

Smart City roadmap update + 5G grant opportunity



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Update on smart city roadmap activities

“What makes these technologies smart isn’t just their connectedness. It’s how we’re using them to connect communities equitably to new opportunities.

The communities that usually get left behind are first in line for this Next Big Thing.”

- Mayor Steve Adler, [Sept. 2016](#)

Austin's Smart City Definition*

Open

We are a city that becomes **increasingly efficient** in **solving real problems for real people** by:

(i) engaging stakeholders and users,

(ii) leading collaboratively,

(iii) working across disciplines, departments, and city systems; and

Smart

(iv) using data and integrated technologies

to transform services and improve quality of life with and for **all Austinites**, businesses, and visitors.

* Derived from the International Standards Organization definition

Transformation doesn't happen overnight



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AUSTIN'S SMART CITY INITIATIVE

Smart city vision

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Smart city vision

Let's use technology to solve real problems for real people

The "smart city" movement has swept the globe. Cities like Austin are booming with interest in how we might use data, algorithms, automation, and increased connectivity to improve services. From smart lighting that adjusts to people's movements, to self-driving cars, to aerial drones for disaster response, these technologies promise improvements in public safety, mobility, and sustainability, to name a few. The problem is this: too much of the smart city conversation focuses on the technology itself, at the expense of real issues people are facing.

In Austin, we're thinking about how we might use these tools to solve real problems that impact real people.

This means looking through the lenses of equity, sustainability, and accessibility (to name a few) to understand the challenges facing Austin communities – rather than starting with technology and trying to find problems it can fix.

Where we are now: Building our capability to use emerging technologies in equitable and sustainable ways

Focus areas:

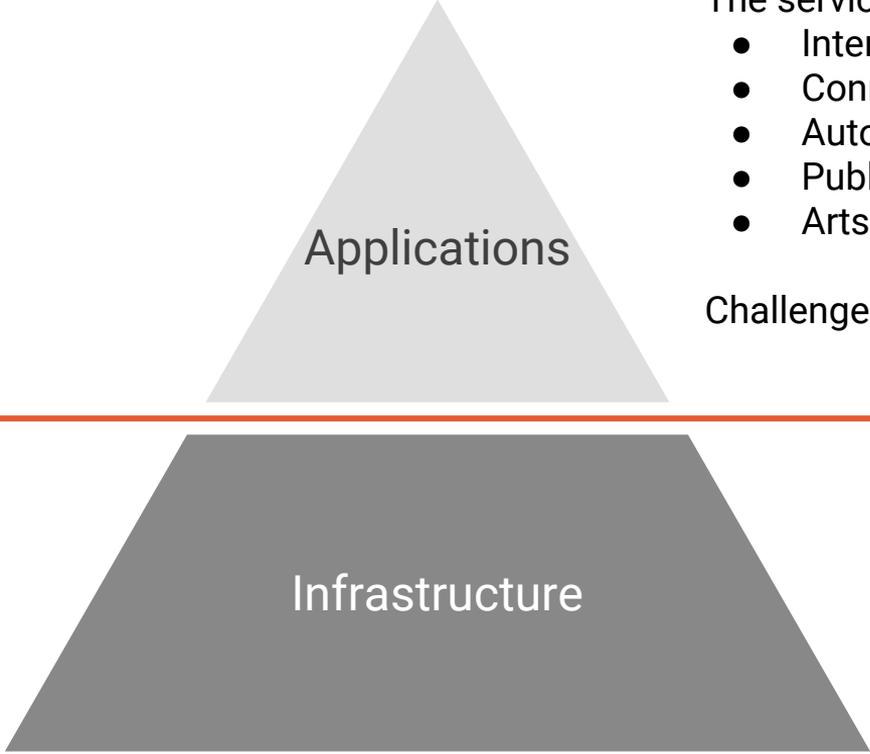
Inform City staff on emerging technology issues and trends

Explore ways the City gov can ensure equitable use and benefit of smart city technology

Create shared resources with legal, policy, and contracting guidance for technology projects

