

Integrating Small Area Plans Into the CIP Process

Planning Commission

CIP Subcommittee

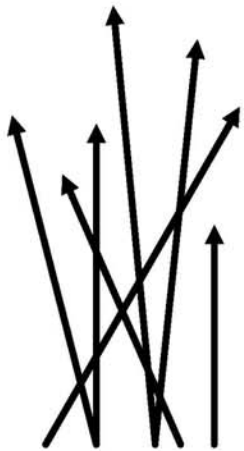
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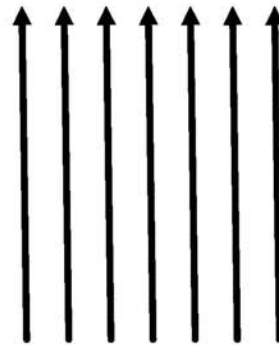
IMAGINE AUSTIN provides:

- A guide to regulate and manage future development
- Direction for all land development decisions, regulations, and capital expenditures

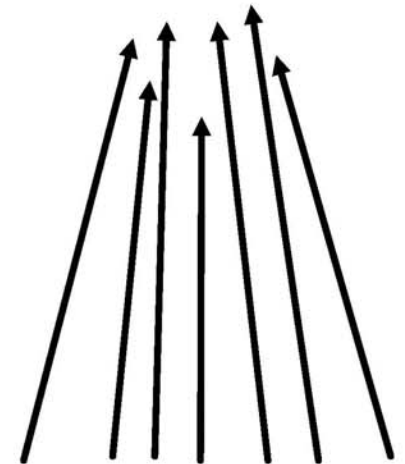
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The Past?



The Present?

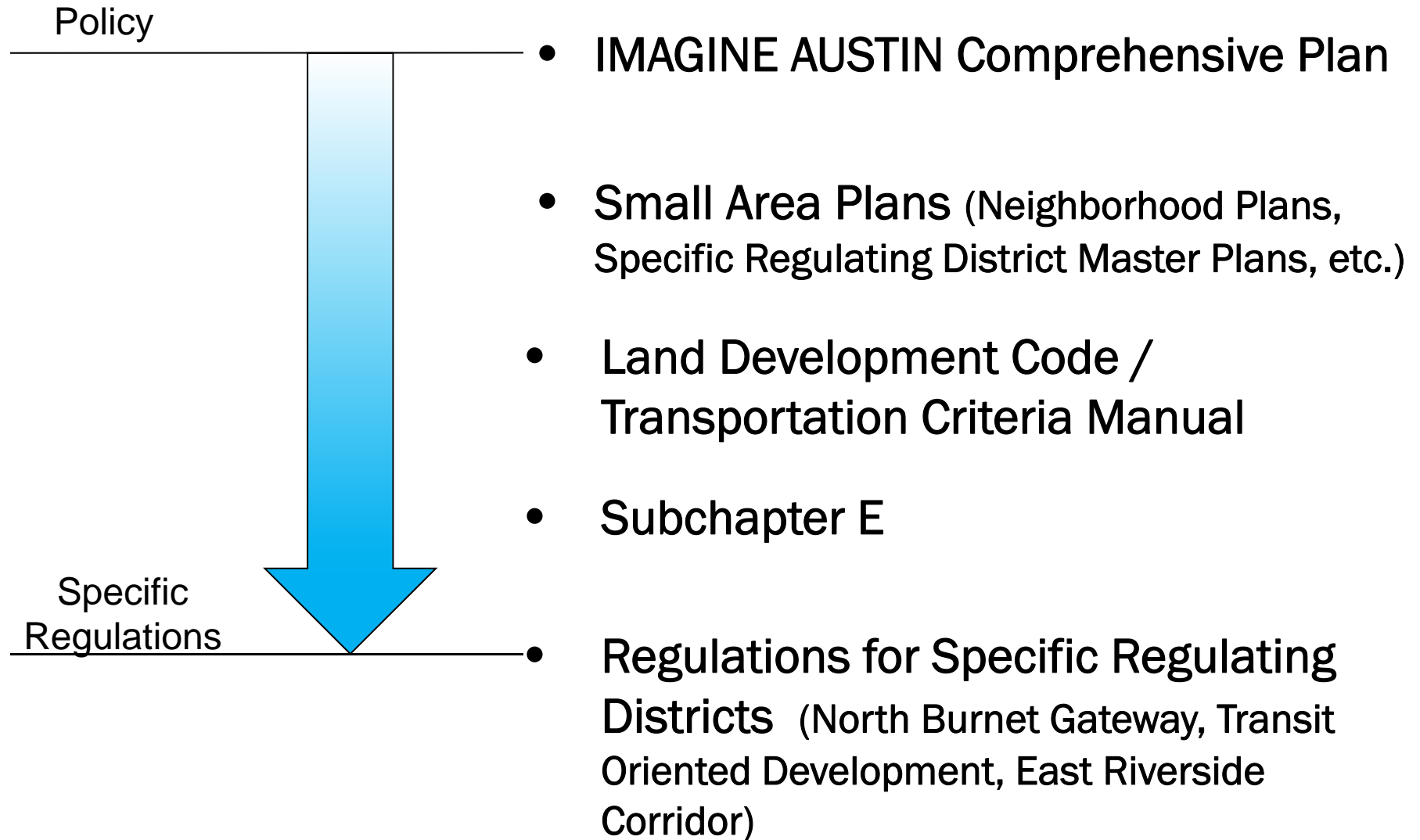


The Future?

