



**HOUSING &
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Small Area Planning: Past, Present and Future

Briefing to Small Area Planning Joint Committee

December 9, 2020

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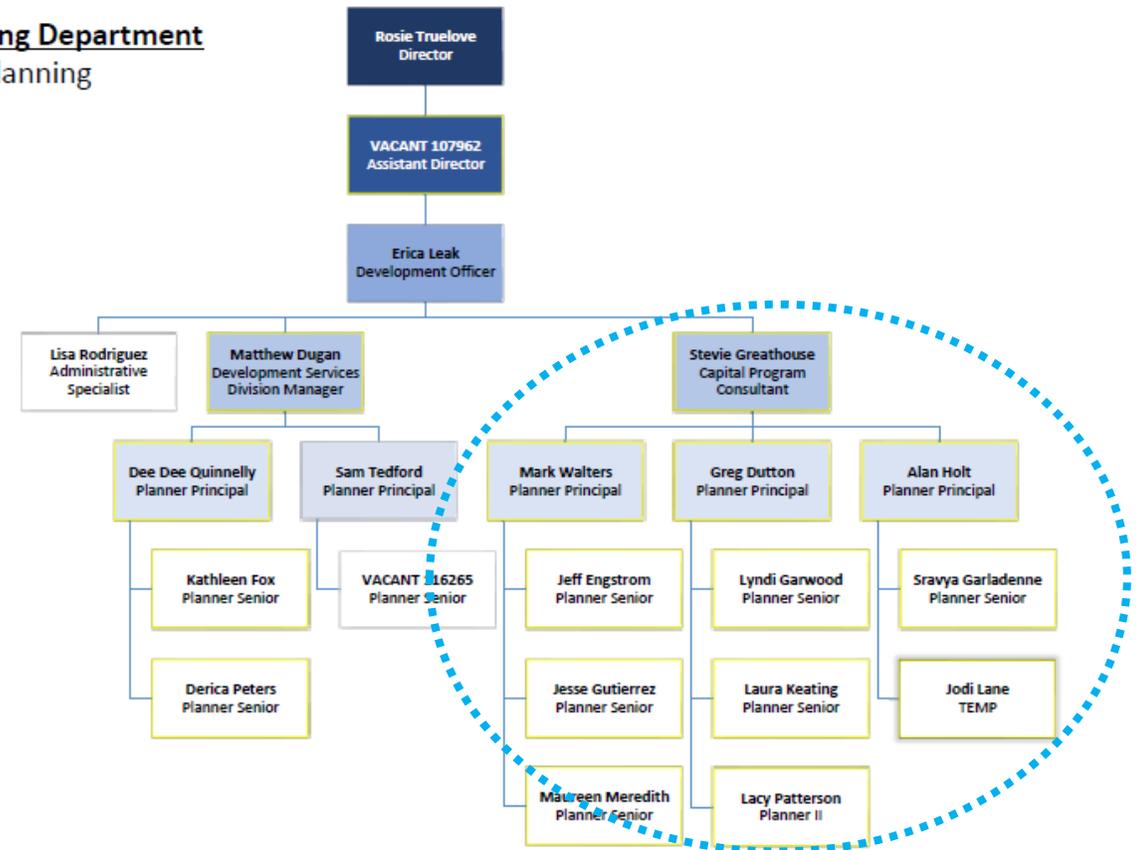
Organization and Policy Framework



Department Merger and Staffing

- Inclusive Planning Group
- New Assistant Director
- Coordination across divisions
- Coordination across departments
- Consultant augmentation

Housing and Planning Department
Inclusive Planning



The Operational Effective Date of the Housing and Planning Department is 10/1/2020



