



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-3607, Agenda Item #: 36.**

12/8/2022

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution initiating a station area planning processes in the North Lamar Transit Center and South Congress Transit Center station areas and Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Policy Planning for stations within the boundaries of the Northeast Austin District planning process; initiating amendments to Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to adopt elements of the ETOD Policy Plan; and initiating amendments to City Code Chapter 25-2 (*Zoning*) to implement ETOD Policy Plan recommendations.

### **Lead Department**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

On June 10, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution 20210610-093 directing staff to develop a city-wide Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Policy Plan.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

Early Childhood Council - November 9, 2022 voted to encourage Council to incorporate recommendations into the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Policy Plan (Recommendation 20221109-009)

Project Connect Community Advisory Committee - November 10, 2022 recommended for Council approval

Planning Commission - November 15, 2022 indefinitely postponed.

Zoning and Platting Commission- - December 6, 2022 briefing and possible action.

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission - December 6, 2022 briefing and possible action.

Other Boards and Commissions have been offered briefings and may choose to make a recommendation on the ETOD Policy Plan.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

As directed in Resolution 20210610-093, City of Austin Housing and Planning Department staff are partnering with Capital Metro to deliver Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) to Austinites.

Over the last year and a half, City staff, Capital Metro staff, and consultants have engaged community members, especially people of color, low-income earners, people with disabilities, non-English speakers, transit users, small business owners, and older adults, to understand current challenges and make recommendations regarding various tools to address those challenges and reach more equitable outcomes. The proposed ETOD Policy Plan includes the valuable input of these communities, ETOD Goals, a Policy Toolkit, a Typology of station areas in the Project Connect system to guide future decision-making, and an action plan with implementation steps over the short, medium, and long term.

Additional short-term implementation steps are included in the resolution such as the initiation of amendments to Imagine Austin and the Land Development Code to reflect the ETOD Policy Plan's recommendations.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.