<u>APPENDIX J</u> Public Outreach for Draft EA Public Meetings

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Public Meeting and Open House Summary

Background

The City of Austin Department of Aviation hosted two opportunities to educate and engage the community on the Environmental Assessment project in March of 2022. The March Virtual public meeting and In Person Open House meeting followed a scoping and public comment activity in the fall of 2021. The purpose of the meetings were to share the draft Environmental Assessment to support the Airport Expansion and Development Program.

The AEDP will guide the expansion and construction at the airport over the next ten years. The Draft Environmental Assessment will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Agency for final review and approval.

Goals

The goal of both meetings was to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more, engage with project staff, and provide comments on the draft Environmental Assessment. Both meetings allowed for formal comments from the public to be accepted and to provide the public with an in-depth opportunity to learn about the findings within the EA document, regarding environmental resource categories like geology, noise, transportation, water quality, biological resources.

The Department of Aviation is committed to providing engagement opportunities for all community members, including those with limited English proficiency and those with limited access to technology and the internet. The goal of the open house was to provide an in-person opportunity to address the known digital divide in airportadjacent communities. Both meetings provided professional Spanish translation and interpretation services.

Public Meeting at-a-Glance

Virtual via Zoom Meeting March 23, 2022 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Public Attendance:** 53 **Meeting Tone:** High level of interest in EA category findings and fuel tank farm

Approach and Logistics for Virtual Public Meeting

A virtual Public Meeting was scheduled during evening hours to maximize attendance by the general public. Adisa Communications provided coordination, logistics support, and facilitation of a Virtual Public meeting with the general public. Adisa Communications prepared a Notice of Preparation for publication in a local newspaper at least 30 days prior to the virtual and in person meetings. The City of Austin's Department of Aviation reviewed, edited, and placed the Notice of Preparation to be published

in the local newspaper and online at SpeakUpAustin.org. In addition to the public notices posted in *the Austin-American Statesman* and *El Mundo*

The public meeting was held using the Zoom meeting function and was live streamed on the City of Austin's Department of Aviation Facebook page and ATXN Chanel 3.

Both public meeting opportunities were promoted widely through the outreach activities table provided in the appendix of this report.

Virtual Public Meeting Overview

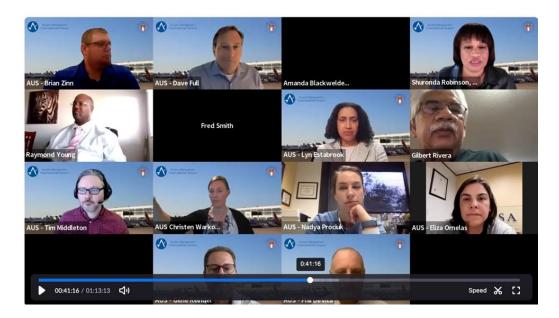
The Virtual Public meeting consisted of a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session for the public. The public used the features of the Zoom meeting to ask the project team questions. Approximately 40 minutes was spent answering the public's questions regarding the Environment Assessment process, timeline, and findings.



The Virtual Public meeting started at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, with an overview of accessibility instructions for Spanish interpretation, closed captioning, and a general housekeeping overview of the Zoom meeting options for attendee participation and feedback during the live meeting. The agenda also included Project Team + Partners Introductions. Brian Zinn (Department of Aviation) and Dave Full (RS+H) served as the primary presenters during the meeting. The Environmental Assessment project team leads, Zinn and Full, introduced themselves and answered questions specific to the EA research and development process. Shuronda Robinson (Adisa Communications) was the moderator. Spanish language interpretation was provided by Larissa Davila (Adisa Communications). Damian Pantoja and Naiya Antar (both Adisa Communications) and Sam Haynes (Department of Aviation) were the Zoom Q & A monitors. Tae Gallegos (Department of Aviation) and Bailey Grimmett (Department of Aviation) were the Facebook chat and Zoom chat participants, providing real-time resources, reminders and information through the chat as the presentation progressed.

