

 American Planning Association <i>Making Great Communities Happen</i>	About APA	Membership	Events	Education	Outreach	Resources	Jobs & Practice	APAPanningBooks.com
	Search: <input type="text"/> Powered by Google <input type="button" value="Go"/>							

Community

- Community Assistance Program
- Katrina / Gulf Coast Recovery
- National Community Planning Month
- Great Places in America
- Economic Development
- City Parks Forum

Sustaining Places Initiative



SUSTAIN

The Sustaining Places Initiative is a multi-year, multi-faceted program to define the role of planning in addressing all human settlement issues relating to sustainability.



SCHOOL OF
CONTINUING
STUDIES

For leaders in

Sustaining Places: The Role of the Comprehensive Plan PAS Report 567, January 2012

“Best Practice” Principles

- Livable Built Environments
- Resilient Economy
- Healthy Community
- Authentic Participation
- Harmony with Nature
- Interwoven Equity
- Responsible Regionalism
- **Accountable Implementation**

	Health	Livability	Wellness	and Recreation	Community	
Economic	• Tree preservation and ecologically sound landscape design (LIV 10, 14)	• Connected system of open lands (Structure Map theme, LIV 23, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46)	• Opportunities for recreation and active lifestyles (SW 2)	• Environmental best management practices in parks and recreation areas (CPR 4)	• Collaboration with private citizens and organizations (H 3, 4)	
Environmental	• Innovation in clean energy industry cluster (EH 2)	• Clustered residential development (LIV 27)	• Food production (SR 3)	• Interconnected system of open lands (CPR 4)	• Engagement and learning (H 2, 3)	
Social	• Multiple means of travel to reduce vehicle miles traveled (Structure Map theme, LIV 21, 36, 37, 38, 37, 43A, 45)	• Energy conservation and efficiency in housing (LIV 3)	• Emergency management and the electric grid (SW 1)	• Multi-purpose lands (CPR 5)	• Forge partnerships and collaborate regionally (H 4)	• Interface with open lands (T 4)
	• Reduced carbon emissions (Structure Map theme)	• Enrichment of health ordinances (SW 2)	• Emergency management and hazardous materials (SW 1)	• Engagement and learning (H 2, 3)	• Connected system of trails (T 11)	
	• Adaptive reuse of historic structures (LIV 16, 17)	• Emergency management and hazardous materials (SW 1)	• Multi-purpose lands (CPR 5)	• Engagement and learning (H 2, 3)	• New vehicle types (T 17)	
	• Encourage redevelopment by reducing stormwater infrastructure barriers (EH 4)	• Adequate public facilities with development (LIV 4)	• Emergency management and flooding (SW 1)	• Forge partnerships and collaborate regionally (H 4)	• Transportation energy use impacts (T 30)	
	• Innovation in water industry cluster (EH 2)	• Adequate public facilities with development (LIV 4)	• Multi-purpose lands (CPR 5)	• Engagement and learning (H 2, 3)	• Transportation Demand Management 1 reduce vehicle miles traveled and improve air quality (T 3, 27, 30)	
		• Water efficiency	• Unlimited water for irrigation in appropriate areas (CPR 4)	• Forge partnerships and collaborate regionally (H 4)	• Transportation Demand Management 1 reduce greenhouse gas emissions (T 27, 30)	
				• Engagement and learning (H 2, 3)	• Green streets (T 24)	

Accountable Implementation

- Timeframes and responsibilities
- Departmental buy-in
- Coordination with capital program and operating budget
- Public and private sector partners / champions
- Metrics / indicators of success
- Public involvement
 - Measure progress and communicate results
 - Recognize milestones to maintain community support over time

Example: Greensboro, NC

2025 connections

City of Greensboro Comprehensive Plan
Fourth Annual Report - 2006-2007

Table 1. FY06/07 Project Status

Number of Projects	Status	Definition
4	Complete	Project is done
5	Complete and Being Implemented	Major plan/ project is complete, but additional action is needed to fund and/ or implement
16	On-going	Program has been established and has no ending point
26	In-progress	Project is underway, but not yet complete
2	Planned	Project is in the work plan, but for varying reasons, has not been started
53	Total	

Example: Greensboro, NC

completed connections 2025



Housing and Neighborhoods

Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Ordinance
(Policies: 4A.1, 4A.2, 6A.1, and 6A.4) –

Adopted as an enabling ordinance in April 2007, a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay (NCO) enables neighborhood residents to recognize and preserve distinctive elements of their neighborhoods. By tailoring zoning standards to reflect the special character of the area, an NCO may be detailed or broad-based on the collective input of affected property owners.