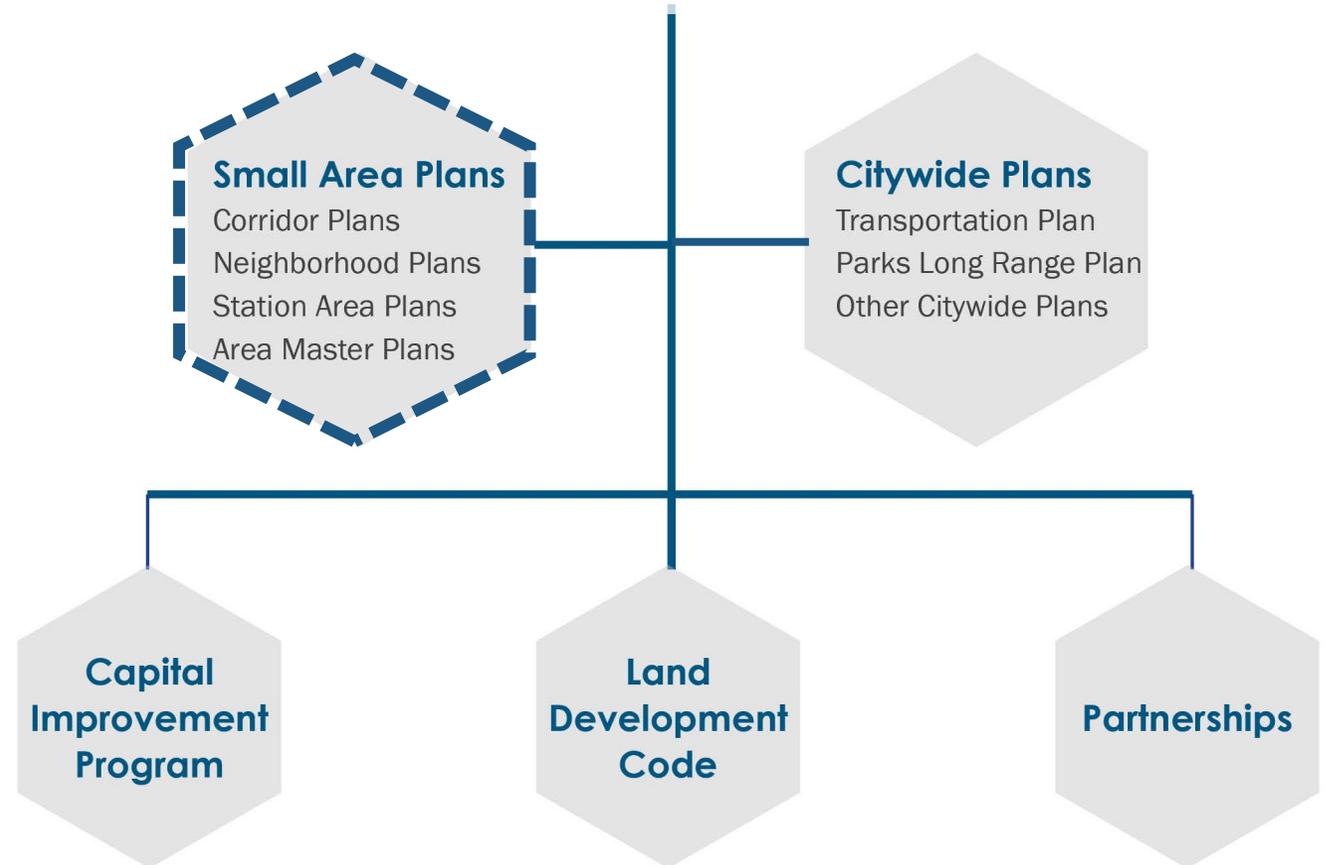
Planning is the act of
bringing **people** together
to have **conversations**
and set **priorities** for
long-term change.



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Vibrant. Livable. Connected.

A Small Area Plan focuses on a sub-area within the city in a detailed way to address an area's unique needs. This type of plan may cover various scopes and geographic scales.

