

# Austin Strategic Mobility Plan



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Austin's population is expected to almost DOUBLE over the next 30 years.

Given this growth, maintaining current levels of traffic congestion will require a 50% mode share – with half of all residents using alternative transportation methods such as walking, biking, or taking transit.



### **Final Products**

### At the end of the ASMP process we will have:

- A Plan adopted by City Council, amending Imagine Austin
- A coordinated transportation strategy for all modes that supports the growth concept of Imagine Austin



+ An Updated, Multimodal Roadway Table



# Where are we now





### Goals

### Top Priorities



### Affordability

Lower the cost of living, working, and traveling in Austin.



### Health & Safety

Protect Austinites by lowering the risk of travel-related injury and promoting public health.



#### Travel Choice

Promote a balanced transportation network and the ability to make informed choices based upon personal needs and preferences.



#### Innovation

Draw inspiration from forward-looking cities around the world, change the way we think about what's possible, and set an example for the rest of the Country.



### Economic Prosperity

Promote future growth through strategic investments in transportation networks that meet the needs of the 21st century.



### Placemaking

Build a transportation network that encourages social interaction through quality urban design, and connects users to the many places that make Austin unique.



### Commuter Delay

Reduce the amount of time workers spend traveling between home and work.



### Sustainability

Promotes integrated designs and quality additions to the built environment while reducing impacts and promoting efficient use of public resources.

### From all Participants (in-person and online)

- Commuter Delay
- 2 Affordability
- 3 Health and Safety
- (4) Travel Choice
- Sustainability
- 6 Placemaking
- (7) Economic Prosperity
- (8) Innovation

# From Underserved Communities (in-person and online)

- Affordability
- 2 Commuter Delay
- Travel Choice
- 4 Health and Safety
- Sustainability
- (6) Placemaking
- 7 Economic Prosperity
- (8) Innovation

# Scenario Planning Process



# What is Scenario Planning?

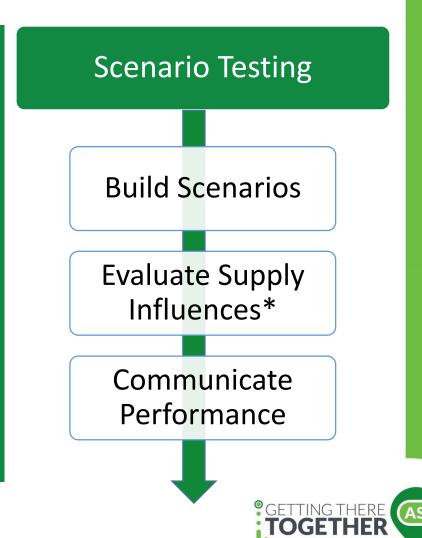






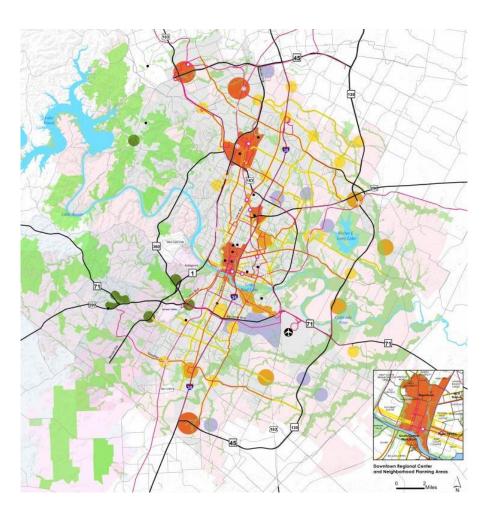
# A few things to remember...

- Further Imagine Austin
- Ingredients = projects, programs, and policies.
- Opportunity to understand more than just transportation performance
- We aren't selecting a scenario to become the "plan"
- This is a two part process\*



# Building our Scenarios

Learn from Imagine Austin Scenarios, developing the Mobility Vision





# Mobility Strategies Safety

**Projects** 

Combinations of theoretical new and/or improved infrastructure

Programs

Resources that improve the efficiency of supply and demand

Policies

Methods to direct decision-making and progress towards a stated goal.

### Example

Intersection Safety Project

Vision Zero

Safety is the top priority for the transportation system



# Mobility Strategies Supply: Transit

**Projects** 

Combinations of theoretical new and/or improved infrastructure

Programs

Resources that improve the efficiency of supply and demand

Policies

Methods to direct decision-making and progress towards a stated goal.

### Example

Transit Priority
Treatments (Signal
Queue Jumps, Transit
Only Lanes, etc.)