Create a communication and content strategy for Austin's smart city initiative

The infrastructure challenge



Applications

The services people interact with

- Internet of things
- Connected infrastructure (flood gauges, etc.)
- Automated vehicles
- Public Safety Communications
- Arts and Entertainment

Challenges: Addressing real needs, privacy, security

Infrastructure

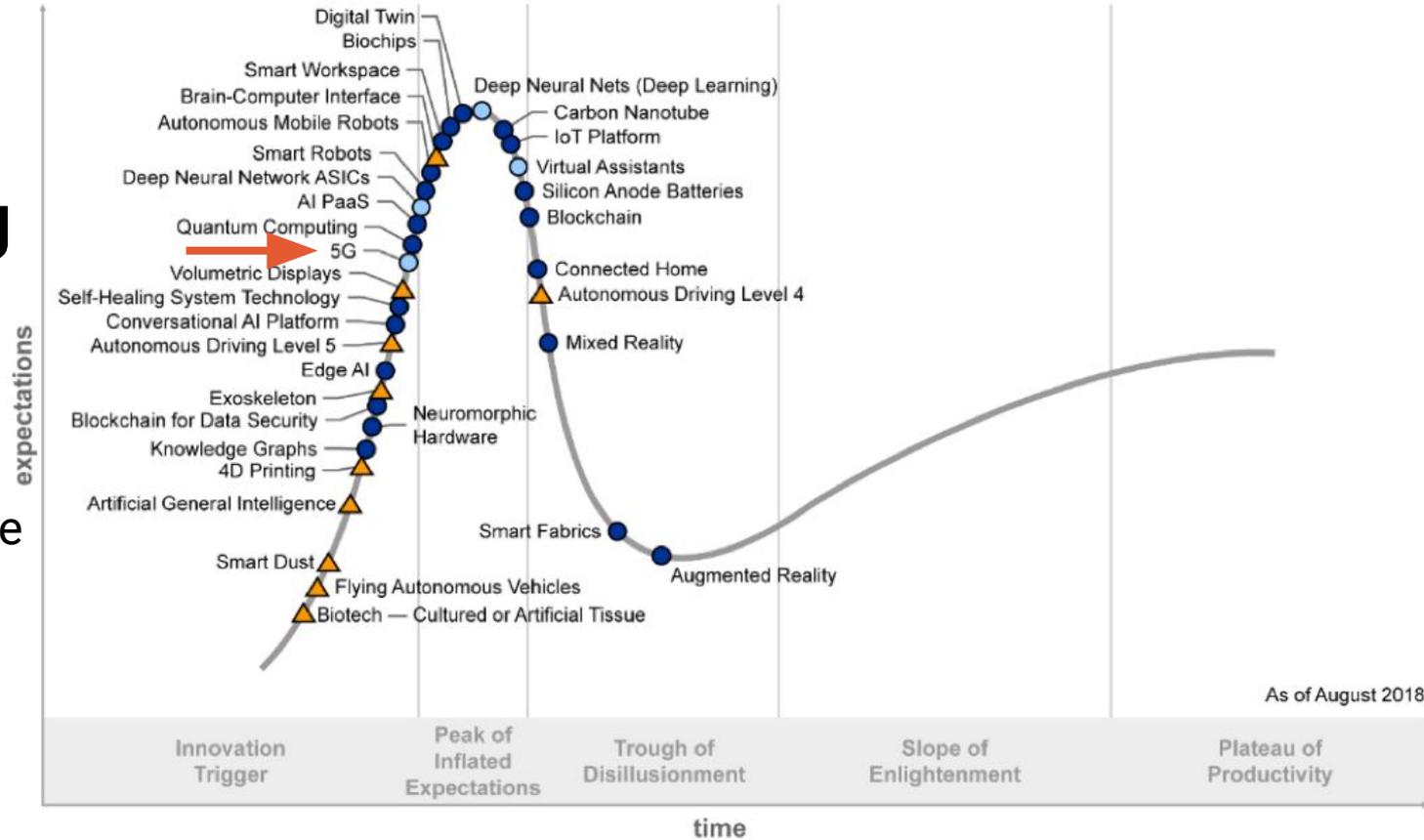
The connectivity that enables applications