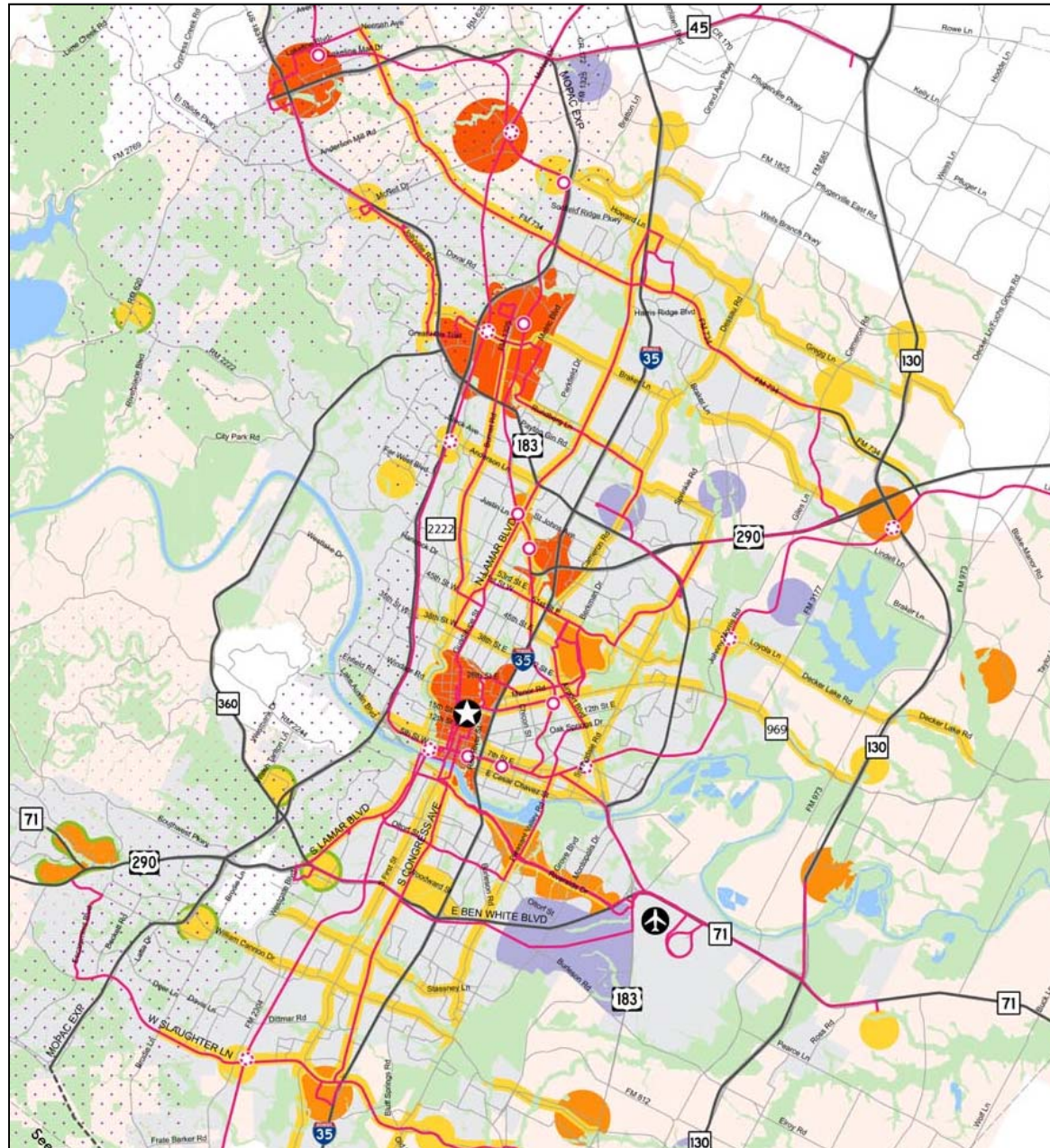


Importance of Alignment

Policy to Specific Regulations



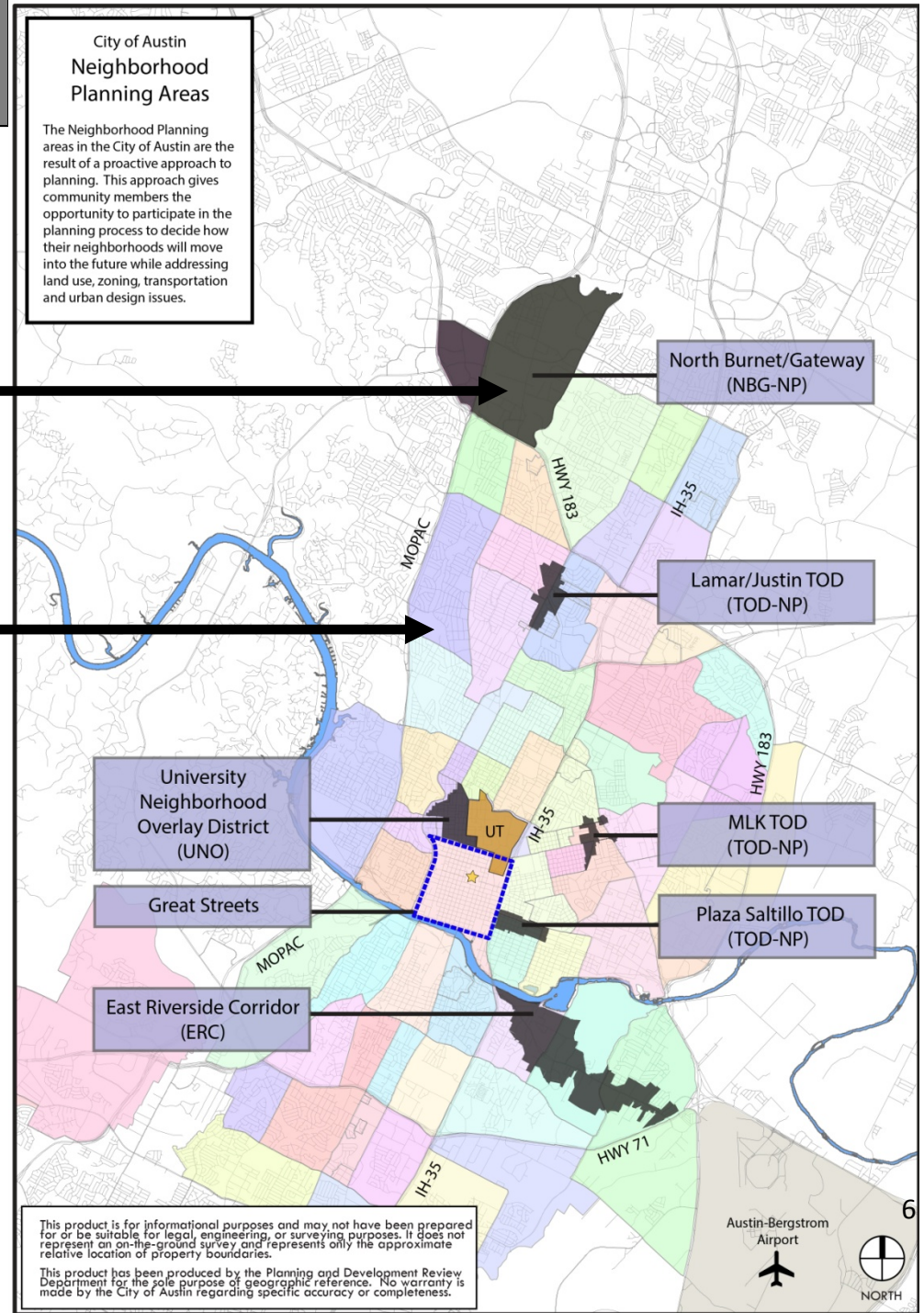
IMAGINE AUSTIN (IA) – Growth Concept Map



