

#### Pedestrian Advisory Council Land Development Code Working Group

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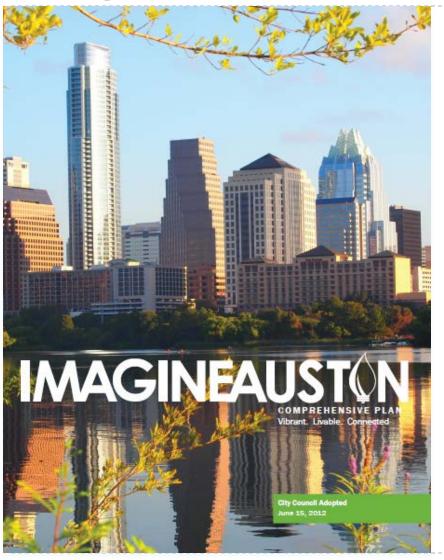
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#### Background of LDC Working Group

- 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 11<sup>th</sup> One Texas Center, 5<sup>th</sup> 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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