

## **Downtown Austin Plan**

Adopted: 8 December 2011

### **IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

6 May 2013

Austin City Council

Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee



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## **DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN**

Implementation-Oriented: Hundreds of specific recommendations covering a broad array of topics:

1. Historic Preservation
2. Activities and Uses
3. Density and Design
4. The Public Realm
5. Transportation and Parking
6. Utilities and Infrastructure
7. Leadership and Implementation

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### **1. Historic Preservation**

- Increased professional staffing.
- Update to Cultural Resources Survey and Preservation Plan: seeking funding.

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### **2. Activities and Uses**

#### **Affordable Housing:**

- Challenged by defeat of bond proposition, but mitigated by Council allocation of \$10M from General Fund.
- Capital Studios (Foundation Communities): 11<sup>th</sup> and San Jacinto; 135 housing units available to extremely and very low-income individuals, including 27 units of Permanent Supportive Housing.
- Downtown Density Bonus Program.



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### **2. Activities and Uses**

6<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project: Currently doing conceptual planning and preliminary engineering (2010 Mobility \$).



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### **2. Activities and Uses**

- Convention Center Hotel (JW Marriott and Fairmont Hotels).



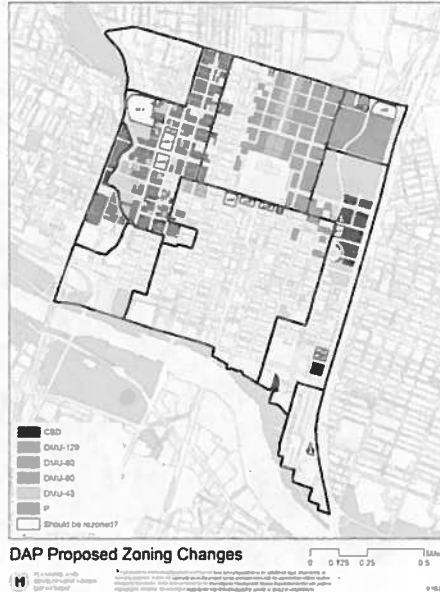
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### 2. Activities and Uses

Move from single use to mixed use zoning:

- Zoning code amendments and zoning changes.
- Rationale
- Process



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### 3. Density and Design

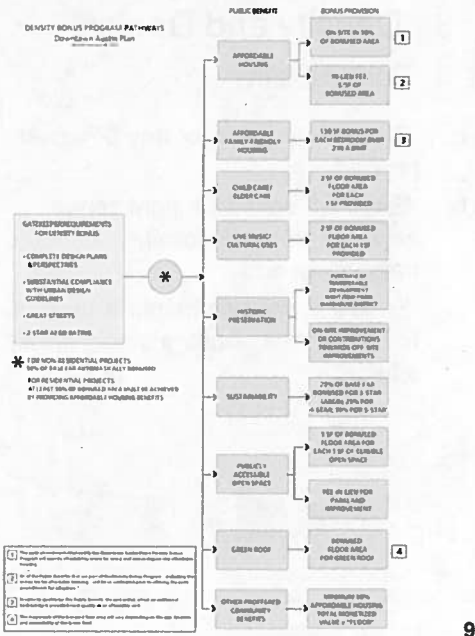
- Density Bonus
- Compatibility

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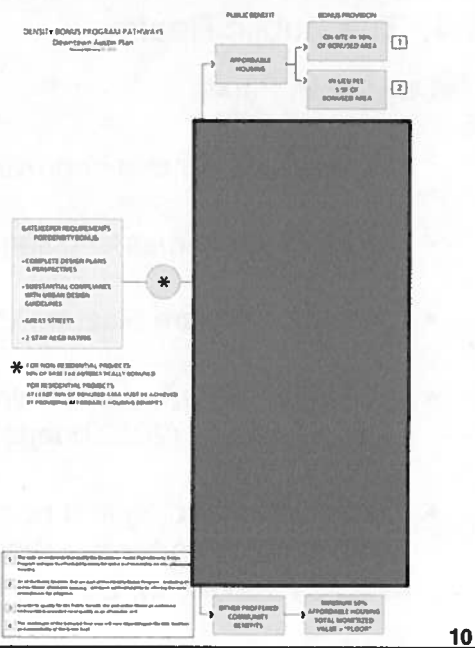
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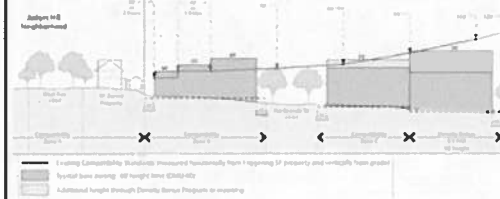
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## “Streamlined” Density Bonus