- 5G cellular
- Wifi

Challenges: Digital equity, City's role in the market

5G is in a research and testing phase

Emerging technologies hype cycle, 2018



Plateau will be reached:

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- ⊗ obsolete before plateau

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**Current opportunity:
NSF 5G grant proposal**

Grant opportunity for advanced wireless research



Grant purpose: Fund research platforms that accelerate the nation's wireless innovation ecosystem and enhance broadband connectivity

Proposal: Create and test applications for public safety, mobility, health, and energy

Funding: \$24 million x 4 awards

Research partners:



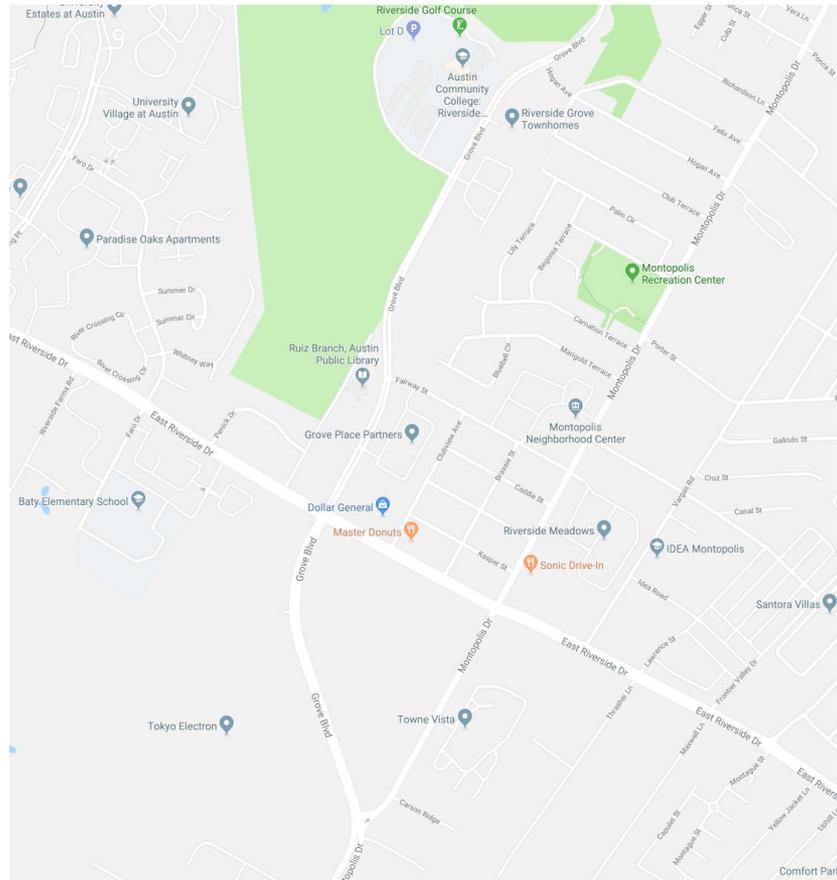
Proposal overview

Potential research topics: Mobility, energy, public safety

City of Austin's role: Community engagement, oversee equipment permitting and installation

Co-creating community benefits:

- Education and job training
- Youth development programs
- Technology innovation lab for local developers and startups



