

## Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

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Item 3

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## Phases of Imagine Austin

Phase 1  
Project Start-Up  
October 2002



Phase 3  
Comprehensive  
Plan  
Now

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## Working Groups

Expertise & passion in achieving the Plan Framework

458 people have signed up across seven Working Groups:

- Land Use & Transportation
- Economy
- City Facilities & Services
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Culture
- Society
- Conservation & Environmental Resources

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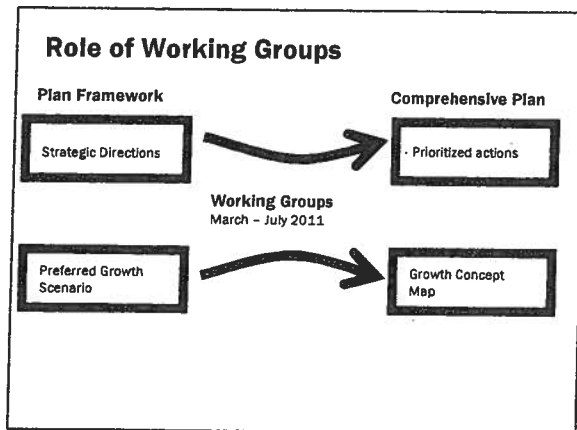
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### Working Groups

#### Challenges

- Open enrollment vs. steady participation
- Level of interest (458 sign-ups)
- Meeting fatigue vs. transparency in each step

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### Working Groups

#### Process for Prioritized Actions

- Brainstorming (3,000+ ideas)
- Consolidating (300 actions)
- Assessing
- Winnowing & refining (July)
- Prioritizing (August)

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## Generating actions

### LUT22

Integrate a citywide/regional green infrastructure (e.g., preserves and parks, trails, stream corridors, green streets, greenways, agricultural lands, etc.) and the trail system into the urban environment and the transportation network.

### Original Working Group Actions

Integrate/expand tree protection regulations between municipalities.

Regional approach to water quality regulation that can help create more compact development and walk able commutes

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## Assessing actions

Seek intergovernmental agreements to establish shared environmental standards for such issues as tree preservation and water quality for the region with surrounding local governments.

### Pros

Intergovernmental agreements are essentials to protect the Barton Springs Zone and Highland lakes since they extend well beyond direct City of Austin jurisdiction.

Share spec's and adopt the most aggressive local standards

### Challenges

Better for Austin to have higher standards than to compromise down in order to have "shared" standards.

Each city has it's own goals and forcing Austin's may be met with resistance. Must be shaped.

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## Working Groups

### Next steps

- City departments assessing actions (is the City already doing it? Is it legal? Is it a change in current City policy?)
- Winnowing (online survey of Working Groups)
- Refining actions
- Prioritizing (joint meeting of all Working Groups)

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### **Working Groups**

#### **Creating the Growth Concept Map from the Preferred Growth Scenario**

- Building understanding
- Identify major issues
- -- break: sub-groups or Task Force meetings
- Review first draft of Growth Concept Map



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### **Issues for further discussion**

- Development in the ETJ, especially along SH-130
- Mixed-use corridors (including case study)
- Relation between Comprehensive Plan & Neighborhood Plans
- Development over the aquifer
- Consistency with CAMPO—particularly SH-45
- Transitions / compatibility
- Open space and green infrastructure
- Complete communities

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### **Additional Items**

- Regional coordination meeting
- Mixed-use case study (N. Lamar & S. Congress)
- Coordination with Strategic Mobility Plan
- Coordination with Capital Planning Office



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**After the Working Groups**

**September:** First draft of comprehensive plan

**September – early October:**  
Community Forum Series #4

**Early 2012:** Begin the adoption process

**2013:** Begin annual review

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**Questions**

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