



# IMAGINEAUSTON

Vibrant. Livable. Connected.

Planning Commission  
Comprehensive Plan Year 10 Report  
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# City Charter Article X. Planning

- Comprehensive planning as a continuous function
- Policies for growth, development, and beautification
- All land development regulations and all public improvement shall be consistent with the comprehensive plan
- Planning Commission powers and duties, **in Part:**

*Prepare periodic evaluation and appraisal reports on the comprehensive plan, which shall be sent to the council at least once every five years after the adoption of the comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof*

# *Imagine Austin* Year 10 Report

**As a follow-up to the Year 5 Report, the Year 10 Report includes 2018-2022 updates on:**

**Population + Jobs Forecast:**  
How have we grown?

**Priority Program Updates:**  
What have we accomplished and learned?

**Measuring Success:** What are the implementation metrics?

**Looking Ahead:** What comes next for IA?





# Year 10: Priority Program Updates

## Game Changers

The one thing that has had or will have the most lasting impact or positive effect on implementing *Imagine Austin*



# Compact + Connected

Game Changer	Accomplishments
<p data-bbox="94 568 997 698">Project Connect &amp; supplemental mobility bond investment towards:</p> <ul data-bbox="94 779 997 1380" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- High-capacity transit</li><li>- Sidewalks</li><li>- Bikeways</li><li>- Urban trails</li><li>- Transportation safety projects</li><li>- Safe Routes to School</li><li>- Substandard streets &amp; needed signal upgrades</li></ul>	<ul data-bbox="1050 568 1995 1380" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- City's All Ages and Abilities and Bicycle Network added over 220 linear miles of bike lanes</li><li>- Sidewalk and Safe Routes to School Programs delivered over 30 linear miles of new and rehabilitated sidewalks in 2021</li><li>- Corridor Construction Program delivering mobility, safety, and connectivity improvements on 9 major roadways</li></ul>

# Creative Economy

Game Changer	Accomplishments
<p data-bbox="88 570 989 1052">The Cultural Trust has been formed as part of the Austin Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) to support acquisition and preservation of arts, cultural, and music spaces.</p> <p data-bbox="88 1159 890 1305">2018 Proposition B Bond for seven named projects</p>	<ul data-bbox="1052 565 1997 1057" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- AEDC created to accomplish, through purchases and long-term leases, create affordable space supporting artists, arts organizations, and preserves historic and iconic cultural buildings for creative uses</li><li>- Bond projects are underway, with the first to be completed in 2025</li></ul>

# Green Infrastructure

Game Changer	Accomplishments
<p>Equity assessments and tools highlighting green infrastructure disparities &amp; minimizing them through resulting work plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Equity Assessment Tool and resulting Green Infrastructure Strengths and Gaps Assessment</li><li>- <i>Climate Equity Plan</i></li><li>- Blackland Prairie stream corridor study</li><li>- <i>Our Parks, Our Future Plan</i></li><li>- Urban Forest Inventory</li><li>- Floodplain Reforestation Program</li></ul>

# Sustainable Water

Game Changer	Accomplishments
<p><i>Water Forward Plan</i>, a 100-year integrated water resource plan to plan and implement environmentally conscious water management strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- My ATX Water Program, the City's smart meter system, initiated in 2020. My ATX modernizes water metering and monitoring and achieve water conservation goals of the <i>Water Forward Plan</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- As of October 2022, ~75,000 meters replaced with My ATX meters</li></ul></li><li>- Aquifer Storage and Recovery Pilot Phase 1 Completion anticipated 2024</li></ul>



# Healthy Austin

## Game Changer

Incorporating health considerations into program and policy decision-making while considering the influence of race, income levels, education, and the built environment on health Activities

## Accomplishments

- 2017 *Mayor's Taskforce on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities Report*
- Recent plans and initiatives that address health disparities include:
  - *Climate Equity Plan*
  - *Austin Strategic Mobility Plan*
  - *Vision Zero*
  - *Fast Track Cities*
  - *Age-Friendly Action Plan*
  - *Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness*

# Household Affordability

Game Changer	Accomplishments
<p>Project Connect's anti-displacement fund to mitigate the displacement of vulnerable populations impacted by transit development and construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$300M approved for anti-displacement activities. Equitable implementation guided by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Nothing About Us Without Us</i> report</li><li>- <i>Racial Equity Anti-Displacement Tool</i> informed by Racial Equity Catalysts</li></ul></li></ul>

# Workforce, Small Business, & Education

Game Changer	Accomplishments
<p>Workforce development initiatives, including the <i>Austin Metro Area Community Workforce Plan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$15M in American Rescue Plan Action funds supplementing workforce development initiatives</li><li>- City and County coordination with Workforce Solutions Capital Area to provide area training and act as a hub for locals to further their careers</li></ul>

# Year 10: Looking Ahead

## What Comes Next





# Imagine Austin: 5 Year Action Plan

Goal	Activity
Coordinate <i>Imagine Austin</i> next steps holistically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Coordinate more regularly with IA Priority Program Champions and partner organizations to ensure alignment of activity and priority setting.</li><li>- Establish and execute an Action Plan for the next five years.</li></ul>
Update & implement <i>Imagine Austin</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Update IA for equity, affordability, resilience and sustainability based on outcomes of earlier steps / findings.</li><li>- Recommend alignment for strategic and long-range planning in the City.</li><li>- Create citywide Future Land Use Map, starting with areas that do not have FLUMs.</li><li>- Develop &amp; coordinate prioritized IA implementation.</li><li>- Simplify reporting for user-ease and transparency.</li></ul>

# Imagine Austin: 5 Year Action Plan

Goal	Activity
Establish equitable planning processes and investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Establish unified approach to center equity in all new planning.</li><li>- Establish processes that achieve equitable ends for engagement with city activity.</li><li>- Coordinate interdepartmentally to identify capital projects from equitable plans, or through needs identified with an equity lens.</li></ul>
Update key development regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Evaluate key land development regulations pertaining to disparate impacts on disproportionately impacted Austinites. Identify options to modify equitably.</li><li>- Determine a new approach to amend the Land Development Code.</li><li>- Amend the Land Development Code to support the implementation of Equitable Transit Oriented Development.</li></ul>

# Year 10 Report

## Planning Commission Recommended Action

Per Charter requirements,  
transmit memo and supporting  
documentation to Council of the  
Imagine Austin Year 10 Report  
and report's Executive Summary





# Year 10 Report

## Questions?

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