Proposed location: East Riverside Corridor / Montopolis area

Grant timeline





Backup

Smart City Strategic Roadmap

Resolution No. 20161103-051

Discovery Phase

Roadmap definition,
maturity model

Standardize, refine
inventory

Align Key Goals, Measures from
Strategic Plan

Prioritize Resources &
Means

Project
Tracking Site

We are here



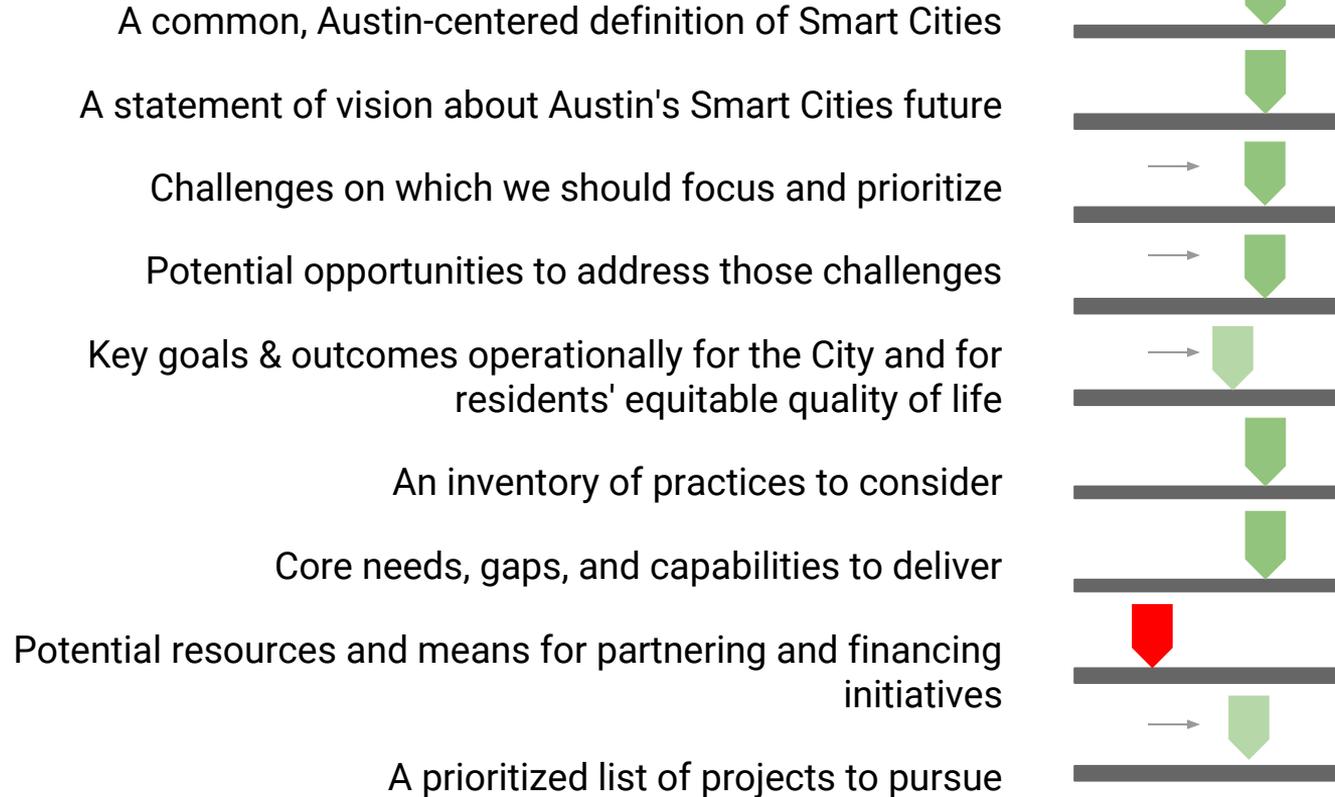
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Sustainability