Transit Speed and Reliability Program

Develop intermediate transit solutions



### **Scenarios**



### **Scenario A**

Assumptions: Scenario A continues the <u>current trend</u> of transportation programming, investments and policy in Austin. This scenario <u>assumes implementation of projects for roadways, public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian systems throughout the city</u>. The scenario maintains the current trend of investments for all modes, existing levels of transportation demand management programming, and anticipates a small impact from automated and connected vehicles.



### Scenarios



#### Scenario B

Assumptions: Scenario B modifies transportation programming, investment, and policy in Austin. This scenario increases the distribution of support for roadway, public transit, bicycle, and pedestrians along Imagine Austin Activity Corridors and within Activity Centers. The scenario assumes higher levels of transportation demand management programming and a modest impact from automated and connected vehicles.



### **Scenarios**

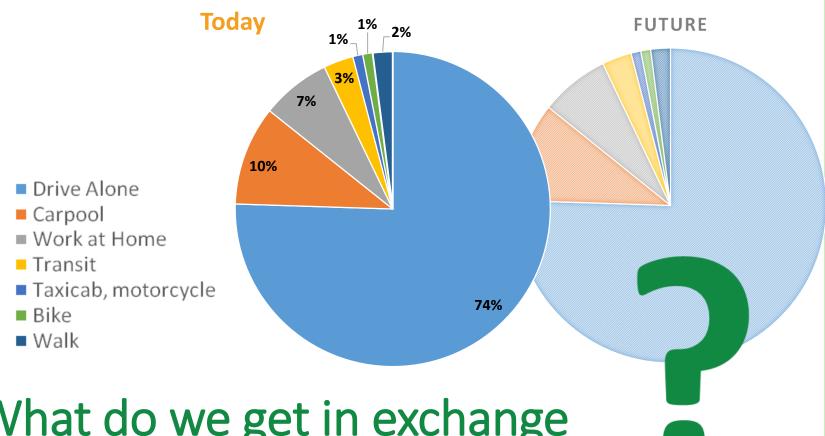


### Scenario C

Assumptions: Scenario C significantly modifies transportation programming, investment, and policy in Austin. This scenario includes the highest degree of distribution amongst roadway, public transit, bicycle, and pedestrians along Imagine Austin Activity Corridors and within Activity Centers. The scenario assumes the highest level of transportation demand management programming and the highest impact of automated and connected vehicles on public transit, ridesharing and freight.



## Motivation behind the Scenarios

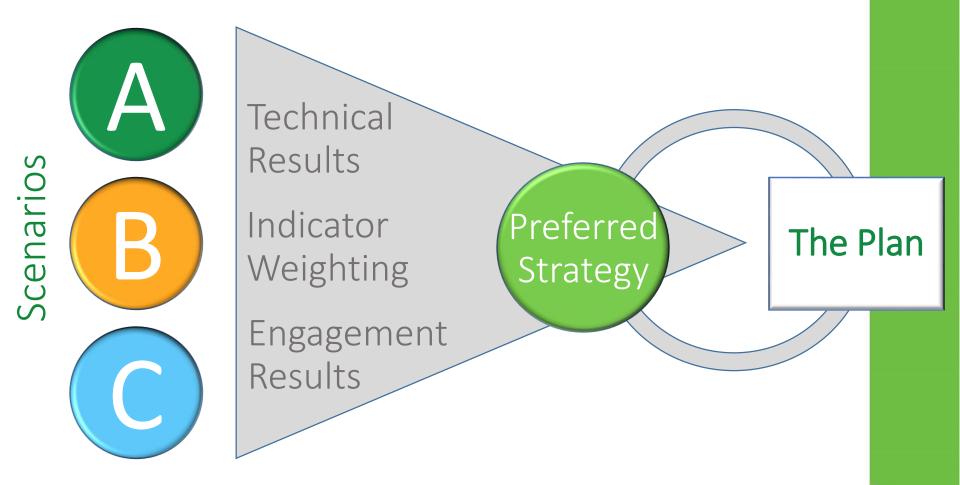


What do we get in exchange for more diversified mode-share





# Evaluating our Scenarios







# Public Engagement





# pyramid



# Phase II Public Engagement

- Traffic Jam Mar. 28 (Central Library)
- MetroQuest Survey
- Historically marginalized communities focus
  - Focus groups
  - Employer-based engagement
  - Coordination w/ Project Connect mobile engagement



# **Next Steps**



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- Share results
  - February: MCAC reviewed scenarios
  - Late March End of May: Phase II Public Engagement
    - Online Survey
- Create preferred mobility strategy
  - Develop internal/external review processes
  - Draft ASMP plan document
  - Winter 2018/2019: Formal Adoption Process





# Questions?



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