

## H+T+J Action Team Mission

- Align City programs and policies with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts program guidelines in support of a Central Corridor high-capacity transit project, urban rail
- Provide recommendations to other City initiatives, programs, policies including CodeNEXT
- Adapted from Resolution 20140327-037

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## H+T+J Action Team Members

- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD)
- Planning and Development Review (PDR)
- Austin Transportation (ATD)
- Economic Development (EDD)
- Capital Planning (CPO)
- Sustainability (SO)
- Austin Resource Recovery (ARR)
- Capital Metro

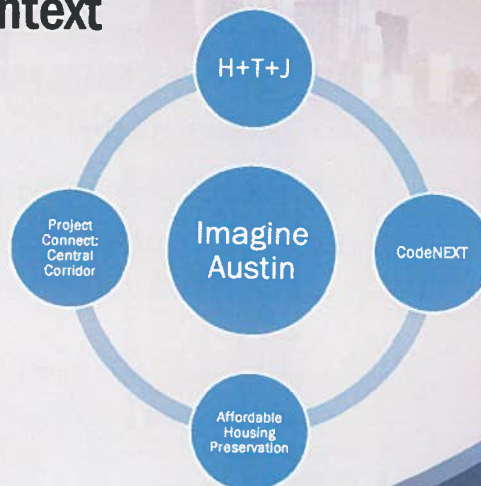
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## Imagine Austin Context

- “FTA New Starts goals align with Imagine Austin and City Council goals” Resolution 20140327-037



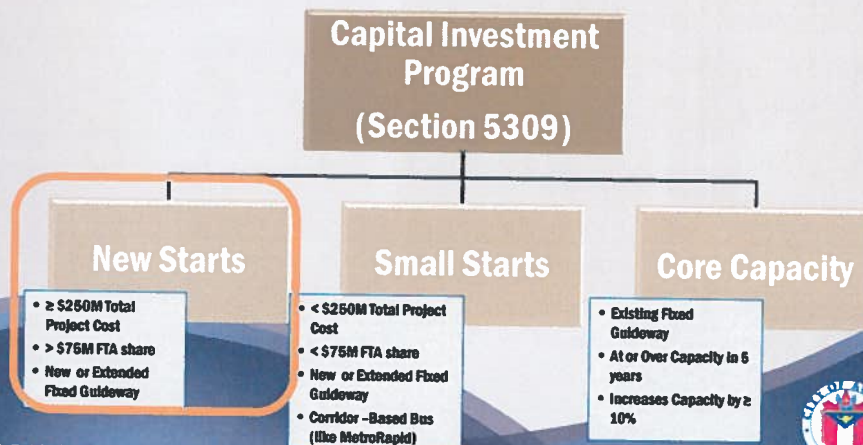
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## FTA Capital Investment Program

- The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) primary grant program for funding major transit capital investments



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## 'New' New Starts

- 2013 Final Policy Guidance result of major overhaul
- New federal commitment to multiple 'bottom lines'
- Emphasis on building and sustaining great cities
- Develop transit projects with land use plans and policies
  - Transit-oriented development <<>> Development-oriented transit
  - Meet needs of the transit dependent
  - Directly address affordability

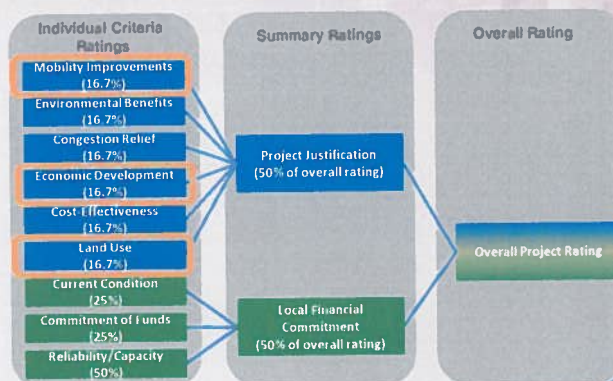
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## New Starts Evaluation

- 3 Project Justification Criteria cover Affordability
  - Mobility
  - Economic Development
  - Land Use



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## New Starts - Mobility Improvements

- **Mobility Improvements (Ridership)**
  - Double ridership credit for transit dependent persons
- **Transit Dependent Persons**
  - Zero car households
  - From households in the lowest income bracket as defined locally

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## New Starts - Econ Dev & Land Use

