



# Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force

May 3, 2016



# Public Outreach Update

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1. Brochure
2. Webpage
  - [austintexas.gov/waterforward](http://austintexas.gov/waterforward)
3. Survey
4. Social Media
  - #ATXWaterForward
5. Events Update

# Questions and Discussion

# **Consultant Services Procurement: Main IWRP Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Process Update**

## RFQ Near Term Schedule

Date	Milestone
✓ April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Draft scope and fee proposal to be reviewed by Task Force
✓ April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tentative date for Scope Review Subcommittee meeting
✓ April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Task Force meeting to gather feedback on draft scope and fee proposal
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Task Force review and recommendation on Recommendation for Council Action (RCA) for contract execution
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Water and Wastewater Commission review and recommendation on RCA for contract execution
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting date for Council consideration of RCA for contract execution

## Scope and Fee Negotiation Process Update

- AW has worked with CDM Smith to develop draft Scope and Fee Proposal
  - Updated scope and fee proposal and additional contracting documents are included in packets
- AW consolidated feedback and worked with consultant to address comments as appropriate
  - General summary of Task Force comments and responses are included in packet

## Questions and Discussion

**Item for Task Force Review and  
Recommendation for Approval to City  
Council:**

**Recommendation for Council Action (RCA) to  
recommend approval to authorize execution  
of a professional services agreement with  
CDM SMITH INC.**

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Paul DiGiuseppe, Principal Planner  
Planning & Zoning Department



## The Next Austin: Manage our growth, keep our character

Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription

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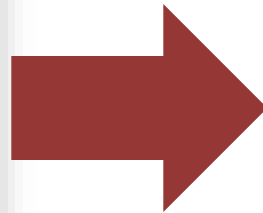
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The physical form of Austin not only shapes how the city functions, it also is an expression of our city's values and the experience people have living here. The Land Development Code reflects a grand balancing of our public values – livability, affordability, environmental protection, mobility, thriving economy, and preservation versus change.

## **This presentation will cover:**

1. How CodeNEXT relates to Imagine Austin.
2. CodeNEXT to date.
3. CodeNEXT status and schedule.
4. Ways to stay involved.