NCOs are designed to protect the broad characteristics that help define Greensboro's unique neighborhoods. Residents will work with City staff to determine the boundaries of an NCO and what standards are needed to promote compatible infill or redevelopment.

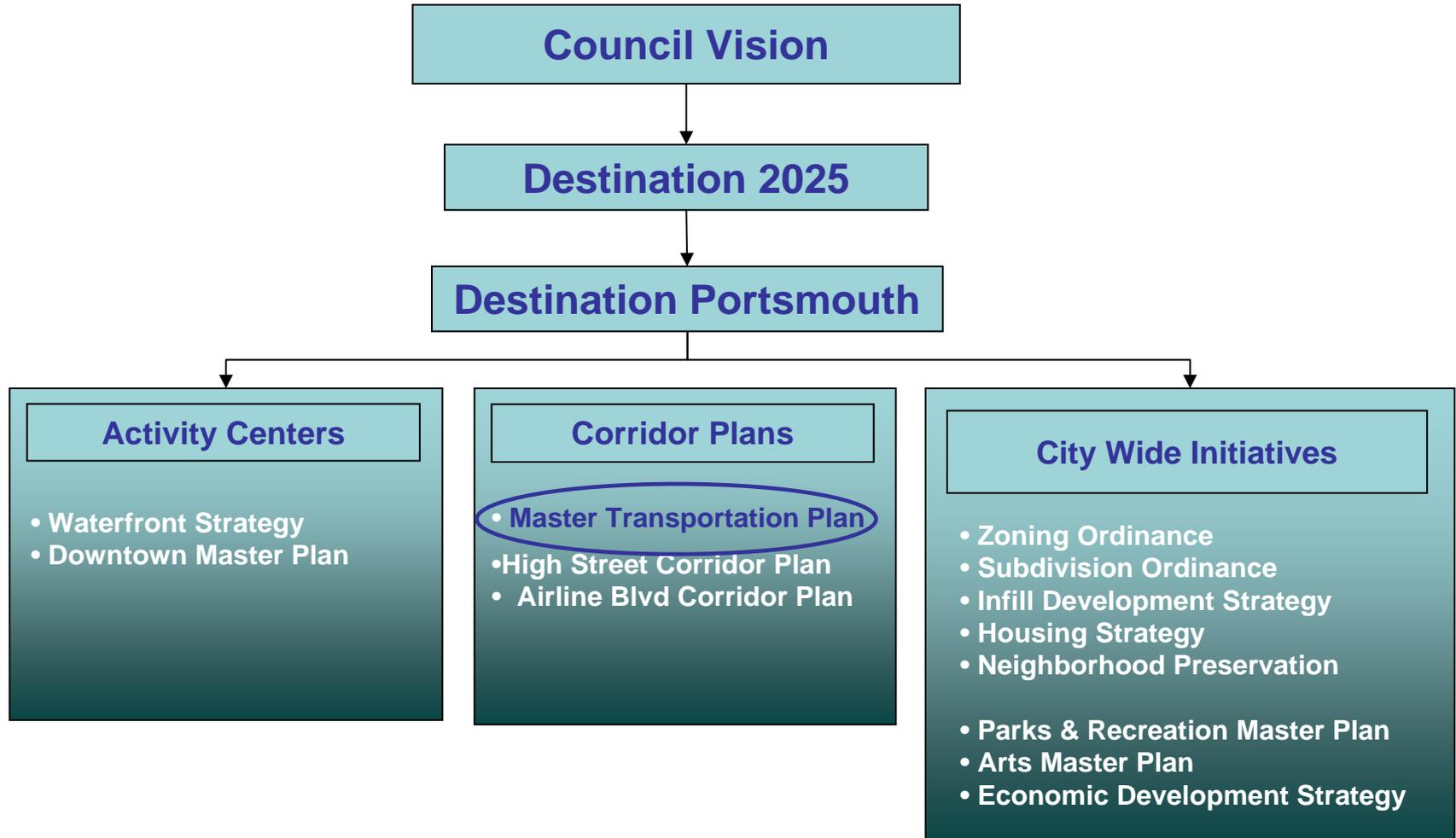
Accountability = Specificity + Responsibilities + Timeframe