Zinn (Department of Aviation) provided an overview of the Airport and Expansion Development Program highlighting the purpose and need of the project as well as a list of proposed improvements. Full (RS&H) provided an overview of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process to include a review of applicable federal charters and description of the required eighteen environmental resource categories that could impact the Environmental Assessment. The Virtual Public meeting had time allotted at the end of the presentation for a question-and-answer segment and request for public comments.

To culminate the meeting, City of Austin Department of Aviation invited participants to join the March 26 in person Open House meeting and to spread the word about the meeting. The project team also shared social media handles for Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Lastly, links to additional informational resources were provided to learn more about AEDP and to track the progress of the Environmental Assessment process. The meeting ended at approximately 7:35 p.m.



General Questions from March 23 Virtual Public Meeting

AUS Virtual Public Meeting Chat

Solana Renteria

Have the decibel levels been tested for both take off and landing? Noise is much louder for takeoffs in the Richland Estates neighborhood than landings and if another runway is added it would be shocking if that wouldn't put us in a different Airport Overlay Zone.

Stephanie Natinsky

What are the rules for quiet time. Are take offs and landings allowed at all hours and are the overnight flights required to take off to a higher altitude quicker so they do not disturb the sleeping hours of residents around airport?

David King

Will the City require mitigation for impacts on non-threatened and non-endangered species?

Sergio Castellanos

How is "significant" quantified in this GHG quantification? *GHG statement

Catherine Belmán Goggins

Will these facilities be easily adapted for sustainable aviation fuel in the future?

Rocio Villalobos

What are the two national register of historic places?

Amanda Blackwelder

Should we expect the CARGO facility to under go a similar expansion? Our neighborhood across Hwy 71 from the cargo facility is already affected by sounds

and fumes from cargo, especially early in the morning, starting at approx 6am. (I understand from an ABIA rep that this is an Amazon flight)

Paul DiFiore

Did you consider the impacts of this project not only as a standalone, discrete project, but also alongside the cumulative impacts of past projects and neighboring projects? We all know these impacts build on each other. It is not credible to say there is absolutely zero impact on climate, water, land, or EJ communities, and no mitigation required.

Solana Renteria

What are the current decibel limits for AO3? And how and where are the levels tested?

Vanessa Jimenez

I do understand that land use will not disturb non endangered animals as there are none But there is so much movement in the animal population due to constant construction in the area as a whole. If the airport indirectly increases the pest population in our street due to animals migrating into our neighborhoods, how will Austin help us in prevent future property damage if that occurs?

Stephanie Natinsky

Are there any fines or repercussions to airlines that do not abide by the quiet rules.

Solana Renteria

I feel like my question wasn't answered. How do we as a neighborhood make sure we are in fact in AO3 and not AO2. This matters greatly bc it dictates what we can do with our property and has affect on future noise mitigation negotiations with the city. For example, our neighborhood was offered noise mitigation measures in the early years of the airport and apparently never came to fruition.

Amanda Carrillo

Is the E.A separate from the Tank farm?

Amanda Carrillo

Why does taking so long to get the E.A to the public

Paul DiFiore

I believe Amanda C. is referring to the lack of public engagement around the first EA (re: Tank Farms)

Raymond Young

I know you said you will address the noise factor for take offs and landing but not everyone will be able to make it to that meeting. Is it possible to get an educated guess? factor

Solana Renteria to Everyone:

No need to respond but just to put this out there, we know and realize we are in AO3, my concern is that the decibel levels are much louder than the AO3 zoning parameters and that we are more likely in AO2, especially during take offs. And definitely when another runway is added. I look forward to Mondays meeting. Thanks!