# Imagine Austin & CodeNEXT

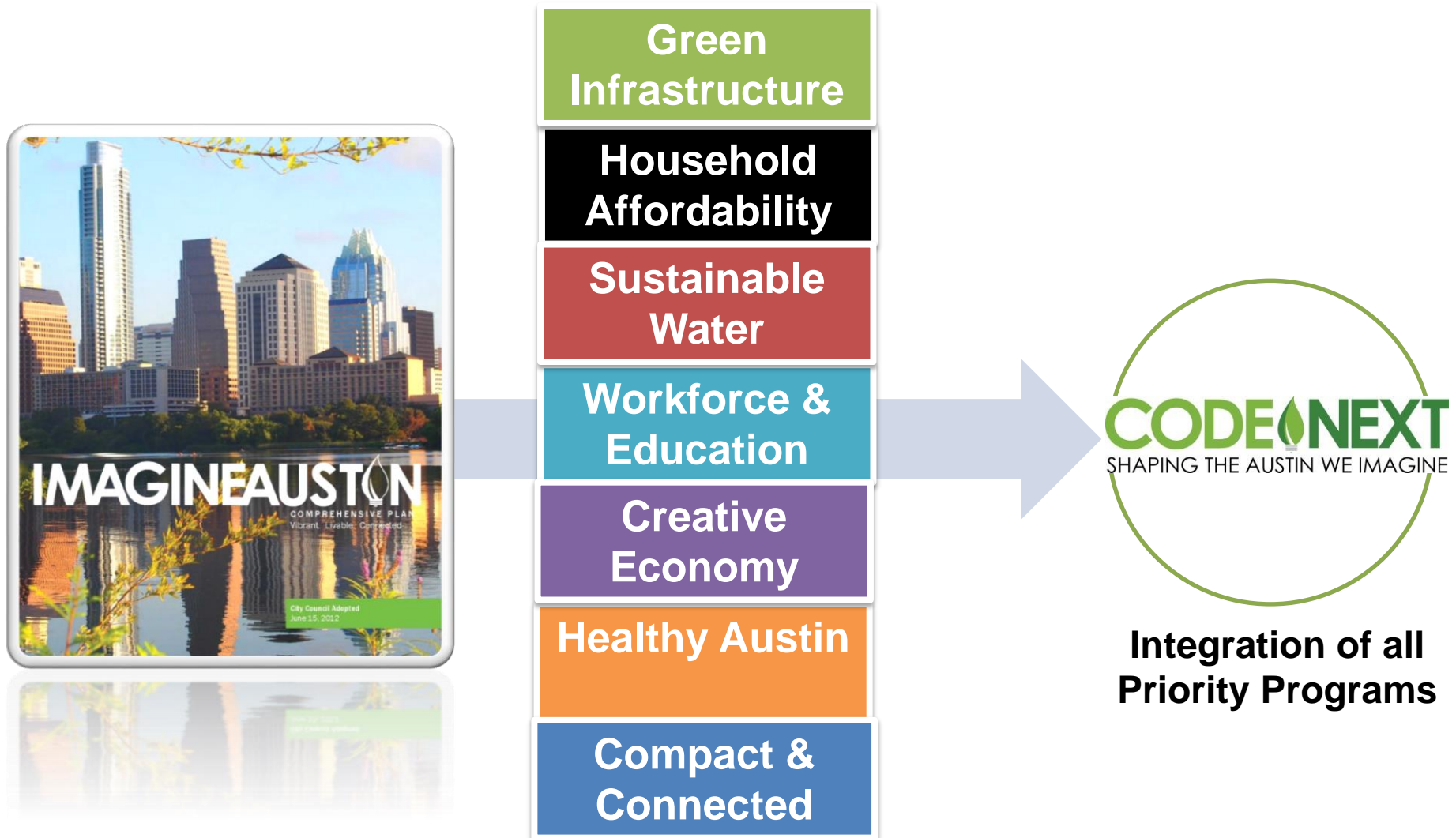


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**One implementation tool of Imagine Austin...**

**Priority Program 8: “Revise Austin’s development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city.”**

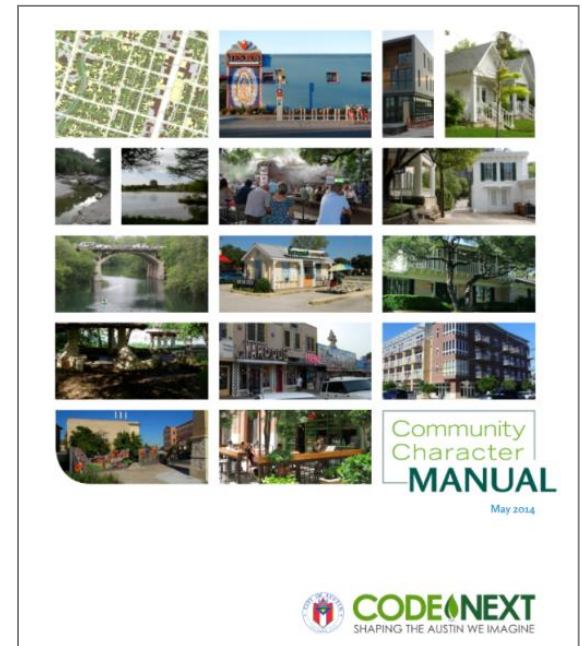
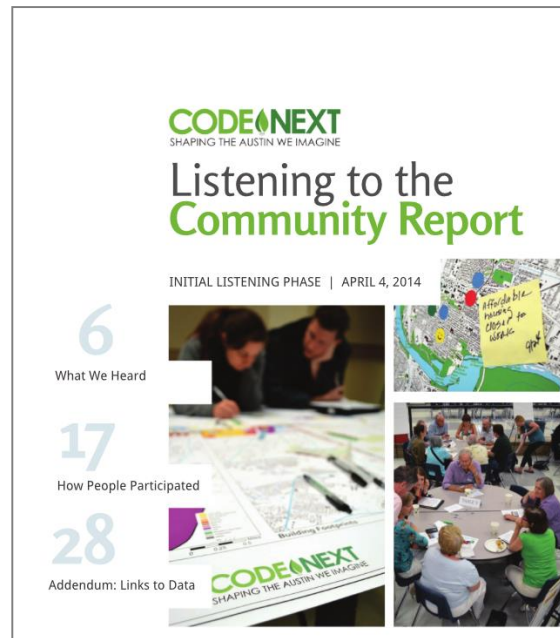
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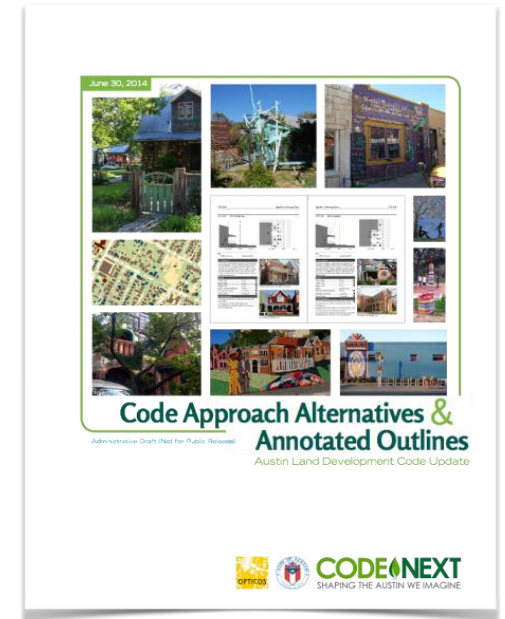
**Listening &  
Understanding**  
2013 – 2014