Small Area Plans

Specific Regulating Districts

Multi-colored
areas represent Neighborhood
Planning Areas

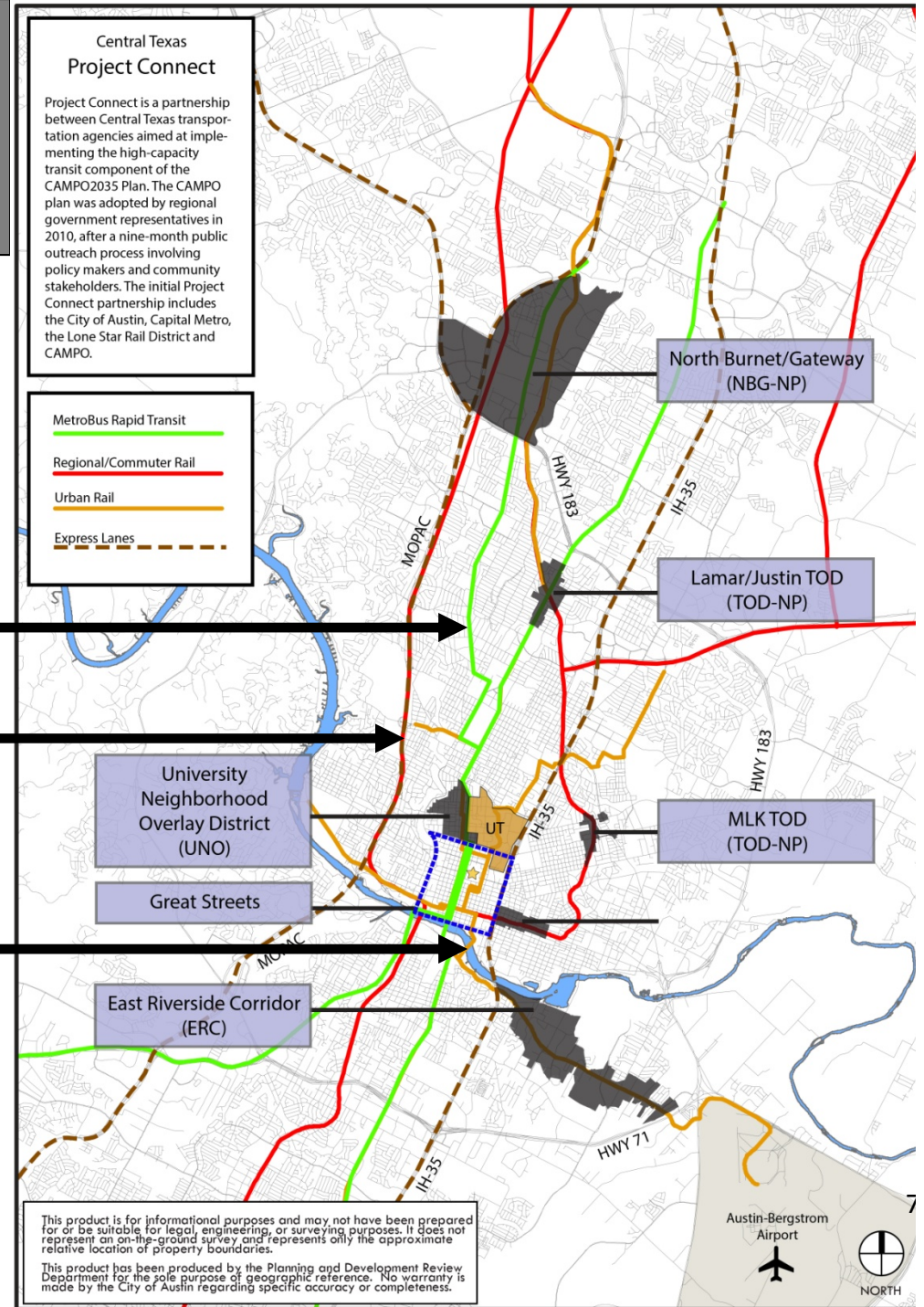


Existing & Future Transit

Metro Rapid Transit