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53. Wendy Price Todd	
54. Jacqueline Yaft	AUS
55. Alan Rhames CDM Smith	AUS
56. Brian Zinn	AUS
57. Clarence Guidry	AUS
58. Dave Full	AUS
59. Dorcaus Ellis	AUS
60. Eliza Ornelas	AUS
61. Gene Reindel	AUS
62. Grayson Cox	AUS
63. Holland Young	AUS
64. Jennifer Williams	AUS
65. Kane Carpenter	AUS
66. Larissa Davila (Intérprete de español)	AUS
67. Lyn Estabrook	AUS
68. Millie Williams	AUS
69. Nadya Prociuk	AUS
70. Phil DeVita	AUS
71. Raquel Orta	AUS
72. Sam Haynes	AUS
73. Shane Harbinson	AUS
74. Shawn Turner	AUS
75. Tae Gallegos	AUS
76. Tim Middleton	AUS
77. ATXN MCR	AUS
78. Bailey Grimmett	AUS
79. Christen Warkoczewski	AUS
80. Santiago Araque	AUS
81. Eugene Foster	AUS

82. Shuronda Robinson	AUS
83. Jon Erion RS&H	AUS

In-Person Open House Meeting Overview

Open House Meeting at- a-Glance Attendance: 22 Formal Comments Received 2	Due to Austin reaching Stage 2 for COVID-19 as of March 4, 2022, the risk-based guidelines allowed for an in-person open house meeting. The Open House meeting was held on March 26, 2022 on the airport campus at 2716 Spirit of Texas Drive.
Meeting Tone: Positive, interest in EA document, findings related to noise, transportation, and natural resources	The In-Person Open House meeting started at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26 and concluded at 1 p.m. Simultaneous Spanish-language interpretation was also available during the meeting.
	The In-Person Open House meeting consisted of

two brief 15-minute overview presentations, interspersed during the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and noon. A complete copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment document was on hand during the meeting for the public to review. The public had an opportunity to ask questions directly to the project team and to provide official comments on the Draft Environment Assessment document. A comment box and station were available for people to write and submit their comments while at the meeting.

A total of 22 residents attended the in-person meeting.

In-Person Open House Meeting Participants

Name	Organization
1. Liliana Alonzo	
2. Kingsley Coppinger	AUS
3. Ana Aguirro	
4. Cain Von Otha	
5. Jeff Pearse	
6. Jeff Stew	
7. Tracy Thompson	AUS
8. Jacqueline Yaft	AUS
9. I. R. Eckravez	
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38. Christen Warkoczewski AUS	
39. Eugene Foster AUS	
40. Shuronda Robinson AUS	

Formal Comments

Rita Ann Sepeda Soriz

I would like to acknowledge each and every representative of the Airport Expansion Development Program. I came in person and got to get all of concerns answered. It was a privilege to meet Brian Zinn, Dave Full and Kane Carpenter, whom by the way has gotten more gray hair – Mr. Santiago was being open and knowledgeable. All of the representatives were very [unreadable] up front and very transparent. It was truly [unreadable] to be able to look them in the eye and communicate with everyone. Thanks for answering all questions and concerns.

Bertha Rendon Delgado

We are concerned of our neighborhoods that surround the airport or environmental issues. As long as the City ABIA knows not to use gas that was used 30 years ago and the tank farms. We want to make sure that no harm is done to our people. I have got a explanation today on the facts of the project and hope to come with a solution to protect out people and also be able to communicate facts by educating our community. We need to make sure that we work together in our community and our residents are heard and assisted. Thank you for todays workshop! Si se puede.

Open House Presentation Materials and Displays

Displays in English and Spanish provided a detailed overview of the Draft Environmental Assessment. Subject matter experts from the project team were stationed at each of the boards to answer questions and provide information to attendees. Here are a few of the boards shared during the meeting:

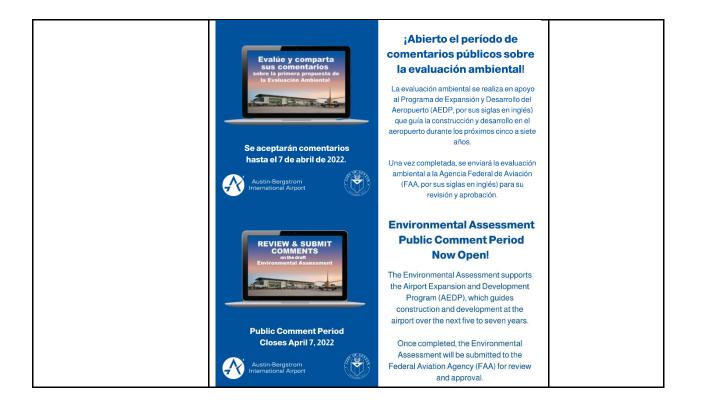
Appendix Public Notice and Outreach Efforts