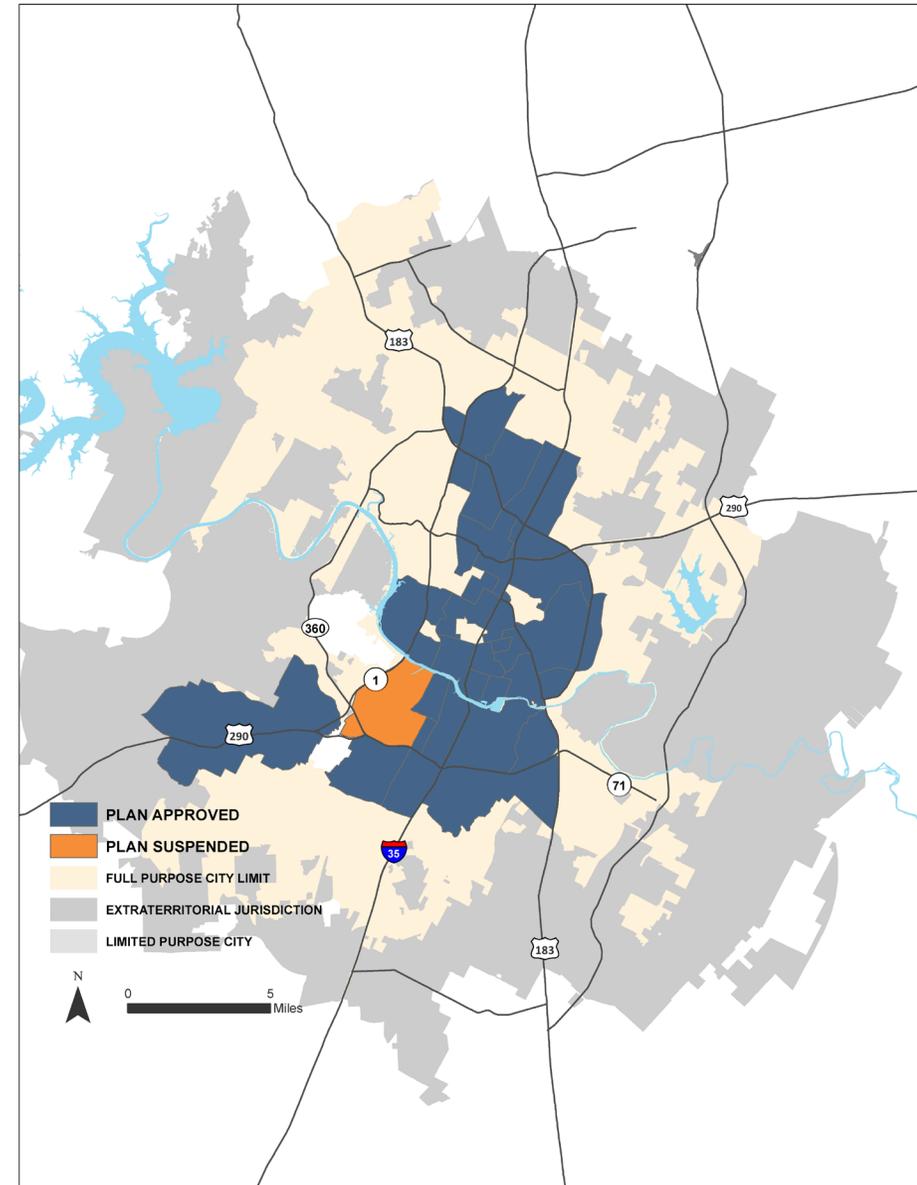


Legacy



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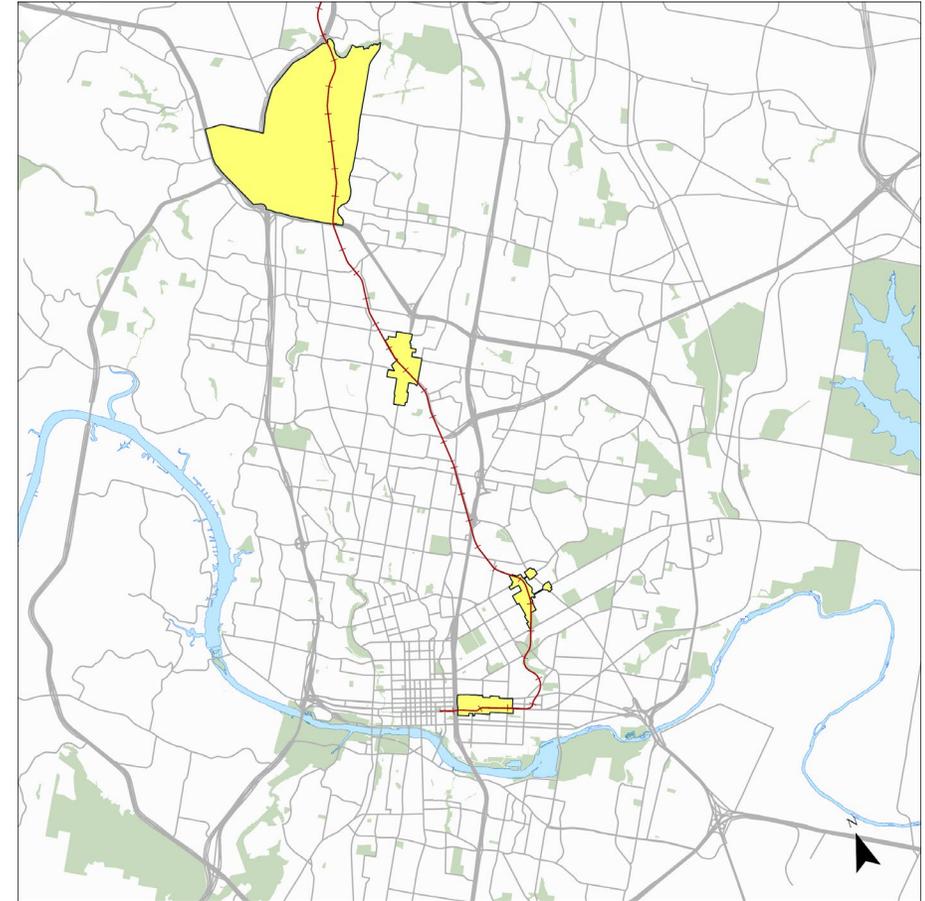
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Current Work