Regional/Commuter Rail

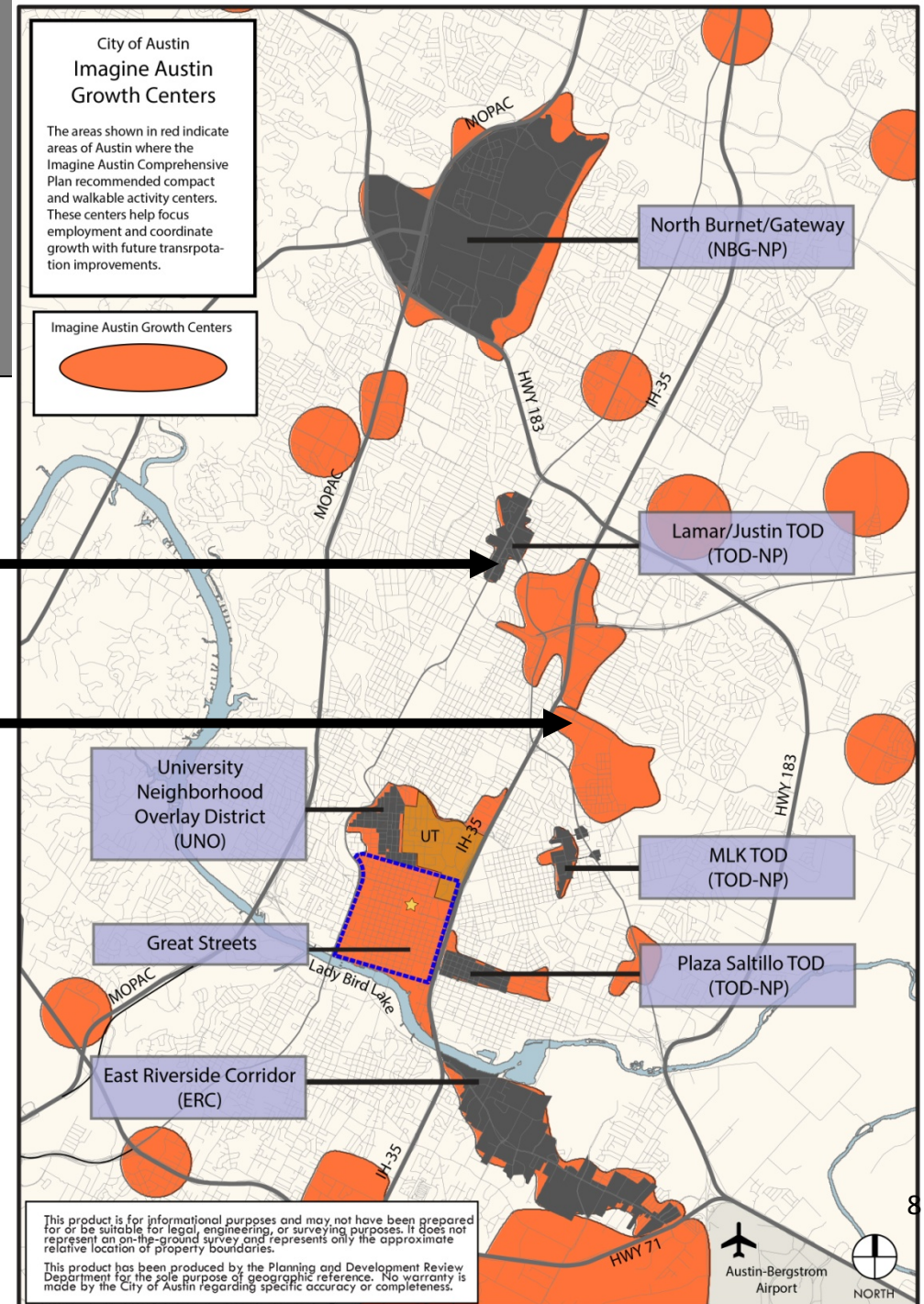
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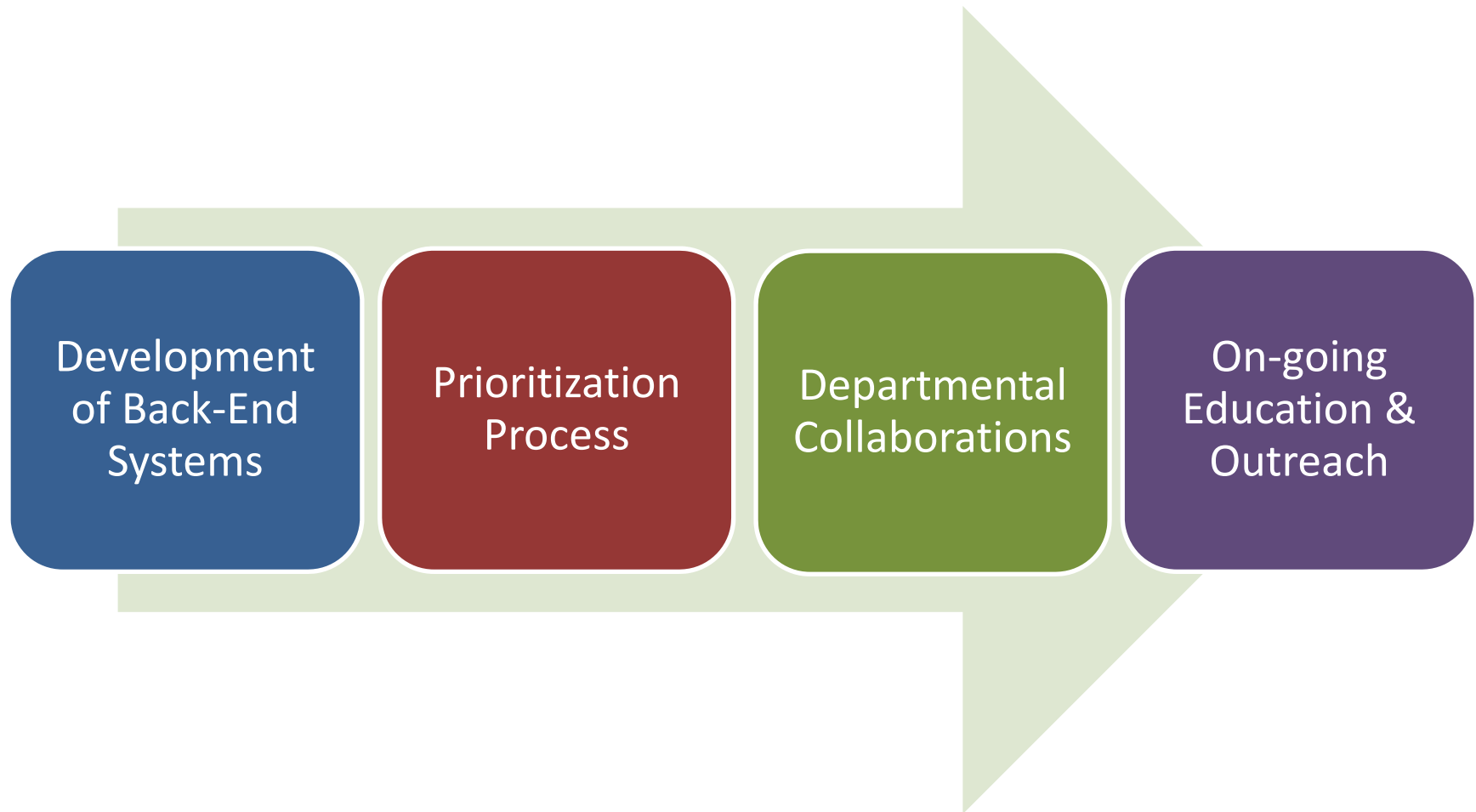
Imagine Austin Growth Centers & Specific Regulating Districts

