

**RESOLUTION NO.**

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3       **WHEREAS**, on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, Council adopted “Direction in Response to  
4 City Manager’s March 15, 2019 Memo re: Land Development Code Revision  
5 Policy Guidance” which included District Level planning direction; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the City Manager was directed, “as soon as possible develop a  
7 proposed district level planning process for Imagine Austin Activity Centers and  
8 Corridors susceptible to change, and include specific objectives for each plan  
9 related to achieving the goals of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan Austin  
10 Strategic Housing Blueprint, and other Council policy priorities”; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan adopted a Growth  
12 Concept Map that serves as our community’s vision statement and depicts how  
13 Austin should accommodate new residents, jobs, mixed-use developments, open  
14 space, and transportation infrastructure over the next thirty years; and

15       **WHEREAS**, aligning ~~the land development~~City code and policies with  
16 Austin’s Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and its Growth Concept Map would  
17 provide all parts of Austin with the opportunity for more transportation options,  
18 walkable neighborhoods, housing choices, and jobs closer to home; and

19       **WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 20050519-008 established planning processes  
20 for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Resolution No. 20210610-093  
21 initiated creation of a citywide eTOD Policy Plan to update the City’s existing  
22 TOD ordinance and processes and coordinate with TOD planning for Project  
23 Connect Orange and Blue lines; and

24       **WHEREAS**, this work provides a corridor planning framework for  
25 immediate Capital Metro Project Connect initial investments and future corridor  
26 planning based on transit access; and

27           **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20201112-043 initiated a planning process for  
28 a Colony Park District Plan, located near an Imagine Austin job center, as “a five  
29 census tract area to serve as a guide for creating and maintaining great  
30 neighborhoods, economic development, stable jobs, improved connectivity and  
31 providing rich, high-quality public spaces”; and

32           **WHEREAS**, from time-to-time various resolutions have initiated planning  
33 for specified geographic areas in the city under the TOD ordinance or as one-time  
34 planning initiatives; and

35           **WHEREAS**, a district level planning process ~~incorporated into the Land~~  
36 ~~Development Code~~established by ordinance, as described in the adopted May 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
37 2019 policy direction, is necessary for planning implementation of Imagine Austin  
38 Centers and corridors susceptible to change and will:

- 39           1. Establish the process for implementing the vision of the city’s  
40           Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 policy  
41           direction;
- 42           2. Enhance the ability of city departments and utilities to plan for service  
43           upgrades and capacity expansion needed to respond to growth by  
44           providing more detailed information about anticipated growth; and
- 45           3. Establish provisions ~~in the Land Development Code~~by ordinance to  
46           integrate and update existing plans, create new plans in areas that  
47           historically have not participated in community-based planning, and  
48           create a hierarchy to prioritize geographic areas for planning that  
49           aligns with the Imagine Austin Plan. These provisions will enable  
50           better coordination between new and existing plans and provide a  
51           process to plan for new construction and the impacts on the existing  
52           built environment; and

53           **WHEREAS**, the City’s Land Development Code does not provide any  
54 criteria, standards, and/or guidelines for district level planning to implement the  
55 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Growth Concept Plan except for areas  
56 that may also be identified as Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) and/or along  
57 transit corridors under City Code Section 25-2-147; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

58 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

59           The City Council ~~initiates amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land~~  
60 ~~Development Code) that will~~directs the City Manager to create an ordinance that  
61 establishes a district level planning process for as set forth by the Imagine Austin  
62 Plan to better define how Austin should accommodate new residents, jobs, mixed-  
63 use developments, open space, and transportation infrastructure. ~~These~~  
64 ~~amendments~~The ordinance should accomplish the following:

- 65           1. Require that each plan should identify specific objectives related to  
66 achieving the goals of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP),  
67 Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint, and other Council policy  
68 priorities;
- 69           2. Establish district level planning ~~in the Land Development Code~~by  
70 ordinance, using parameters established in the May 2, 2019 Council  
71 policy document as a guide to the extent these are applicable;
- 72           3. Establish that district level planning does not supersede planning  
73 occurring under the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance  
74 No. 20050519-008 (as codified in LDC, Chapter 25-2, Subchapter C,  
75 Article 3, Division 10 and Appendix D) and other planning initiatives  
76 established by Council resolutions such as the direction in the 2021  
77 ETOD work, Colony Park Northeast Austin District Plan, Palm  
78 District, and the North Burnet/Gateway Plan; and

- 79 4. Create a process for prioritizing planning for Imagine Austin Centers  
80 identified in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Growth  
81 Concept Map and other areas experiencing growth and include the  
82 Del Valle area as a prioritized area for planning;
- 83 5. Establish community engagement as a component of each planning  
84 process to include communities, businesses, and residents impacted  
85 by growth in the areas identified for planning; and
- 86 6. Establish equity and anti-displacement strategies as fundamental  
87 components of all planning processes; and

88 The City Council directs the City Manager to return with an ordinance for  
89 adoption at a Council meeting by ~~November 3, 2022~~October 13, 2022. The City  
90 Manager shall include departments with transportation and housing and planning  
91 responsibilities in the process of developing ordinance language and any related  
92 policies and/or guidance documents. These departments shall consult with the  
93 Planning Commission in developing ordinance language.

94 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

95 The City Council also directs the City Manager to accomplish the following:

- 96 1. Guidelines for prioritizing planning areas throughout the city to  
97 include the Del Valle area, and with an emphasis on Project Connect  
98 commuter, light rail, and MetroRapid corridors in coordination with  
99 eTOD planning processes, to proactively address growth so that  
100 opportunities to plan for affordable housing, parks, transportation,  
101 and transit are not lost due to planning that occurs after areas are fully  
102 developed; and

- 103 2. Identify any other aspects or best practices for district level planning  
104 to include in the ~~Land Development Code amendment ordinance~~  
105 and/or as necessary to establish an effective process for planning  
106 Imagine Austin Activity Centers and corridors susceptible to change.

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108 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

109 The City Council also directs the City Manager to:

- 110 1. specify timeline, steps, and resources needed to implement district  
111 level planning;  
112 2. designate a City department to ~~implement~~ lead district level planning;  
113 3. determine the appropriate department(s), including departments with  
114 transportation and housing responsibilities, to manage and/or  
115 coordinate the planning tasks; and  
116 4. identify and include appropriate resources in the 2022-2023 City  
117 Budget to initiate the district level planning process.

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120 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
121 Myrna Rios  
122 City Clerk