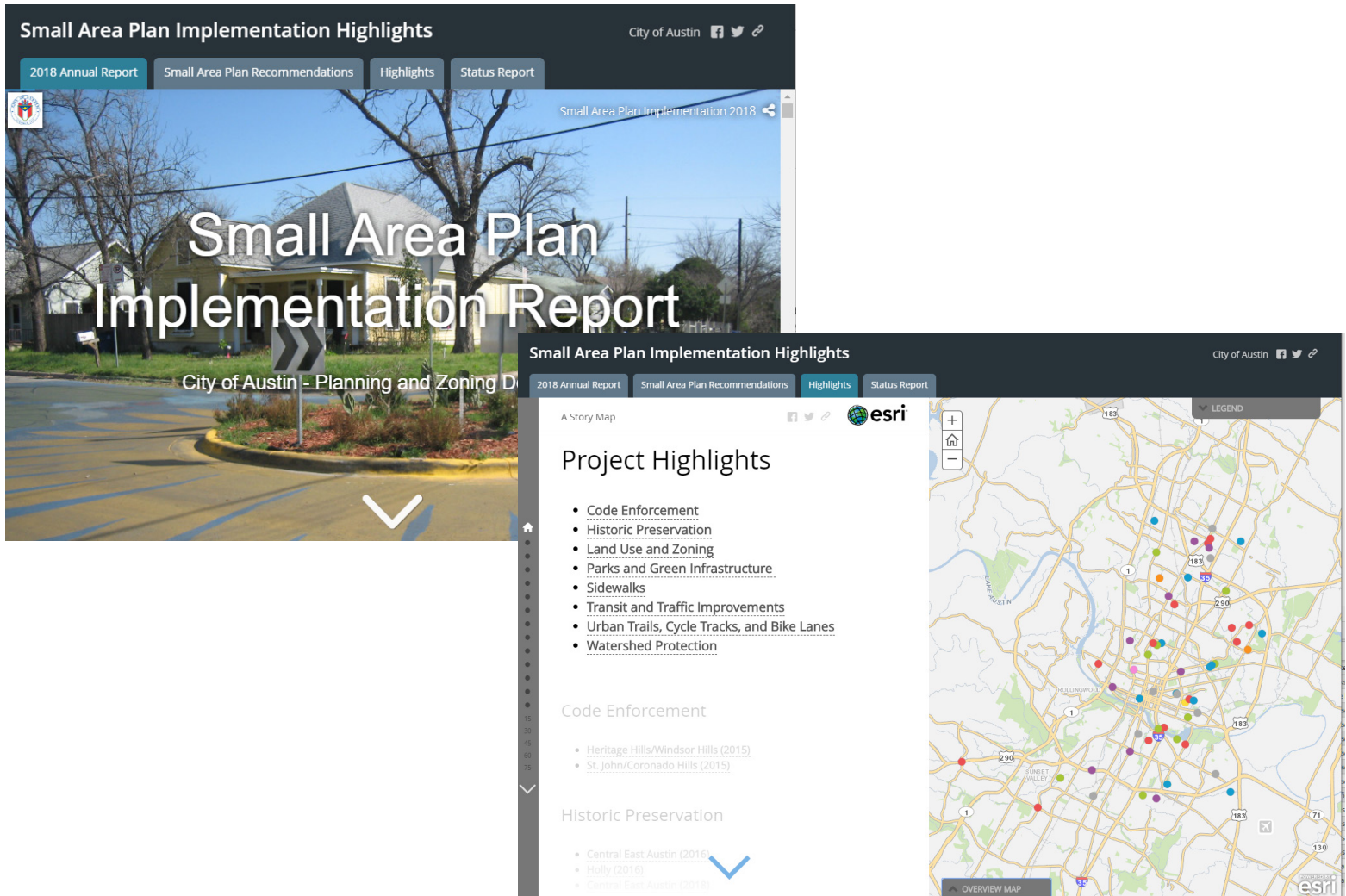
Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams (NPCTs) are groups of individuals designated under the requirements of the Austin Land Development Code to be stewards of their adopted neighborhood plan. NPCTs work with city staff towards the implementation of plan recommendations, review and initiate Neighborhood Plan Amendments, serve as community points of contact and work on behalf of other neighborhood stakeholders. Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams may represent a single planning area or a combined planning area. There are currently 33 designated Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams.

PAZ Implementation Program staff support the work of these groups by helping new groups form where appropriate, monitoring membership and bylaws, providing capacity building and training support, and asking for input from the groups on priorities within their Plan on a rotating basis. In 2020, staff will survey: Central West Austin, Hyde Park, Southeast, Crestview/Wooten, South Congress Combined, East MLK Combined, North Loop, and St. John / Coronado Hills.

## NEW ONLINE WEBMAP FOR ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORTING

In 2018 the Small Area Plan Implementation Annual Report was transformed into an navigable online web map. In addition to the 2019 report, highlights from prior reporting years going back to 2012 can be accessed on the web map application.

View the map at: [austintexas.gov/departments/implementation-program](http://austintexas.gov/departments/implementation-program)



## ON THE HORIZON FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

As we move forward into 2020, the PAZ Implementation Program continues to support implementation of adopted small area plans in various ways:

- Tracking, monitoring, and geographic analysis of recommendations;
- Regular coordination with City Capital departments to advance recommendations through department budgets;
- Coordination to develop the Long-Range CIP Strategic Plan and identify projects for inclusion in the “Rolling Needs Assessment”;
- Outreach to Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams to prioritize neighborhood plan recommendations; and
- Creation of new Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams in various locations.

The PAZ Implementation Program will continue to evolve as the Department develops new small area plans and works toward turning *Imagine Austin* and its related plans to reality.

# APPENDIX A

## Adopted Neighborhood Plans:

- Bouldin Creek
- Brentwood/Highland Combined
- Central Austin Combined
- Central East Austin
- Central West Austin Combined
- Chestnut
- Crestview/Wooten Combined
- Dawson
- East Cesar Chavez
- East MLK Combined
- East Riverside/Oltorf Combined
- Govalle/Johnston Terrace Combined
- Greater South River City Combined
- Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Combined
- Holly
- Hyde Park
- Montopolis
- N. Austin Civic Association (NACA)
- North Burnet/Gateway Combined
- North Lamar Combined
- North Loop
- North Shoal Creek
- Oak Hill Combined
- Old West Austin
- Rosewood
- South Austin Combined
- South Congress Combined
- Southeast Combined
- St. John/Coronado Hills Combined
- University Hills/Windsor Park
- Upper Boggy Creek

## Adopted Master Plans, Station Area Plans, & Corridor Plans:

- Downtown Austin Plan
- Great Streets Master Plan
- North Burnet Gateway Master Plan Lamar/Justin TOD Station Area Plan
- MLK TOD Station Area Plan
- Plaza Saltillo TOD Station Area Plan
- East Riverside Corridor Plan
- South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan

Plans can be viewed at: [austintexas.gov/page/adopted-neighborhood-planning-areas](http://austintexas.gov/page/adopted-neighborhood-planning-areas)



*The segment of the Country Club Creek Trail connector from Burleson Rd to Ventura Dr was constructed in 2019.*



*On the horizon for 2020 is the opening of the new Montopolis Recreation Center. The existing center was demolished and is being rebuilt to include facilities such as locker rooms, a gym and weightroom, and other multi-purpose rooms.*