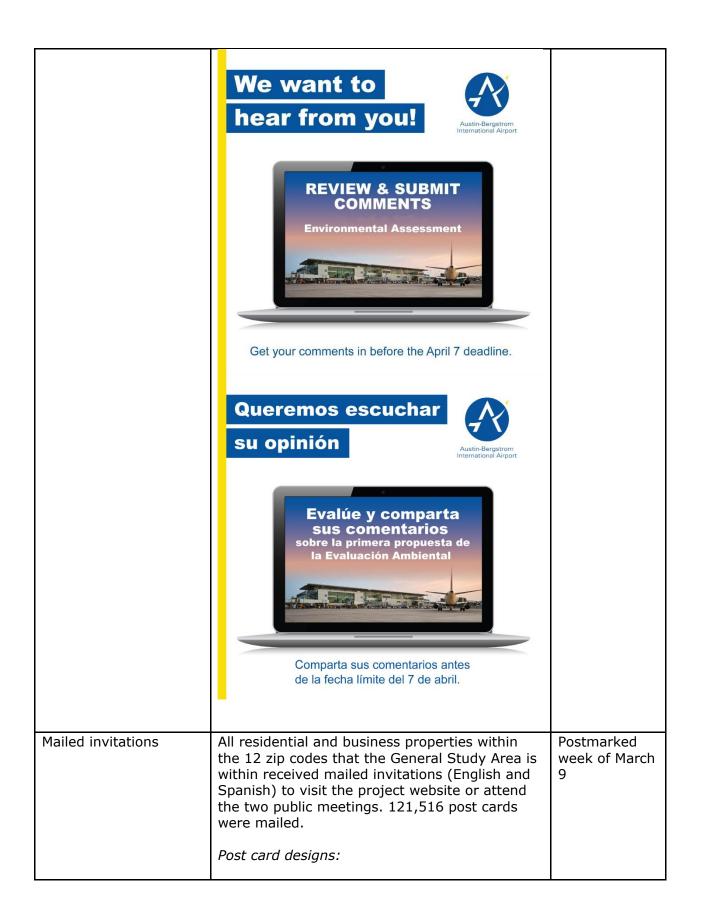
A variety of traditional marketing, community outreach and public notice efforts were employed by Adisa Communications the Department of Aviation Public Information Office to widely promote the Draft Environmental Assessment, public meetings and public comment period to community members.

Table 1 outlines the combined public notice and community outreach efforts conducted to support this project.

Outreach Activity	Description	Date(s)
Austin-American Statesman Notice	To comply with FAA requirements, a formal notice was posted announcing the publication of the Draft EA and 45-day public comment period in the English paper of record.	Feb. 22
El Mundo Notice	To comply with FAA requirements, a formal notice was posted announcing the publication of the Draft EA and 45-day public comment period in the Spanish paper of record.	Feb. 22
Airport Social Media Posts	To amplify the public comment period and EA process, the Department of Aviation posted social media posts, in English and Spanish, across the airport's LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter profiles. <i>Social media graphic examples:</i>	Feb. 22 - Ongoing

Table 1: AUS Airport Expansion and Development Program – Environmental Assessment Public Outreach & Notification Efforts – 2022