- **Economic Development Factors**
  - Transit-supportive plans and policies (33%)
  - Performance and impacts of policies (33%)
  - Tools to maintain or increase share of affordable housing (33%)
- **Land Use Factors**
  - Station area population density (30%)
  - Total employment served (with a one seat ride) (30%)
  - Proportion of "legally binding affordable housing" (30%)
  - Pedestrian accessibility, special trip generators, and availability of parking (10%)

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## H+T+J Work Plan

- Focus initially on the areas of affordable housing, job preservation, and economic development
- Make recommendations towards implementation of Imagine Austin
- Educate & inform

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## H+T+J Process

1. Catalog
2. Identify Gaps and Deficiencies
3. Prioritize
4. Recommend strategies to improve the effectiveness of, and/or fill gaps
5. Implementation strategies
6. ACTION by Council

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## H+T+J Schedule – Work to Date

### JANUARY 2014

City Staff begins meeting interdepartmentally to discuss affordability, land use, and economic issues surrounding transit.

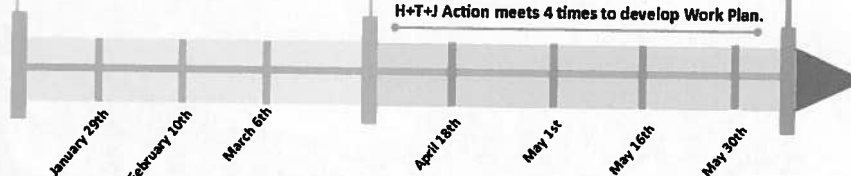
### JUNE 2, 2014

H+T+J Action Team provides briefing to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Council Committee presenting the proposed Work Plan.

### MARCH 27, 2014

City Council passes Resolution No. 20140327-037 creating the "Housing/Jobs/Transit Action Team" to focus coordination efforts through the FTA New Starts Criteria and the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

H+T+J Action meets 4 times to develop Work Plan.



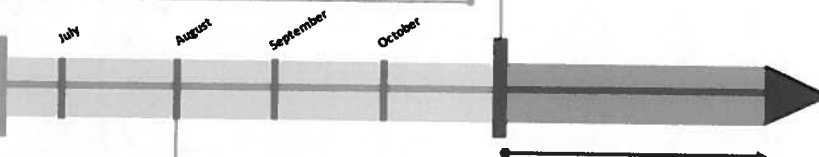
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## H+T+J Schedule – Planned Work

H+T+J Action Team works to refine recommendations to better align local policies and programs with FTA New Starts Criteria and Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and create strategy for implementation.

### NOVEMBER 2014

Possible bond election for high-capacity transit investment in the Central Corridor.



### JUNE 2, 2014

Briefing to CPTC

### JUNE 17, 2014

The H+T+J Action Team will participate in an interactive session with representatives from other cities who have successfully implemented affordable housing near transit.

### AUGUST 2014

Proposed date for interim briefing to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Council Committee on H+T+J Action Team progress.

H+T+J Action works to implement recommendations to better align local plans and policies with the FTA New Starts Criteria and Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

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## Updates – Affordable Housing Preservation Strategy

- Partnering with HousingWorks and UT Community and Regional Planning
- Assembling baseline data on aging rental housing
- Mapping aging rental housing (unsubsidized)
- Developing criteria for targeted preservation strategy
- Report to Council by end of June

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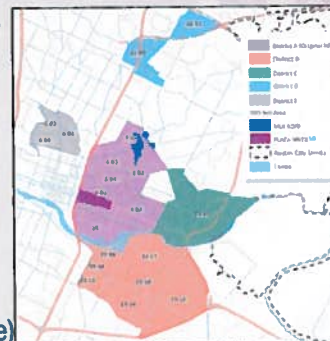


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## Updates – Homestead Preservation

### Homestead Preservation District Study

- 5 Spatially compact areas
  - < 75,000 residents
  - $\geq 2x$  Poverty rate of 20%
  - Median family income(MFI) < 80%
- NHCD and Finance developing a program plan, financing, and funding strategy
- Contracts with Capitol Market Research (Finance) and Economic & Planning Systems (NHCD)



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## Updates – Micro Units

### Tentative schedule

- June 10: Briefing to CDC Housing Committee
- June 17: Briefing to PC Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee
- July 8: Community Development Commission (potential action)
- July 15: Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances (potential action)
- July 22: Planning Commission (potential action)
- August 7: City Council (potential action)



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## H+T+J Next Steps

- Complete New Starts-related programs and policies inventory and assessment
  - June 13<sup>th</sup> Action Team work session
- Identify best practices
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> HousingWorks 'virtual' workshop with other cities
- Return to CPTC in August

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