Specific Regulating Districts

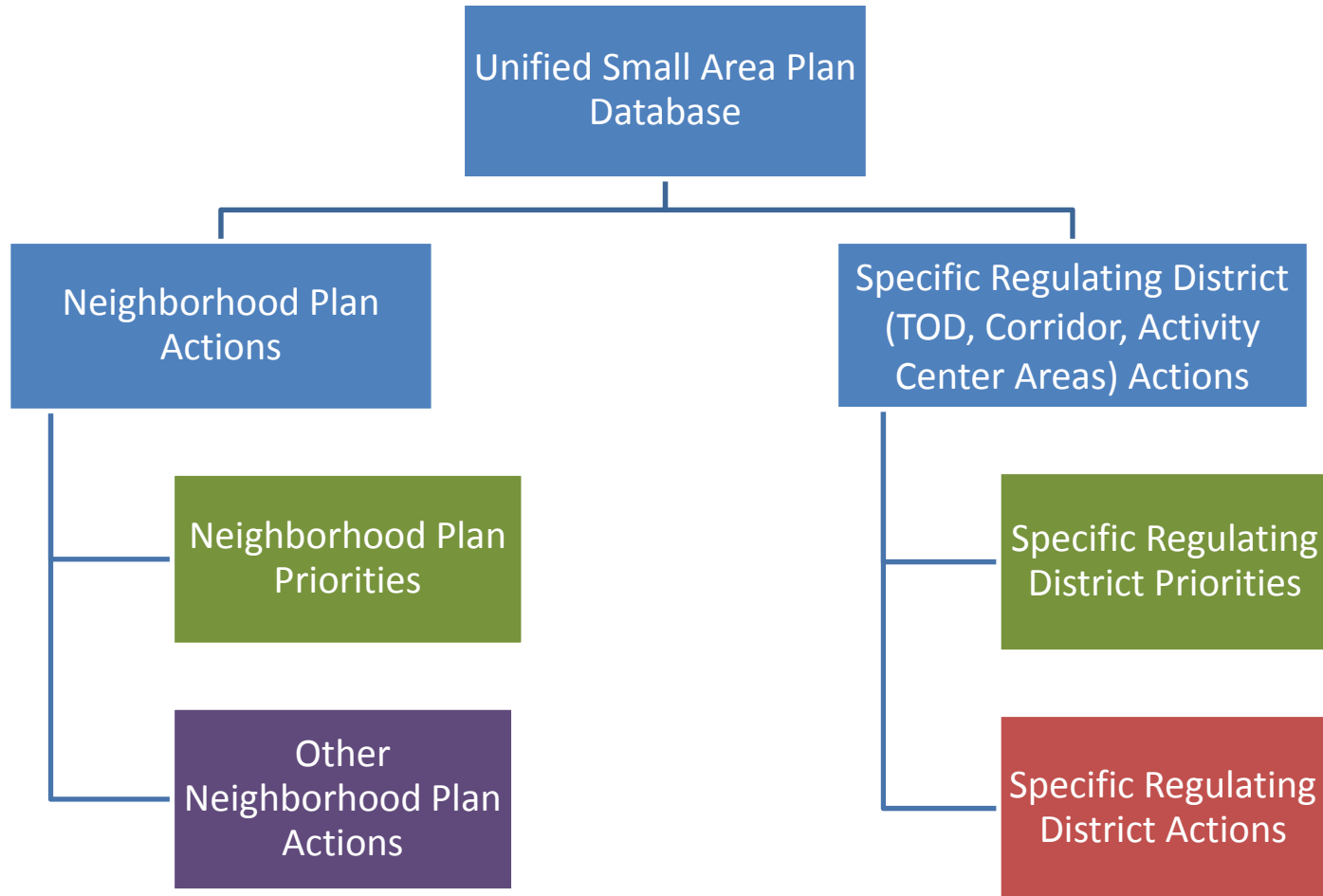
Growth Centers



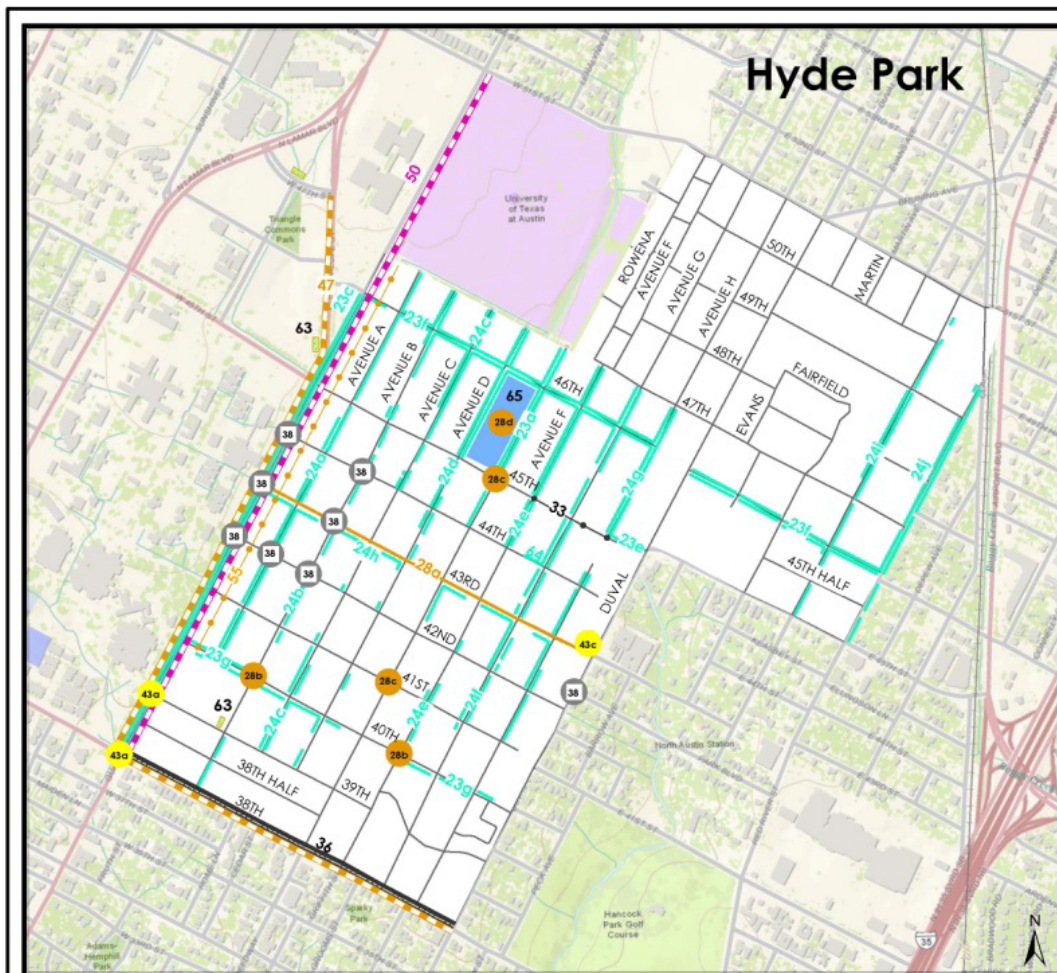
Outline of Approach



Back-End Systems: Database



Back-End Systems: GIS Mapping



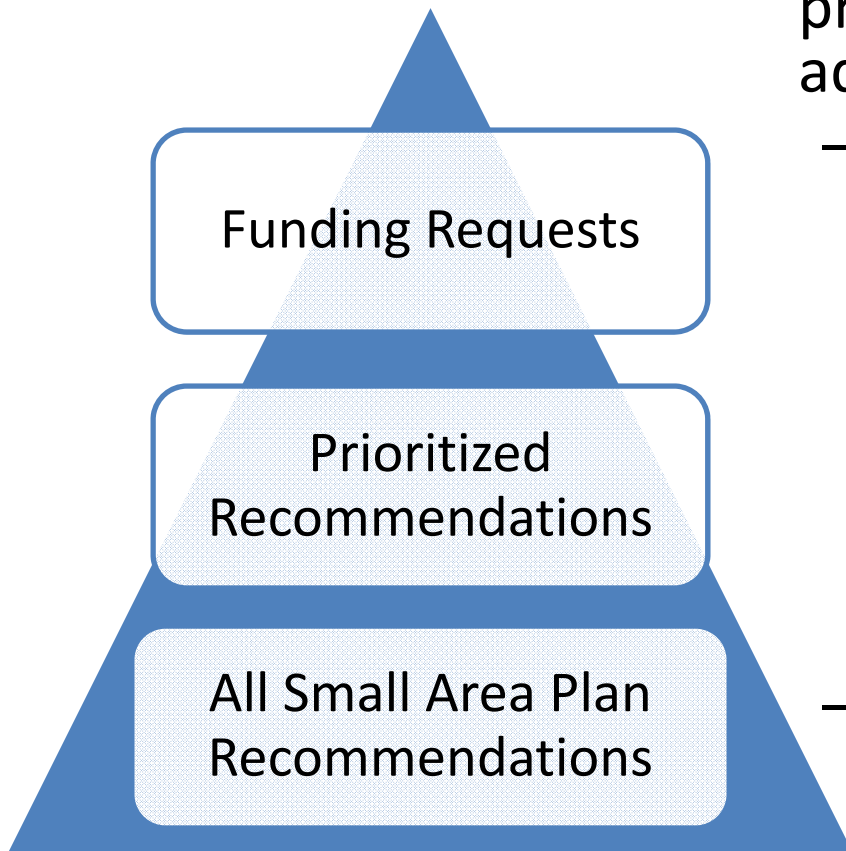
Planning Priority Projects



September 2011 Draft – Partial mapping of planning priority projects for FY13 CIP training purposes only
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT

- Currently all Neighborhood Plan & Specific Regulating District CIP Priorities are mapped.
- Approximately 50% of all CIP Related Neighborhood Plan Recommendations are mapped.
- Maps of recommendations will be integrated into Public Work's project planning and coordination mapping system as a reference layer.

Prioritization Process



- Small Area Plan Priorities are the top projects that planning staff focuses on advocating for.
 - Neighborhood Plans: Work with Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams to identify their top priorities.
 - Survey 1/3 of the Neighborhood Plan Areas annually.
 - Every Neighborhood Plan Area develops new priorities once every 3 years.
 - 2013: Asking for the Top 5 CIP priorities and Top 5 operational priorities for participating plan areas.
 - Specific Regulating Districts: Priorities determined through in-depth planning processes and cross-departmental staff analysis.

Integration into the Capital Planning Process



Capital Improvements Program

FY 2013-14

Five-Year Plan



VOLUME ONE

- Unprecedented inclusion and collaboration in the 2012 Bond Development Process.
- Departments are asked if their proposed projects address small area plan priorities as part of the development of the 5 Year CIP Plan.