	You're Invit	POSTAL	
	to Submit Comments on the Airport Environmental Assessment		
	The public can submit comments at any point during the 45-day public comment period that ends on April 7. Comments can be submitted through the project website, the virtual meeting, the open house or through mail. Scan the QR code, or visit SpeakUpAustin.org/AUS-EA to review the full draft Environmental Assessment. submit comments & view more information about the virtual meeting & open house.	Austin-Bergstrom International Airport Join airport officials to learn more about the Environmental Assessment (EA) that was conducted for upcoming airport construction + improvement projects! In-Person Open House Date: Sat., March 26 Date: Ved., March 23 Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Time: 6:00 p.m. 2716 Spirit of Texas Drive	
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	Les invitamos a participar envic		
	propuesta de Evalu Usted puede usar el código QR abajo para conocer más sobre este proyecto y usar el enlace para entrar a la reunión virtual. También puede enviar sus comentarios en nuestro sitio web y ver más información sobre la reunión virtual y la reunión en persona.	Únase a los oficiales del aeropuerto para conocer más sobre la Evaluación Ambiental que se está llevando a cabo para la nueva construcción y proyectos de remodelación en el aeropuerto.	
	El público en general puede enviar sus comentarios en cualquier momento durante el período abierto a la opinión pública de 45 días. Los comentarios se van a entregar por medio del sitio web del proyecto, la reunión virtual y la reunión en persona o vía correo regular.	Reunión Virtual Fecha: miércoles, 23 de marzo Hora: 6:00 p.m. Reunión en Persona Fecha: sábado, 26 de marzo Hora: 10 a.m. a 1 p.m. 2716 Spirit of Texas Drive ¡Usted puede entrar y salir del evento a su	
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Email Invitations	Email invitations and upc stakeholder emails, which Master Plan public outrea Storage Facility outreach	h included AUS 2040 ach and Jet Fuel	Feb. 22 – Initial announcement
	Click here to see the initi	al announcement email	March 16 – Public Meeting invitation
	Click here to see the pub email Click here to see the pos		March 31 – Meeting materials posted to the
			website update & comment period reminder
AUS Newsletter Feature	The Environmental Asses and public comment peri- the airport's monthly "St newsletter, which is distr	od was promoted in ay in Tune" e- ibuted to 49,420	Feb. 25 - Initial announcement
	contacts and promoted a media.		March 31 - Meeting materials
	Click here to see the Feb article	ruary 2022 newsletter	posted to the website

	<u>Click here to see the March 2022 newsletter</u> article	update & comment period reminder
Radio Ads	AUS ran a total of 42 30- and 60-second radio ads on KAZI-FM from March 14 to March 26, 2022. KAZI-FM is a local radio station that provides media access for the African American community and other unserved groups in Austin.	March 14 – 26
	AUS ran a total of 38 30-second Spanish radio ads on KLZT-FM (La Z) from March 14 to 20, 2022. KLZT-FM's target demographic is Austin's Hispanic and Latinx community.	
	Radio ad scripts:	
	Spot #1: 30 seconds [Sound of airliner passing overhead] Austin is growing and so is the airport. A virtual public information meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 and in-person from 10 a.m. to 1 on Saturday, March 26.	
	<i>Learn about the environmental impacts of airport improvement projects and give your input at speak up Austin dot org slash A-U-S dash E-A.</i>	
	<i>Or go to Speak Up Austin dot org and look for A-U-S Environmental Assessment. Call three- one-one for more information.</i>	
	Spot #2: 60 seconds [Sound of airliner passing overhead] Austin is growing and so is the airport. Residents of Austin and surrounding communities are invited to learn about and provide input on airport projects planned for the next five to seven years. Learn about and comment on the environmental impact of terminal improvements, expanded taxiways and concourses, new utility infrastructure, and other developments. Austin- Bergstrom International Airport (A-U-S) is committed to sustainability and environmental stewardship as we grow to meet future demands for air travel.	
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	from 10 a.m. to 1 on Saturday, March 26. Public input is solicited from now until April 7.	
	See the draft environmental assessment, public information meeting dates, and give your input at speak up Austin dot org slash A-U-S dash E- A.	
Community Impact Print and Digital Ads	AUS placed print ads in Community Impact's Northwest Austin edition (80,461 circulation; distributes March 18) and Central Austin edition (103,921 circulation; distributes March 21). Originally, AUS also placed a print ad in the Southwest Austin edition (102,676 circulation; distributes March 16), but due to a vendor error, this ad was not printed. To correct the error, digital ads were placed on the Community Impact website for the Southwest Austin/Dripping Springs, Central Austin, Northwest Austin and Lake Travis/Westlake locations. Community Impact is a local print publication that distributes throughout Austin and Travis County.	March 18, March 21
La Voz print ad	AUS placed a print advertisement in La Voz, a Spanish-language print publication whose target demographic is Austin's Hispanic and Latinx community. The ad ran in their March edition.	
The Austin Common digital ads	Draft EA open house and virtual public meeting events were posted to the Austin Common event calendar and distributed to subscribers of the digital newsletter in mid-March. + A social post was added to the Austin Common's Instagram account (17.3K followers) on March 25. The Austin Common is a local digital and	