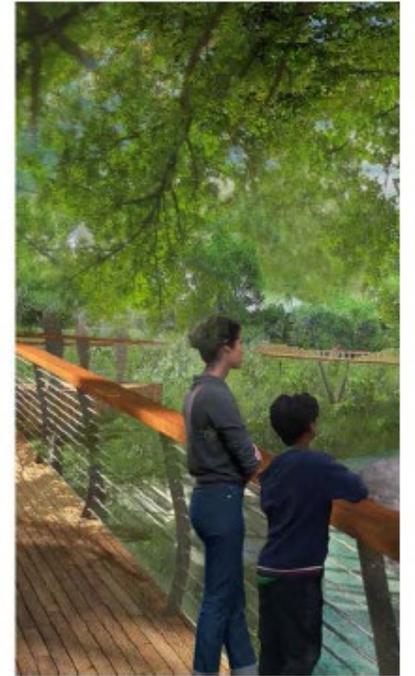


Small Area Planning: Present

- **South Central Waterfront Planning Initiative**
- Palm District Planning Initiative
- Green Line Corridor (in partnership with Capital Metro)

Final Plan as Adopted on June 16th, 2016

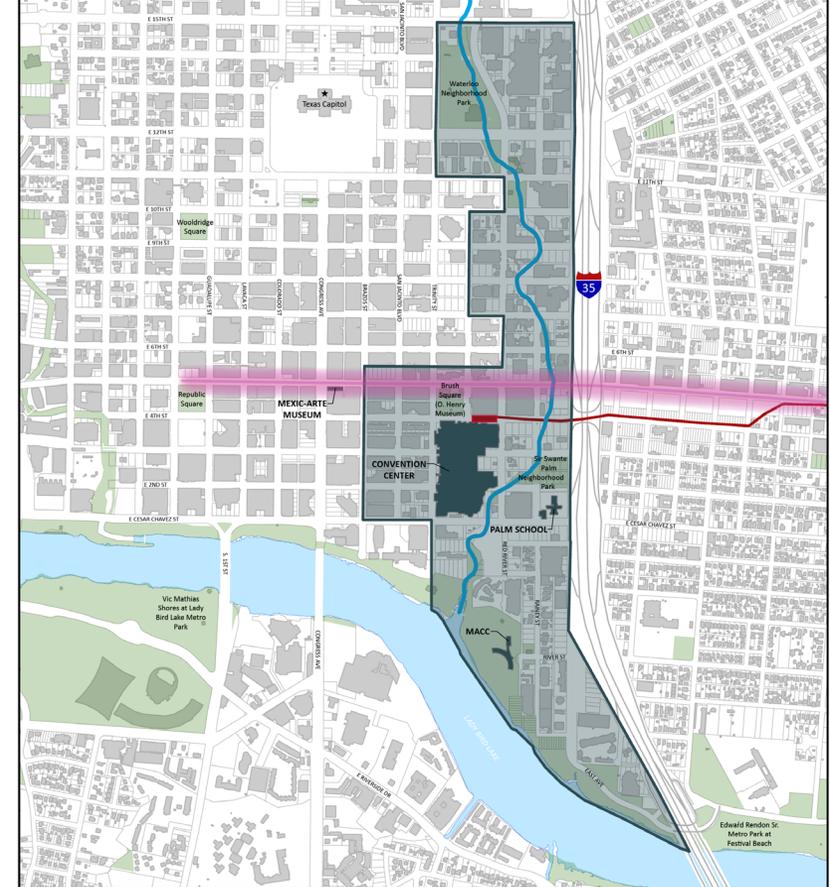
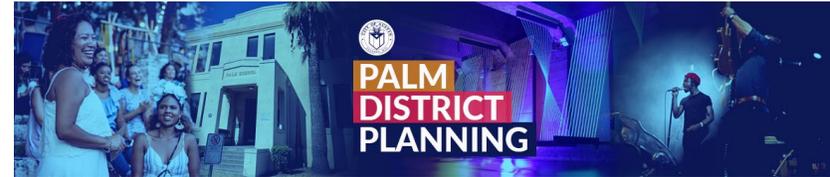
SOUTH CENTRAL WATERFRONT VISION FRAMEWORK PLAN





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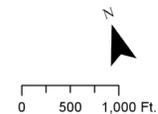
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Palm District Context Map
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Created on 01.07.2020

