



Pedestrian Advisory Council

Land Development Code Working Group

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Background of LDC Working Group

- ▶ Land Development Code Revision – CodeNEXT – began late 2012.
- ▶ CodeNEXT staff presented at PAC in February, 2014
- ▶ Several PAC Code Working group meetings
 - ▶ March 10,
 - ▶ March 31
- ▶ Multiple meetings with department staff (PDR, LUR/UD/DAC, PWD, ATD, CPO)
- ▶ Goal: Joint PAC/WalkAustin/BAC submission to CodeNEXT



Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan



- ▶ Adopted community vision
- ▶ Guide for managing change
- ▶ Reference for decision making
- ▶ Direction for more detailed city plans, investments, initiatives

Why Revise the Code?

The Code and other regulations – as well as the development review process itself - are not clear and predictable.

These include rules about:

- ▶ Zoning
- ▶ Subdivisions
- ▶ Site Plans
- ▶ Drainage
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Environment
- ▶ Buildings
- ▶ Signs ... and more!



Why Revise the Code?



Contents – High Level

- ▶ Support Imagine Austin's Invest in a Compact and Connected Austin Priority Program
- ▶ Interplay of density, diversity, destination, distance, and destination of transit to provide for walkable and bikeable city
- ▶ Recommends greater connectivity standards for the whole city through PUDs, Site Design, Subdivisions. And, limit exceptions.
- ▶ Provide actual standards to assess quality of projects performed through alternative development processes



Contents – High Level

- ▶ Recommend modification of traffic impact assessment to consider non-automobile methods, particularly for the synergies of projects.
 - Shower and bike parking provisions, as well as provision for long-term, ground storage for projects of certain size.
- ▶ Bicycle-specific elements include mandated construction of cycle tracks in development projects, maintain
 - Address black hole of \$\$ for posting fiscal and fee-in-lieu tools to increase ped-bike infrastructure



Next Steps

Code Working Group meeting

Wednesday, June 11th

One Texas Center, 5th floor, room 500

- ▶ Present to the BAC June 17 for endorsement
- ▶ PAC considers July 7
- ▶ Submit to CodeNEXT in July



My Ask

- ▶ Review and provide comments
- ▶ Help assemble examples to illustrate ideas contained within the recommendations



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Thank You

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