



# Pedestrian Advisory Council

## Land Development Code Working Group

Presentation to the Bicycle Advisory Council  
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# Background of LDC Working Group

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- ▶ 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
  - ▶ April 30
- ▶ 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

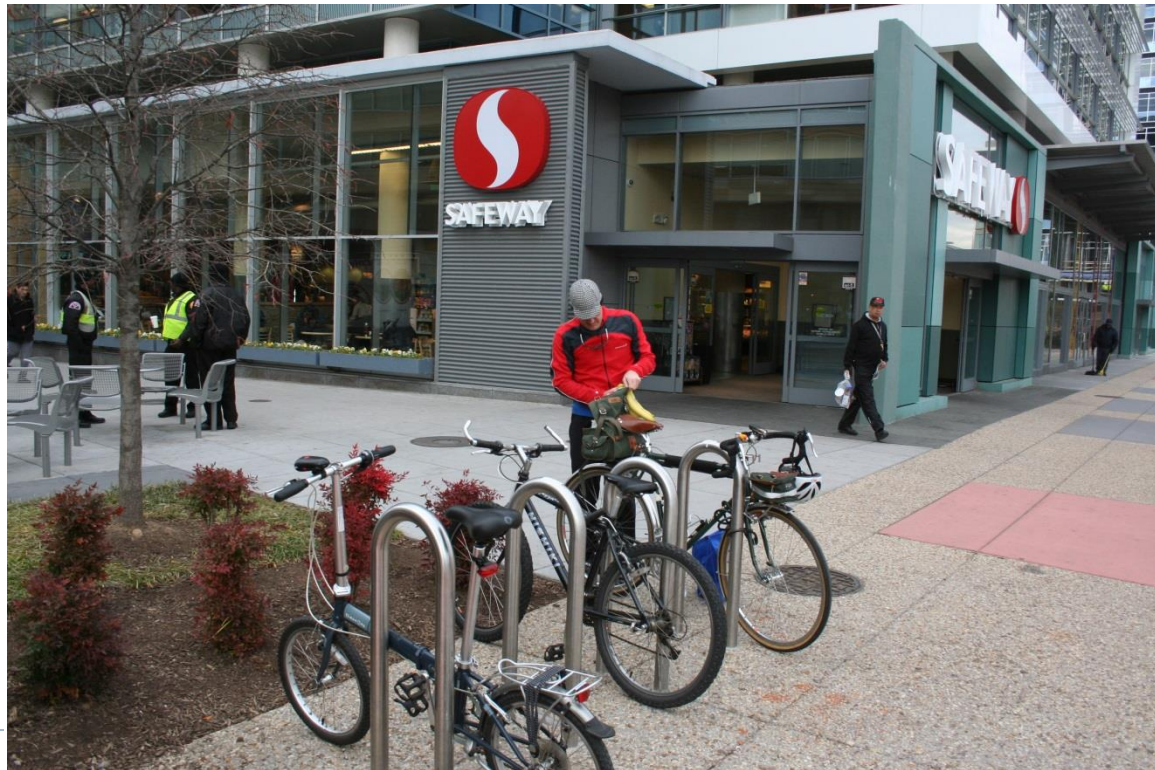
# Why Revise the Code?

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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?

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# Contents – High Level

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ Another Working Group meeting late next week
- ▶ Present to the PAC, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ▶ Submit to CodeNEXT early June
- ▶ [If BAC does not approve tonight, return for June meeting]





# My Ask

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## ▶ Two-Fold

- ▶ 1.) Provide input for bicycle recommendations to improve Code
- ▶ 2.a.) A resolution of support and willingness to jointly submit with PAC and WalkAustin.

OR,

- ▶ 2.b.) Authorize Chair and staff to approve final language and layout to expedite submission.

OR,

2.C.) I return for June BAC meeting for support



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## Thank You

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