



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1457, Agenda Item #: 16.

3/9/2023

Posting Language

Approve a resolution accepting the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Policy Plan; incorporating ETOD Policy Plan tools for the 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 Title 25.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

December 8, 2022 - Council approved Resolution No. 20221208-036 directing staff to begin station area planning processes for North Lamar Transit Center and South Congress Transit Center as well as directing staff to place a resolution on the February 23, 2023, Council agenda that accomplishes various actions to implement ETOD.

June 10, 2021 - Council approved Resolution No. 20210610-093 directing staff to develop a city-wide Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Policy Plan.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

December 20, 2022 - Asian American Quality of Life Commission briefing without action

December 15, 2022 - Community Development Commission briefing and possible action postponed to February 14, 2023

December 14, 2022 - CapMetro Customer Satisfaction Advisory Committee briefing without action

December 6, 2022 - Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission briefing without action

December 6, 2022 - Zoning and Platting Commission briefing without action

November 15, 2022 - Planning Commission indefinitely postponed

November 10, 2022 - Project Connect Community Advisory Committee voted to recommend for Council approval

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

November 7, 2022 - Joint Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Councils briefing without action.

Additional Backup Information:

As directed in Resolution Nos. 20210610-093 and 20221208-036, City of Austin Housing and Planning

Department staff are working in partnership 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 elderly residents, to understand current challenges and 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 and reflects it in a set of 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.

Staff is recommending that Council approve a resolution that accepts the ETOD Policy Plan and directs several implementation steps recommended by the plan, including:

- authorizing the City Manager to coordinate with Capital Metro to incorporate the ETOD Policy Plan tools for the Green Line and Metro Rapid Stations within the boundaries of the ongoing Northeast Austin District Planning Process; and
- initiating necessary amendments to the Land Development Code to implement an ETOD Policy; and
- initiating amendments, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the ETOD Typologies.

Related work on ETOD station area planning processes for North Lamar Transit Center and South Congress Transit Center is underway with two rounds of public engagement planned during Spring 2023.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.