- Capital Planning Office is working closely with PDRD to build relationships with City departments with the goal that coordination occurs prior to the CIP Planning Process.

ANALYSIS EXAMPLE - DRAFT

Legend

High & Very High priority sidewalk gaps

- High
- Very High
- ■ ■ ■ Small Area Plan Priorities
- Sidewalk MP/High Vol Transit/Small Area Plan Priority sidewalk selection
- Sidewalk MP/RapidBus/Small Area Plan Priority sidewalks selection
- RapidBus Stops (801)
- CapMetro High Volume Bus Stops
- RapidBus stops 1/4 mile buffer
- Existing Sidewalks

Analysis Example: There are a significant number of very high and high priority missing sidewalk gaps in this area. Funding is available to address a limited subset of these priorities. Using 1/4 mile buffers from high volume transit and proposed rapid bus stations and overlaying small area plan priorities is one potential method to highlight the most critical projects.

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Public Works Department

505 Barton Springs Road
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767

March 5, 2013

Upcoming Sidewalk Construction Project

Dear Property Owners and Tenants,

The City of Austin's Public Works Department, Neighborhood Co
undertaking a sidewalk construction project in your neighborhood later t

The extents of the project include:

- Wilson Street (west side) from Oltorf to Cumberland
- Euclid Avenue (west side) from Oltorf to Cumberland
- Cumberland Road (north side) from Wilson to Euclid (repair only)

The project includes new sidewalk construction, repair of existing side
existing water meters, installation of curb ramps, and limited driveway re
that require reconstruction will typically be closed for 3 days). Con
scheduled but will be coordinated with the street repair portion of i
currently underway.

