

CITY OF AUSTIN WALKABILITY EFFORTS

Community Transformation Grant
Planning and Development Review
January 14, 2013



Walkability Assessments

Community Transformation Grant

- \$103M of prevention funding awarded to 61 states and communities.
- Funded by the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund.
- **Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services received a \$1.026M implementation award, renewable up to 5 years.**
- Efforts are targeted to reduce chronic diseases-especially in populations affected by the greatest burden of chronic disease.

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- 4 Subrecipients identified
 - Abundant Rain Christian Fellowship (Manor, Travis County)
 - Huston-Tillotson University (HT)
 - University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston African American Communities (78723, 78721)
 - University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Latino Communities(Dove Springs)
- Walkability tool developed spring 2012
- Walkability training for subrecipients conducted June 2012
- Data collected through September (close of grant)

Walkability Assessments

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- Where we are now:
 - Data analysis
 - University of Texas Center for Transportation Research assisting with development of Database
- Next Steps
 - Present findings
 - Coordinate with Sidewalk Master Plan team to communicate results and compare our findings with their metrics.

Building Compact and Connected Speaker Series

Events to elaborate on ideas within *Imagine Austin* in order to continue educational efforts on implementing the comprehensive plan.

Future Event:

In May, Scott Bricker and America Walks will be coming to Austin for a 1.5 day long walkability training. This is resulting from a grant received by [Beyond2ndNature](#). Their staff wished to collaborate for organizational purposes.

Retrofitting Suburban Spaces into Lively Places

Creating Neighborhoods and Districts We Love

January 24 | 6:30-9:00 P.M. | Free | Light refreshments served
First Evangelical Free Church, Community Hall
(4220 Monterey Oaks Boulevard)

Following the lecture will be an Open House for the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan process. City staff will be available to discuss the plan and to receive comments. Photo: Juan Dougherty



Speaker: Ellen Dunham-Jones, AIA
Architect/Urban Designer, Author, Professor

- What are the causes of failing suburban properties?
- How can places be designed to promote community well-being?
- Why should we create places that prioritize people, not cars?
- What strategies are available to revitalize areas with dying strip and shopping malls?
- How can we retrofit neighborhoods in Austin to make them more vibrant, livable, and connected?

About Ellen Dunham-Jones |
Ellen Dunham-Jones, AIA, is a world-renowned expert on urban and suburban design. As a professor of architecture and urban design at the Georgia Institute of Technology, an award-winning architect, and Chair of the board of the Congress for the New Urbanism, she helps communities to realize their potential for sustainable and healthy communities through design. She co-authored *Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs* which received a 2009 PROSE award for scholarly and professional excellence from the American Association of Publishers.



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Vision to Action: Priority Programs

- Invest in a compact and connected Austin
 - Create a Healthy Austin Program
- Revise Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city

The Compact & Connected Speaker Series | A series of talks by experts in the fields of land use, development, and policy focused on Austin growing as a compact and connected city. Visiting speakers are hosted by the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department with financial support from the Health and Human Services Department.

Subdivision Regulations and Transportation Criteria Manual

What are we doing?

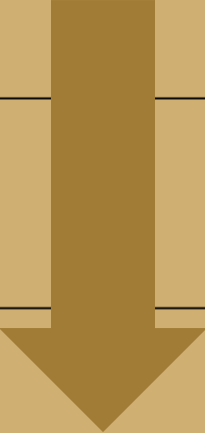
- ▣ Working to revise the TCM and Subdivision Regulations:
- ▣ Implement Imagine Austin
- ▣ Meet current worldwide best practices
- ▣ Improve the development process, and
- ▣ Ensure quality projects are produced on time and efficiently
- ▣ Implement Imagine Austin

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Why are we doing this?

- Develop sustainably
- Allow for more innovation
- Reference relevant manuals and guidelines
- Incorporate best practices in street design & connectivity
- Remove barriers to active living
- Streamline & modernize TCM & Subdivision code

Subdivision Regulations and Transportation Criteria Manual

	WPO	TCM	Subdivision	Imagine Austin: Code Revisions
2011	Preparation Stakeholder Meetings			
2012	Draft Code	Preparation	Preparation	Preparation
2013	Stakeholder Meetings Boards, Comm, Council	Rules Development and Stakeholder Review (by TCM section)	Stakeholder Meetings	Advis. Group/Consultant Stakeholder Meetings
2014			TCM Rules Posting Subdiv. Code to Council	Code Diagnosis Annotated Outline
2015				Prelim. Draft Code Boards, Comm, Council
		Rules Adoption Complete		

Building Compact and Connected Speaker Series

Austin project similar to project
in Portland, OR.

Effort to analyze city-wide ability
to access to city services using
various criteria.

Imagine Austin implications as
several Priority Programs being
implemented can be evaluated
using walkability metrics.

PORTLAND PLAN

20-Minute Neighborhoods Analysis: Background Report and Analysis Area Summaries



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