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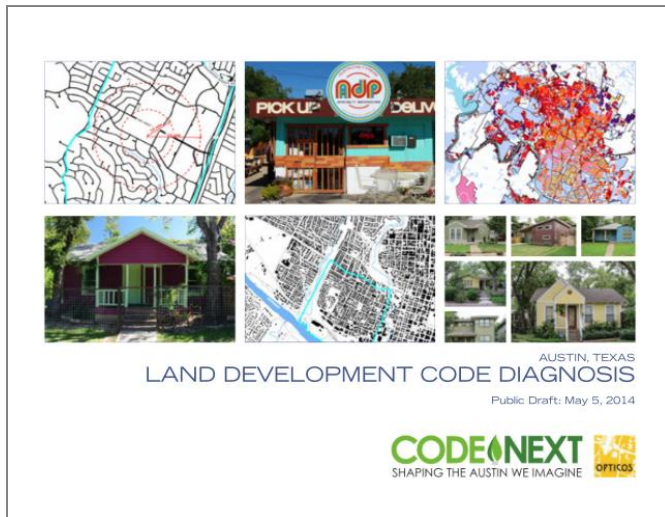
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**Diagnosis &  
Approach**  
2014



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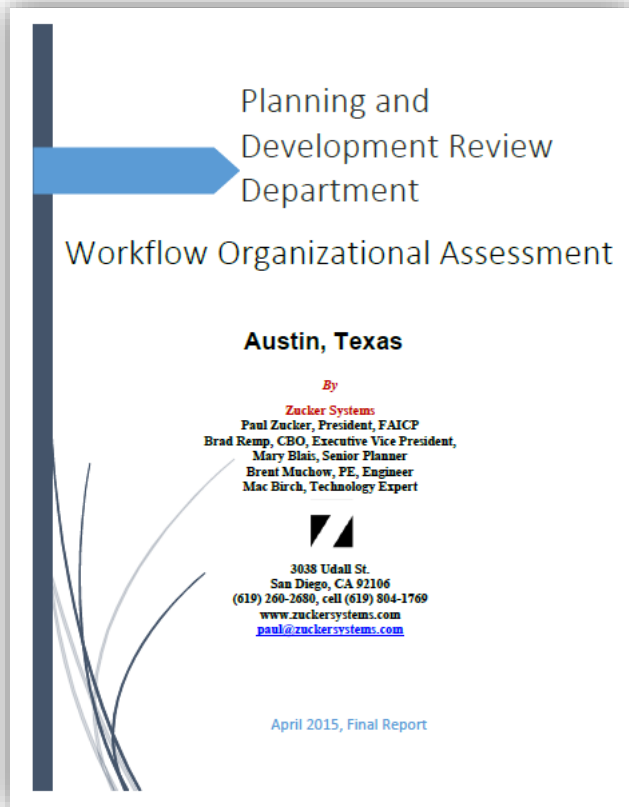


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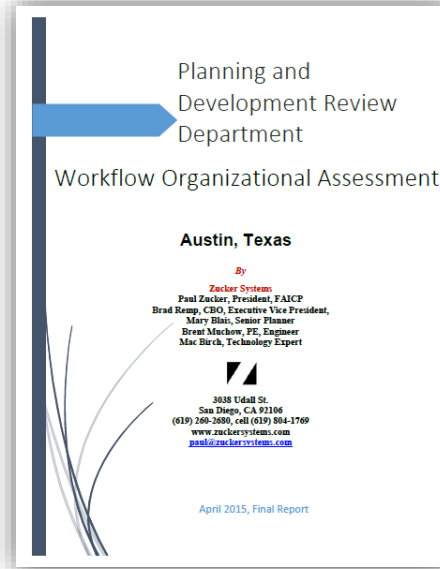


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**Improvements  
to the  
LDC**

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## CodeNEXT Advisory Group:

- “Established to assist in public outreach and to provide feedback on the development and implementation of a revised land development code.”
- 45 meetings.
- Working Groups (spring 2015):
  - Code issues related to affordability.
  - Infill, compatibility, and missing middle.
  - Obstacles to small business.
- Reconstituted and expanded October 2015.