We will attempt to make contact with you shortly before construction
discuss sidewalk location or property issues that you may have, h
information on the project please call me at (512) 974-
John.Eastman@austintexas.gov. (If you will not be available during star
also provide me contact information if you would like to discuss this
always able to accommodate an owner's specific suggestions, we certain
of the owner along with providing the best engineered facility we ca
objective of the project is to construct new ADA (Americans with Disabili
and curb ramps which will provide residents with a safe accessible route.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Eastman
Project Coordinator
City of Austin
Public Works Department
(512) 974-7025
John.Eastman@austintexas.gov

Contractor Representative
Ricardo Reyna
Muniz Concrete
(512) 848-9680
ricardo@munizcontracting

See front for information about sidewalk construction in you

City of Austin Sidewalk Program – Planning and Policies background

City of Austin Sidewalk Master Plan

In order to address traffic congestion, pedestrian safety, and air quality, encourage walking, and i
mobility for people with disabilities the City of Austin is upgrading sidewalks as directed by the Aus
Council in accordance with the City of Austin Sidewalk Master Plan adopted per Resolution No. 2009030
(http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/publicworks/downloads/sidewalk_m_p_resolution.pdf).

Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

On June 15th 2012 the Austin City Council unanimously adopted the Imagine Austin comprehensiv
(<http://www.imagineaustin.net>). The plan calls for a more vibrant, livable connected Austin; improv
the City of Austin sidewalk network are supported by the following Imagine Austin policies:

Chapter 4 Policies

LUT P11. Promote complete street design that includes features such as traffic calming
elements, street trees, wide sidewalks, and pedestrian, bicycle, and transit access
throughout Austin, considering the safety needs of people of all ages and abilities.

LUT P14. Promote safer routes to schools for students of all ages.

LUT P15. Incorporate provisions for bicycles and pedestrians into all roads such as freeways, toll roads, ar
roadways, and to and from transit stations and stops,
and major activity centers.

HN P12. Identify and assess the infrastructure needs of older neighborhoods and provide for
improvements needed to maintain their sustainability.

HN P13. Strengthen Austin's neighborhoods by connecting to other neighborhoods, quality
schools, parks, environmental features, and other community-serving uses that are
accessible by transit, walking, and bicycling.

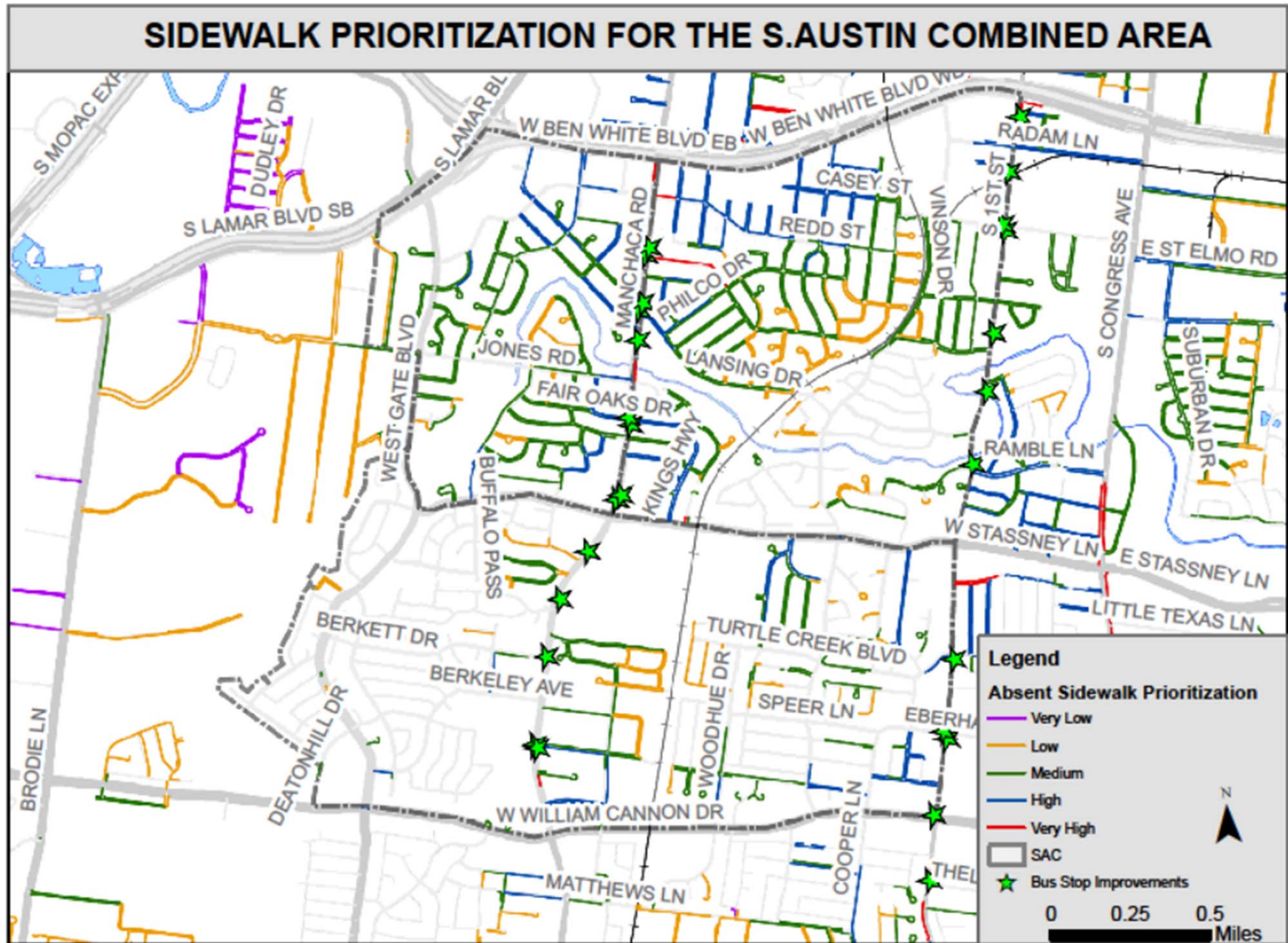
S P25. Increase sidewalks and bicycle lanes in neighborhoods to create safer routes to
schools, parks, and transit stops.

