



Austin Design Commission

Board/Commission Recommendation

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Update on development of the Infrastructure Design Guidelines

Approved by the Design Commission on a 4-0 vote.

June 22, 2015

Dear Members of the Austin City Council,

Throughout the last year and a half, the Design Commission and its associated staff, in response to Council Resolution No. 20100819-035, have continued to work diligently to develop a comprehensive set of Infrastructure Design Guidelines. This initiative has involved: an analysis of those aspects of infrastructure that are not currently covered under the Urban Design Guidelines, close coordination with the various city departments that are responsible for various components of infrastructure, the establishment of a set of principles that will frame the evaluative standards to be used by the Design Commission for project review, and the establishment of a taxonomy of infrastructure that is intended to provide the comprehensive framework that will become the structure of the guidelines. While the bulk of the work has now been completed, what remains is the condensation of the research into a succinct and workable document that enhances the existing Urban Design Guidelines currently in force.

Given the imminent change of membership and structure that will affect the Design Commission this fall, the remaining work of consolidating, formatting, and ratifying the new guidelines will fall within the purview of the new Design Commission membership. It is expected, therefore, that after a period of familiarization the work could be completed expeditiously. It is therefore recommended that a final draft of the Infrastructure Design Guidelines be implemented as a revision to the Urban Design Guidelines.

Sincerely,

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