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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	33398	Agenda Number	32.
Meeting Date:	6/12/2014			Department:	Planning and Development Review
Subject					
Approve a resolution directing the Planning Commission to consider a planning process and resulting plans for the North Central Austin Study Area which will create new neighborhood plans for the Rosedale, Allandale, and North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Planning Areas; revised neighborhood plans for the Brentwood, Highland, Crestview, and Wooten Neighborhood Planning Areas; and new corridor plans for Burnet Road from 45th Street to US 183 and Anderson Lane from Mopac to the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's railroad track.					
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Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

This action will approve a resolution for the North Central Austin Study Area. This study area is centered on Burnet Road and includes the currently unplanned Rosedale, Allandale, and North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Planning Areas as well as the previously planned Brentwood and Highland Neighborhood Planning Areas (planned under the Brentwood/Highland Combined Neighborhood Plan, adopted 2004) and the Crestview and Wooten Neighborhood Planning Areas (planned under the Crestview/Wooten Combined Neighborhood Plan, adopted 2004).

The proposed planning process for the North Central Austin Study Area will have two overarching goals.

First, it will comprehensively examine two of the *Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan's* activity corridors: Burnet Road from 45th Street to US 183 and Anderson Lane from Mopac, east, to the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's railroad tracks. This aspect of the planning process will develop a number of goals, policy and capital improvement recommendations, transportation improvements, housing strategies, and land plans to address the evolving nature of these significant corridors. Over the past few years, both of these roadways (Burnet Road in particular) have begun to experience marked change which is likely to continue into the future. Burnet Road is also one of the next corridors in Austin where the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Metro Rapid transit service will be put into operation. In addition, creating a corridor plan as part of this North Central Austin Study

Area planning process supports the intent of City Council Resolution 20140327-037 which called for the creation of Housing/Transit/Jobs Action as well as the development of plans and policies to support *Imagine Austin* and the “nexus of housing affordability, economic development, and transit” in alignment with the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts Program’s criteria.

Second, this process will also engage the adjacent neighborhoods along either side of the roadway to address their issues and concerns through the neighborhood planning process. It will develop new plans for the neighborhoods on the west side of Burnet Road (Rosedale, Allandale, and North Shoal Creek neighborhood Planning Areas) and revise the plans for those neighborhoods on the east side (Brentwood, Highland, Crestview, and Wooten Neighborhood Planning Areas) to respond to recommendations from the corridor planning process.

At their December 4th, 2013 meeting, the Allandale Neighborhood Association’s executive committee passed a motion expressing their strong desire not to participate in the neighborhood planning process until after the results of the CodeNEXT process are known. If Allandale’s residential areas are excluded from the planning process—as the Old Enfield neighborhood was excluded by the City Council in the Central West Austin planning process in 2007—staff recommends that the entirety of the Burnet Road corridor from 45th Street to US 183, as well as the Anderson Lane corridor between Mopac and Burnet Road remain as part of the study area. These roadways serve as the Allandale neighborhood’s eastern and northern boundaries. Staff wants to ensure that if the majority of neighborhood planning area’s residential portions are excluded from the planning process that the west side of Burnet Road and the south side of Anderson Lane remain in the study area to allow a more comprehensive analysis to support the ongoing implementation of *Imagine Austin* and the goals of City Council Resolution 20140327-037.

In 1996, the City of Austin City Council created the Neighborhood Planning program to broadly achieve citizen goals outlined in the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan (adopted 1979) and to identify community needs and guide future development in specific areas of the city. Three of the neighborhoods within the North Central Austin Study Area are the last neighborhood planning areas in the Urban Core that have not been provided the opportunity to engage in the neighborhood planning process. Furthermore, this will be the first opportunity since the adoption of the *Imagine Austin* Comprehensive Plan to plan for both sides of two of the comprehensive plan’s activity corridors, Burnet Road and Anderson Lane.

Attached is a boundary map of the North Central Austin Study Area.