Dawson Neighborhood Plan (<http://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/npzd/Austingo/dawson-np.pdf>)

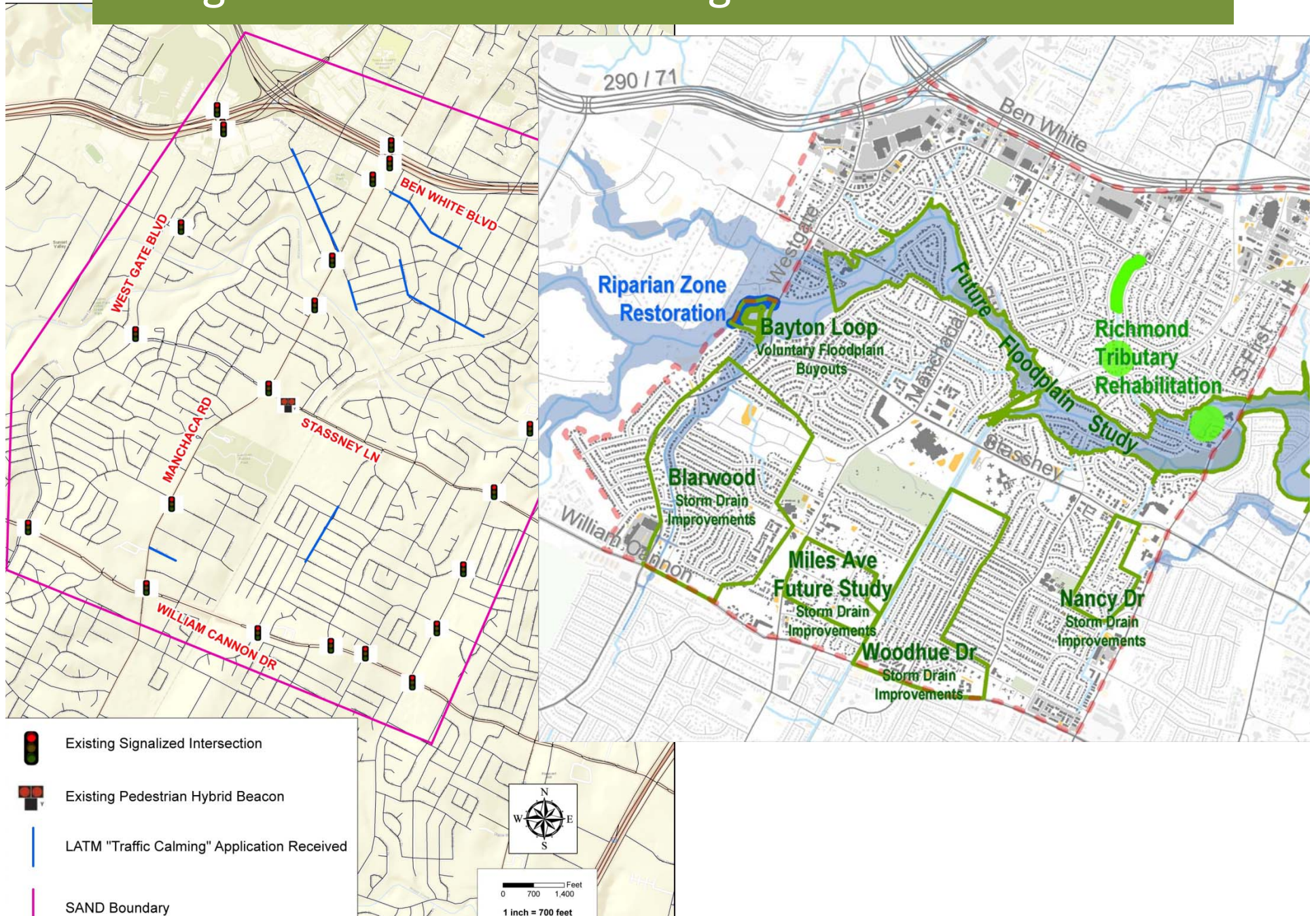
The current sidewalk project includes construction of the following sidewalks that were identified as p
in the adopted Neighborhood Plan:

- **Wilson St (west side) from Oltorf to Cumberland**
- **Euclid Ave (west side) from Oltorf to Cumberland**

Integration into the New Neighborhood Plan Process



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On-Going Outreach & Maintenance

- City Departments where a targeted coordination process has been developed:
 - Public Works Neighborhood Connectivity Division (Pedestrian, Bicycle, Urban Trails, Neighborhood Partnering Program).
 - Watershed Protection Department
 - Parks and Recreation Department (PARD)
 - Urban Forestry Division of PARD
 - Austin Transportation Department
- Continuing to develop enhanced relationships with other departments and outside agencies.

Education & Outreach

- Outreach to
 - City Departments
 - Outside Agencies
 - Non-Profits
 - Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams
- Resources
 - Implementation Guide
 - PDRD CIP Plan Narrative
 - Newsletters
 - Training Materials
 - Contact Team Trainings



Neighborhood Plan Implementation Guide From Planning to Implementation

February 2013

Community Gardens

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Websites

Austin Grows/Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Garden Program (SUACG)
austintexas.gov/austingrows

Sustainable Food Center
sustainablefoodcenter.org

Coalition of Austin Community Gardens
communitygardensaustin.org

Keep Austin Beautiful
keepaustinbeautiful.org

Contacts

Sustainable Urban Agriculture & Community Garden Program
City of Austin
Parks & Recreation Department
AustinGrowsInfo@austintexas.gov
(512) 974-9474

Grow Local Program
Sustainable Food Center
sari@sustainablefoodcenter.org
(512) 236-0074 ext. 110

Tool Shack Program
Keep Austin Beautiful
ladye.anne@keepaustinbeautiful.org
(512) 391-0617 x905



CONTACT TEAM ACTIONS

- 1) Visit the Grow Local section of the Sustainable Food Center website to view resources and register for classes on starting a community garden. Also visit the Austin Grows section of the City of Austin's website to download the Community Garden Information and Permit Application Packet.
- 2) Conduct outreach in the community to gather support and organize a steering committee for the garden. Local community gardening and food groups around Austin, such as the Sustainable Food Center and the Coalition of Austin Community Gardens, can provide resources to help your committee get started.
- 3) If you are interested in **starting your community garden on a piece of property owned by the City of Austin**, contact the City's Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Gardens (SUACG) Program to create and submit a community garden permit application and obtain a Community Garden License Agreement. As part of this process, groups are encouraged to obtain endorsement for their garden from a local nonprofit organization. Potential partner organizations are listed in the Permit Application Packet.
- 4) Break ground with a work party! Keep Austin Beautiful has **tools and grants** available to support the work of your community garden.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS

- 1) Thriving community gardens on City property are a partnership between the community garden group, City departments, and a nonprofit group. The City's SUACG Program will provide support for your group throughout the process of establishing a Community Garden.
- 2) The SUACG Program maintains a list of City of Austin properties screened and identified as potentially available for community garden development. The list is available upon request.

Questions?