# CodeNEXT: Current Status and Schedule



2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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Listening & Diagnosis	Code Writing	Public Review & Comment	Adoption	Mapping
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# Code Prescriptions: General

## What are Code Prescriptions?

- A user-friendly way to discuss complex topics and tradeoffs before Code draft debuts (January 2017).
- Prescription topics derived from Code Diagnosis and frequently cited questions and concerns from public.
- Prioritize tradeoffs → align our code with community values:
  - Are we achieving Imagine Austin goals?
  - Is the Prescription too strong? Too weak?
  - How do priorities change based on context?
  - **Have we struck a good balance between competing public values? I.e., trade-offs.**

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## What are Code Prescriptions?

- Professional recommendation from City Staff. In essence, a preview of how the new Land Development Code will address key topics.
- Four topics:
  - Natural and Built Environment
  - Household Affordability
  - Mobility
  - Fiscal Health
- Common Prescription Framework:
  - Where Are We Now?
  - Where Do We Want to Be?
  - What's the Prescription?

# Code Prescriptions: General

## How do we get feedback?

- Code Advisory Group:
  - Four sessions.
  - CAG outreach efforts.
- Community Walks.
- CodeNEXT “Road Show”
- Reddit/AMA (Ask Me Anything).
- “Speak Up Austin” (primary venue for and record of public feedback).
- City Council work sessions.
- Other methods and venues.

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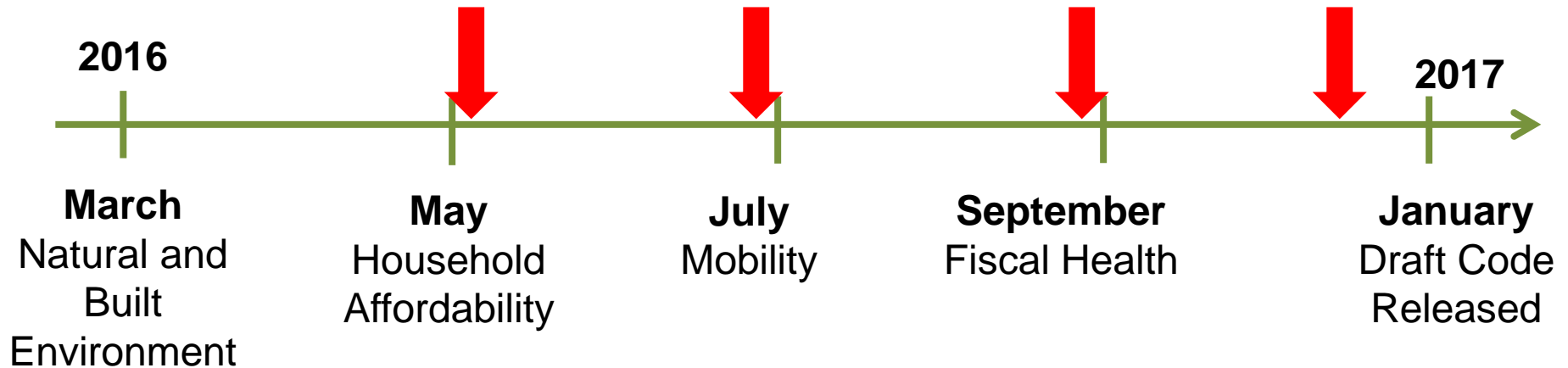
## What will we do with feedback?

Feedback will be used to shape the draft Land Development Code that will be presented for public review and input January 2017.



# Code Prescriptions: General

## Schedule for Code Prescriptions



# Questions?

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# **Water Conservation and Ecology**

**Brian Ott**  
**American Society of Landscape Architects**  
**Central Texas Chapter**

## Next Meeting

- Public Outreach update
- Consultant Services Procurement: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Process update
- Other items to be determined
- Continuation of information and discussion items from Meeting #13 as needed