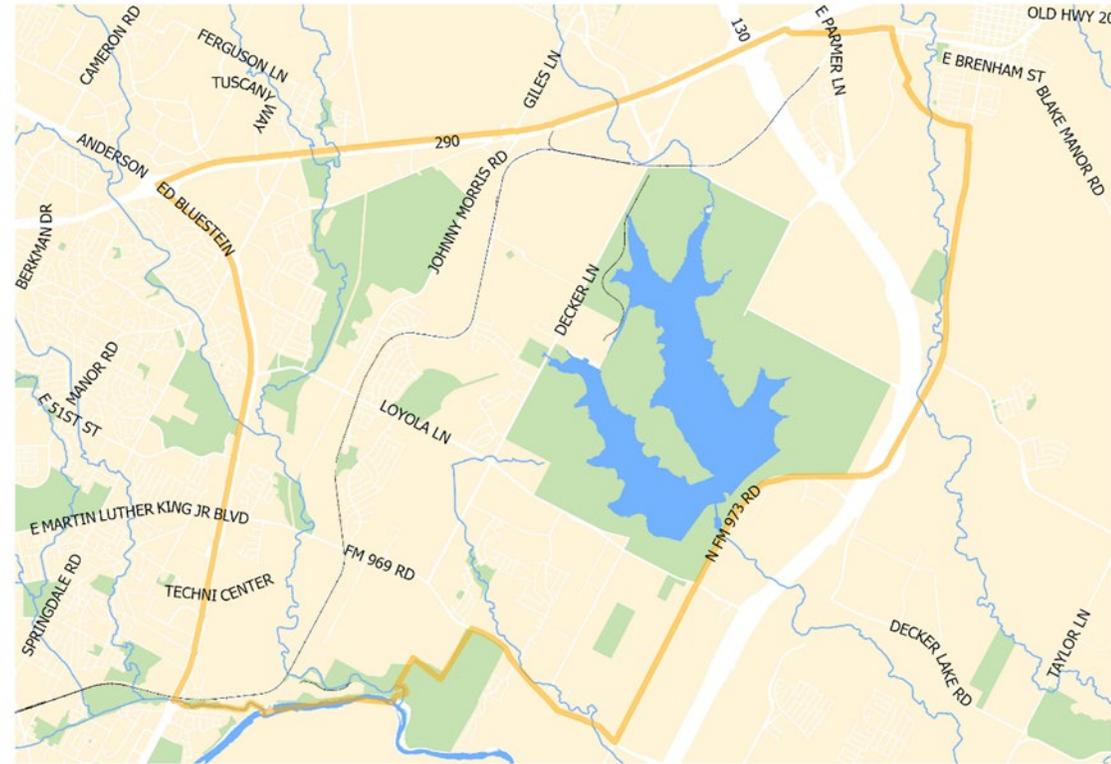
- Palm District Study Area
- Parks and Squares
- Lakes
- Waller Creek
- Proposed Mexican-American Heritage Corridor
- Key Buildings
- MetroRail Red Line (Existing)
- Red Line Downtown Station (Future)



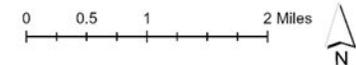


On the Horizon...

- **Northeast Austin Plan**



NORTHEAST AUSTIN DISTRICT PLANNING AREA





Future



Small Area Planning: Future Considerations

- Land Development Code Rewrite outcome
- Ongoing development of special studies and plans
- Small area planning legacy
- Project Connect
- Racial equity and inclusion
- Displacement prevention
- Balance urgency and depth (may need to look at citywide solutions)

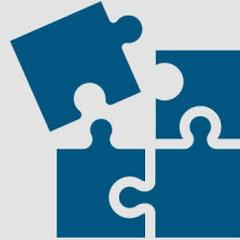


Possible Future Small Planning Product Lines



Centers and Corridors

Full service
small area plans,
along *Imagine
Austin* centers
and corridors
susceptible to
change.



Complete Community Plans

Immediate
interventions and
investments to support
creation of places
where residents can
meet all their needs
without needing to rely
on a vehicle.



Special Studies and Planning

Special purpose area
planning that can
be customized to a
particular need.

Next Steps



Next Steps

Winter-Spring 2021

- Analyze Project Connect Stations and Corridors
- Analyze resources, expectations
- Continue work on special studies and plans
- Coordination with anti-displacement investment strategy

Summer- Fall 2021

- SAPJC briefing on recommended future work program
- Recommendation to City Manager, Council
- Launch new small area planning program



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Thank You

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