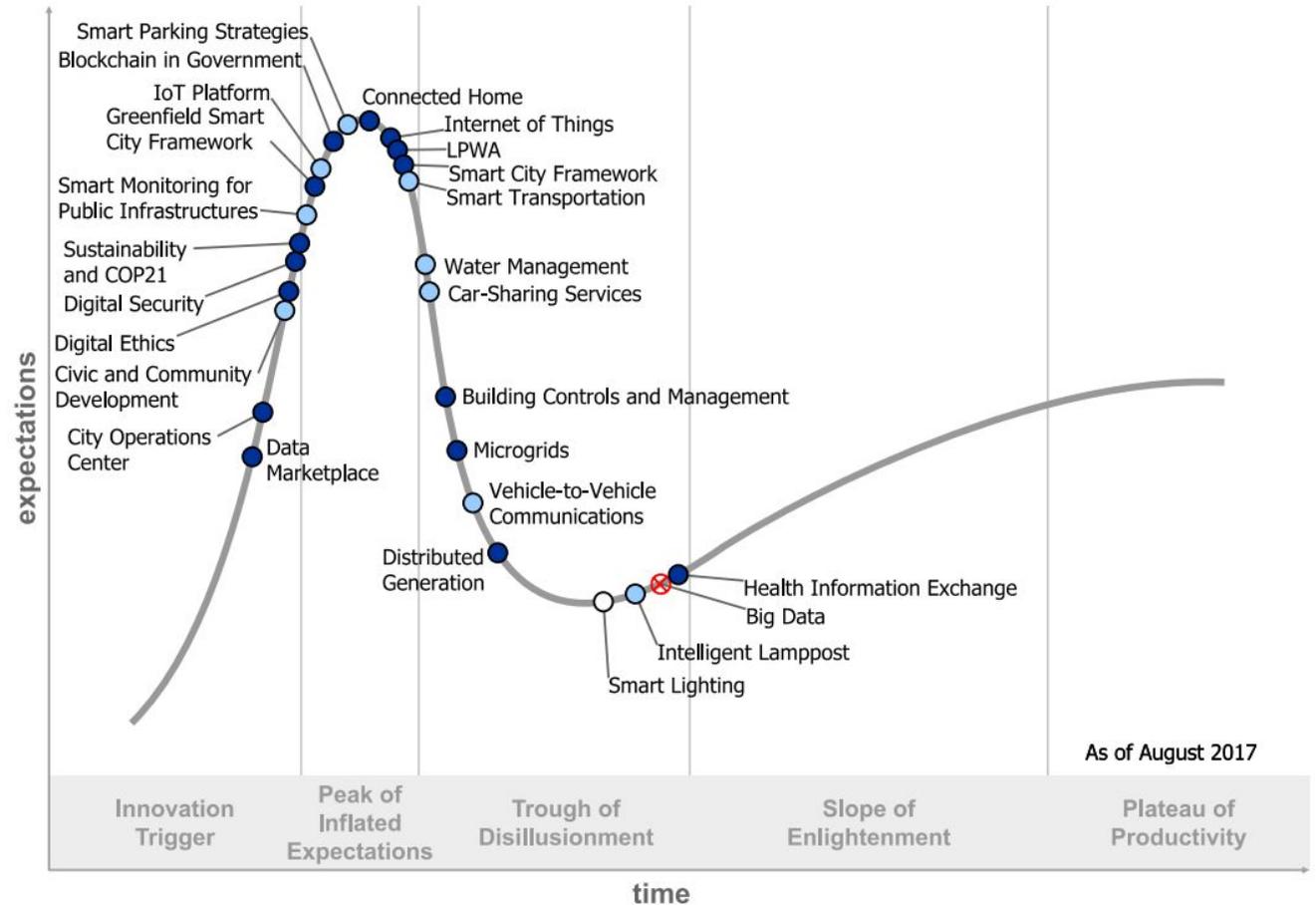
Deliverables

Progress



Technology hype should inform our investment choices

Smart city hype cycle, 2017



As of August 2017

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The 4 IoT products a smart city needs in 2017

Connected IoT devices are part of the key elements of a smart city. Here are some of the most interesting and useful products for smart cities in 2017.

By Teena Middox | December 26, 2016, 4:00 AM PST

3. Digital kiosks

A digital kiosk gives information about restaurants, retail stores, and events in the immediate area. It also provides mapping for visitors, and can sync with a mobile phone to give additional data as needed.



<http://www.techrepublic.com/article/the-5-iot-products-a-smart-city-needs-in-2017/>

OPINION

The shuttering of those internet kiosks is another tale of two cities

By Nicole Gelinax

September 18, 2016 | 7:45pm



<http://nypost.com/2016/09/18/the-shuttering-of-those-internet-kiosks-is-another-tale-of-two-cities/>