Project Summaries

Appendix A

Project	Policies	Status	Lead Staff	Highlights	Goals
Land Use					
Infill	Y1: 4A.1, 4A.2, 4A.3, 4D.4 Y2-3: 8E.2	In-progress	Sue Schwartz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed grant application from USEPA for Technical Assistance Team for infill development education for city staff, developers and general public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline and implement Infill and development education piece
Infill Capital Improvements Assessment	Y2-3: 4B.1, 4B.2 Y4-10: 4D.3	Planned	Larry Davis/Dick Hails/ Sue Schwartz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project delayed until 07-08 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start capital improvement assessments in urban investment areas Review adopted CIP and identify additional needs for infrastructure improvements Identify any additional areas for infill improvement
LDO Rewrite: Compact Development standards, open space dedications, development design standards, Diversification of New Housing, Home Occupation regulations, shared parking	Y1: 4C.1, 4C.2, 4C.3, 4G.1, 5A.3, 5B.3, 5B.4, 5F.2, 5F.3, 6C.1, 6C.2, 6C.3, 7A.6 Y2-3: 4G.3, 8C.3, 8E.3	In-progress	Heidi Galanti/Ben Woody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 2A has been reviewed by the CAT Module 2B has been drafted and is being reviewed by the CAT Module 3 is currently being drafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present Module 2A to Council Finish reviewing Module 2B with the CAT Complete draft of Module 3 and review with CAT Draft and review Module 4
Fringe Area Land Use Plan/ Growth Tier Implementation	Y1: 4F.1-3, 4G.2, 9A.1, 9A.5 Y2-3: 4F.4-5	In-progress	CMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed revisions to the Water-Sewer Extension Policy were drafted, presented and adopted by City Council and the County Commissioners in May 2007. Related Comprehensive Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Fringe Area Land Use Plans

Example: Portsmouth, VA



Implementing Imagine Austin

What the Austin City Charter Says

•City Council will:

- Adopt the comprehensive plan by ordinance
- Provide for financing of comprehensive plan elements

•The Planning Commission will submit to Council:

- An annual list of capital improvements (5-year timeframe) to implement the plan
- Annual recommendations for changes/amendments based on monitoring of plan effectiveness
- A comprehensive plan evaluation and appraisal report at least every 5 years

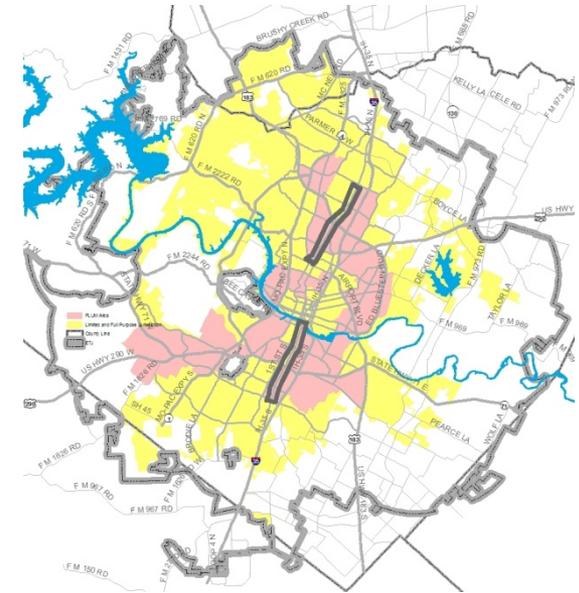
Implementing Imagine Austin

Key components:

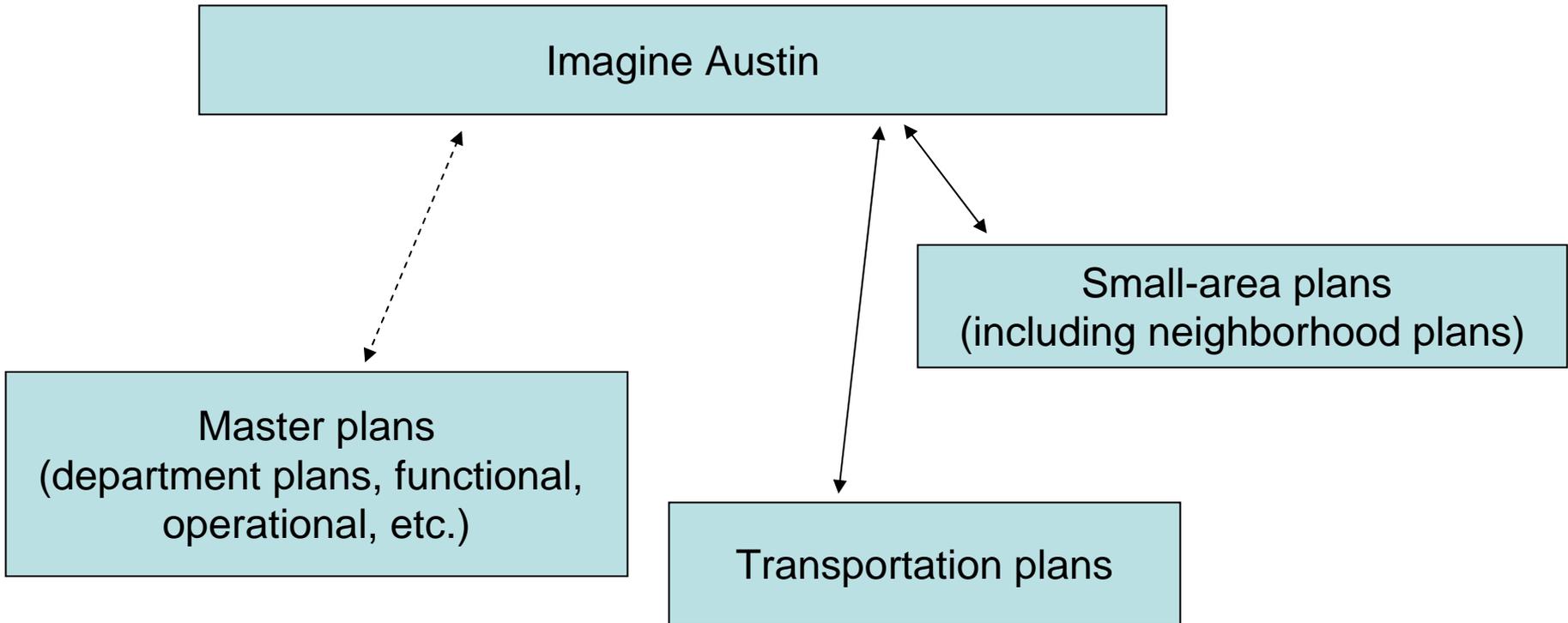
1. Guidance for decision-making
2. Priority programs
3. Plan monitoring and updating

1. Guidance for Decision-Making

- Zoning and development decisions
- Small area and master plans
- Departmental/operational decisions
- Capital improvements program



1. Guidance for Decision-Making



All plans provide guidance for future decisions. The comprehensive plan, master plans, and small-area plans should provide coordinated guidance, from different perspectives. Differences in the guidance they provide does not necessarily indicate conflicts.

2. Priority Programs

- Organize Imagine Austin's key policies and actions into related groups to make it easier to implement the plan
- Programs cut across and implements Policies and Actions from multiple Building Blocks
- Each Priority Program contains short and long-term steps

3. Plan Monitoring and Updating

Measuring Progress: Complete Community Indicators

*Vision Component:
Mobile & Interconnected*

Sample indicators:

- Vehicle miles traveled
- Transit ridership
- Population/jobs near transit stops
- Miles of sidewalks
- Bicycle lanes (miles)



Sustaining the Plan Over Time

- **Every year:**
 - **Annual Evaluation Report: What did we accomplish in the last year?**
 - **Revised Action Schedule: What will we do in the next year?**
- **Every 5 years:**
 - **Evaluation and Appraisal Report (per City Charter)**

Key Takeaways

- Establish processes and tools to evaluate Council decisions for consistency with Imagine Austin
- Align departmental decisions and programs with Imagine Austin
- Align the capital improvements program with Imagine Austin (underway through Capital Planning Office)
- Establish specific work plans structured around the eight priority programs / review and update annually
- Involve the community and partners in implementation