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	social media presence that provides information and updates about local government and community engagement in digestible ways and formats.	
Digital Media Kit	The project team created deliverables for a digital media kit that was shared with City of Austin department Public Information Office teams, Airport Advisory Commission members and City Council offices to provide them with options and opportunities to promote the project and meetings. The digital media kit included social media copy, newsletter copy, a flyer and graphics in English and Spanish. <u>Click here to access the digital media kit</u>	March 1
Press Release and Media Advisory	AUS PIO issued a press release to the airport's media contact list and uploaded the release to the airport's homepage at AustinTexas.gov/Airport. The press release provided information about the EA process, the public comment period and the two community meetings. To maximize media coverage, AUS PIO distributed a media advisory the morning of the open house to remind media of the event. <u>Click here to see the press release</u> <u>Click here to see the media advisory</u>	March 21 st and March 26
Block Walking	The project team organized door-to-door outreach by block-walking to more than 2,800 stakeholders in Colorado Crossing, Rusty Dr., Richland Estates and Montopolis neighborhoods. Both residences and businesses received a flier. In addition to the block-walking activities, the team coordinated strategic outreach emails and calls to homeowner and neighborhood associations which included East Riverside/Oltorf Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, Del Valle Community Coalition, Onion Creek HOA, and several others. Colorado Crossing – 300 Completed Colorado Crossing – 471 Rusty Dr. – 447 Richland Estates and businesses – 609 Montopolis – 1000 Unable to canvass – Royal Palms community declined	March 14 - 20

Direct HOA outreach	 Adisa Communications and AUS PIO reached out to leadership members for the following HOAs and organizations to via phone or direct email (separate from the stakeholder distribution list) to invite them to the public meetings and inquire about opportunities for the EA team to meet with their members: Richland Estates Neighborhood Organization Crossing Gardenhome Owners Association Go Austin, Vamos Austin (GAVA) Montopolis Ponca Neighborhood Association Montopolis Community Alliance Onion Creek Meadow Property Owners Association South River City Citizens Group Colorado Crossing Del Valle Community Coalition Dog's Head Neighborhood Association Montopolis Tributary Trail Association Riverside Farms Road Neighborhood Association Riverside Farms Road Neighborhood Association Riverside Farms Road Neighborhood Association Southeast Austin Neighborhood Alliance and Riverside Farms Road Neighborhood Assn. Southeast Combined Neighborhood Association Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Vasquez Fields Neighborhood Association Chorsing Gardenhome Owners Assn. (The) East Riverside/Oltorf Neighborhood Plan Contact Team El Crossing Gardenhome Owners Assn. Crossing Gardenhome Owners Assn. Montopolis Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Seast Riverside/Oltorf Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Friends of Riverside ATX Neighborhood Plan Contact Team El Concilio Mexican-American Neighborhood Association Friends of Riverside ATX Neighborhood Association Greater East Austin Neighborhood Association Sochact Team Hontopolis Community Alliance 	March 16, March 22 and March 31

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	37. Burleson Parker Neighborhood	
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	38. Cactus Rose Mobile Home Park	
	39. Bluff Springs Valley Neighborhood	
	Association	
	40. Cypress Ridge Homeowners Association	
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	42. Indian Hills Neighborhood Watch	
	43. Onion Creek Plantation Neighborhood	
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Meeting Collateral

All meeting collateral and materials are available to the public on the project website, <u>SpeakUpAustin.org/AUS-EA</u>:

- 1. <u>Click here to see the virtual meeting presentation</u>
- 2. Click here to see the open house display boards
- 3. Click here to view the Zoom meeting recording

Photos from the open house can be viewed at this link and the scanned sign-in sheets can be viewed at this link.