

#### **Future of Small Area Planning**

Small Area Plan Joint Committee January 10, 2017 Stevie Greathouse, Planning and Zoning

Vibrant. Livable. Connected.

## Outline

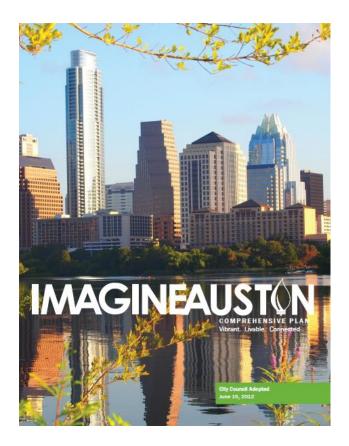
- Background and Charge
- Purpose of Small Area Planning
- Where we are going
- Discussion





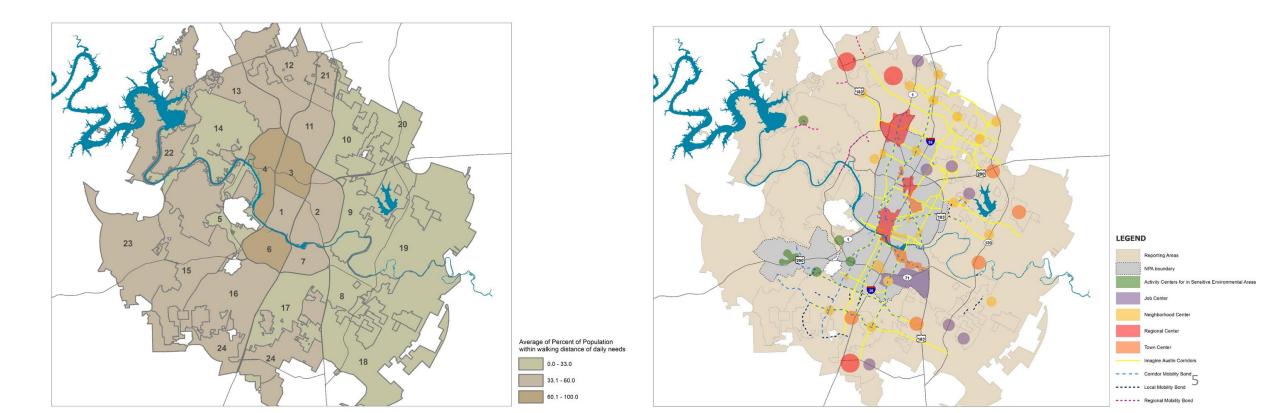
## Our Planning Program has evolved

- Neighborhood Planning Program
- Urban Design Master Plans
- Imagine Austin
- Neighborhood Planning Audit



#### Background

Over the last several months we have analyzed data and identified prototypes for selection of future planning areas



#### Background

## Data analysis has included:

- Demographics
- Land Uses and Development Patterns
- Accessibility to services
- Imagine Austin Centers, Corridors and other planning designations
- Transit and transportation

- CIP Investments (including Proposed 2016 Mobility Bond)
- Affordable housing
- Cultural and historic resources
- Market force indicators

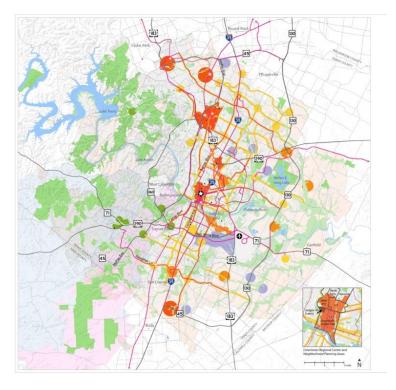
## Council has charged us with identifying a new approach

#### **Resolution 20170928-101**

Provides guidance for small area plans for areas along corridors to align with *Imagine Austin* and leverage city investments in transportation, housing and other infrastructure

# Small Area Plans serve a variety of purposes

Create Complete Communities Plan for Growth Give Community a Voice Provide greater predictability



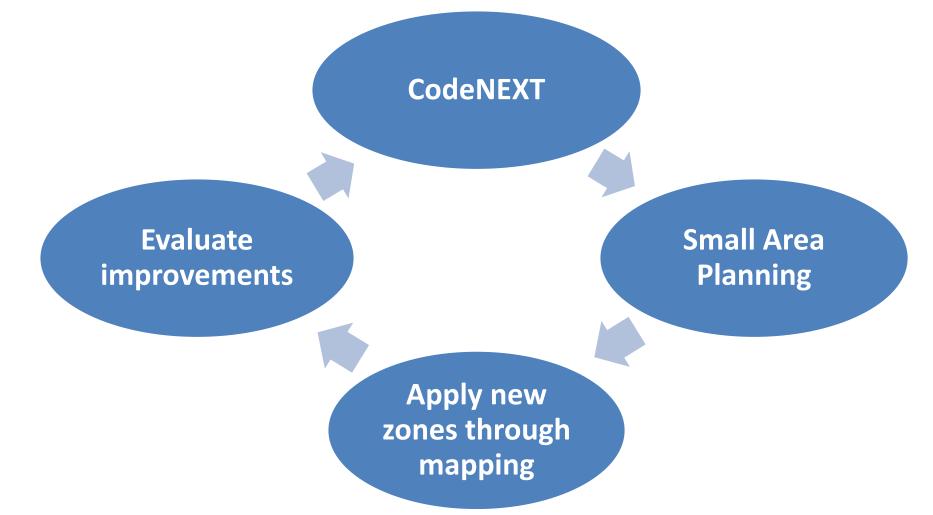
**Purpose of Small Area Planning** 

Plans allow us to develop a vision and policy framework which guides decision making in a particular area

PLAN
Vision
Policies
Actions
Map
IMPLEMENTATION
Spending (CIP)
Regulations (LDC)
Programs
Partnerships

#### **Purpose of Small Area Planning**

## Future plans will allow us to improve application of the new Land Development Code



#### Where We Are Going

Meeting our evolving needs requires that we approach planning strategically....

#### **Future Small Area Plans**

New way to select planning areas New spectrum of planning services Where We Are Going

## ...while building on our legacy

#### **Future Small Area Plans**

New way to select planning areas New spectrum of planning services

#### **Neighborhood Plans**

Current Neighborhood Plans stay in place but could be modified in the future

#### Where We Are Going

### Over the next several months we will finalize a recommendation and conduct preliminary engagement December 2017-January 2018:

- Analyze data
- Engage internal stakeholders

#### February 2018:

- Survey external stakeholders March 2018-April 2018:
- Present preliminary recommendation to Planning Commission, City Council

## Our recommendation to Council

#### Will include:

- Process for selecting future areas
- Spectrum of planning services
- Year 1 work plan
- Resource needs
- Background



#### **Tonight's Discussion**

- What spectrum of planning services should we provide?
- What criteria should be used to select planning areas in the future?
- How will we address our legacy of existing plans?
- What would help you review cases?
- Who don't you see at public hearings?
- How might we engage those groups who have traditionally not participated in the planning process?