## Compatibility

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## Downtown Parks

- Wooldridge Square improvements and master planning.
- Brush Square master planning.
- Republic Square Master Plan – and improvements.
- \$13M for Waterloo and Palm Parks and for Waller Creek improvements (2012 bonds).
- Alternative funding and partnerships. Actively working with multiple partners – Waller Creek Conservancy, Austin Parks Foundation, Downtown Austin Alliance, etc.

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### **4. The Public Realm**

#### **Congress Avenue Streetscape Project:**

- Kicking off design and preliminary engineering (\$2M from 2012 bonds).



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### **4. The Public Realm**

#### **Great Streets:**

- CIP Projects under construction:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Congress to Trinity)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Phase 3 (Congress to Trinity)
  - Colorado Street (3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Nueces to Congress)
- Cesar Chavez Promenade (west of San Antonio, \$ from 2012 bonds)
- Great Streets Development Program
- Great Streets (via CURE cases)

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### **4. The Public Realm**

Sabine Street Promenade -- using federal grant with COA matching funding from 2010 mobility bonds.

Seaholm/GreenWater/Library Area Improvements:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street extension ("festival street")
- Seaholm Drive
- West Avenue
- Shoal Creek improvements
- Nueces
- Great Streets along existing streets (Cesar Chavez, San Antonio)

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### **5. Transportation and Parking**

- Bicycle Improvements:
  - Lance Armstrong Bikeway
  - Rio Grande Bike Boulevard
  - Bikeshare Program (2013)
  - Others
- Rainey Street District - Mobility and parking improvements.
- Automobile Mobility Improvements:
  - I-35 improvements.
  - 2-way conversions (Colorado and Brazos)

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### **5. Transportation and Parking**

- Wayfinding Program:
  - Transit, driving, parking, walking, biking
  - Master Plan completed.
  - Moving into Phase 3 (development of design manual and implementation)..
- Urban Rail
- Movability Austin (Transportation Management Association)

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### **6. Utilities and Infrastructure**

- Waller Creek – Both flood control tunnel and above-ground infrastructure improvements.



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Ongoing replacement of aging wastewater infrastructure – oftentimes in conjunction with streetscape projects.



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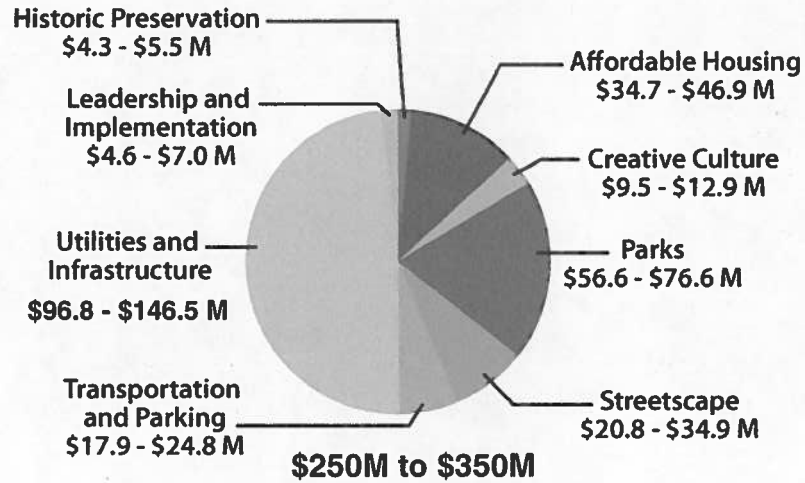
### **7. Leadership and Implementation**

- City of Austin/Waller Creek Conservancy partnership.
- Economic Development Corporation (seeking funding).

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### Ten Year Investment Priorities:



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### Questions/Discussion



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