



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Lauren Middleton-Pratt, Director, Planning Department *emp*

DATE: August 23, 2023

SUBJECT: **Update on City of Austin Long-Range Planning Initiatives**

This memorandum provides updates regarding several long-range planning initiatives managed by the Planning Department. These long-range planning initiatives include:

- Palm District Planning Initiative
- Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) Planning
- South Central Waterfront (SCW) Regulating Plan
- Northeast Austin District Plan
- District Level Planning Process

This memo serves to close out [Resolution No. 20210610-093](#) regarding ETOD Planning, extend the timeline for a response to [Resolution No. 20220609-069](#) regarding District Level Planning to October 31, 2023, and extend the timeline for a response to [Resolution No. 20220915-090](#) regarding the SCW Regulating Plan to December 31, 2023. It also provides updates on the Palm District Planning Initiative and the Northeast Austin District Plan.

The appendix provides project status updates for these long-range planning initiatives. Please contact me at lauren.middleton-pratt@austintexas.gov or Erica Leak, Development Officer, at erica.leak@austintexas.gov if you have questions regarding this update.

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Attachment

Appendix. Long-Range Planning Initiatives

Project Name	Council Resolution or Direction Source	Return Date in Resolution	Project Status Update (as of August 23, 2023)
Palm District Planning Initiative	Resolution No. 20190523-029	2019	In progress. Staff presented the draft Palm District Plan to Council at a Work Session on November 29, 2022 . Planning Commission postponed action on the Palm District Plan multiple times, and recommended adoption with amendments on July 25, 2023. Council is scheduled to consider action on September 14, 2023.
Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) Policy Plan	Resolution No. 20210610-093	Fiscal Year 2022	Complete. City Council adopted the ETOD Policy Plan on March 9, 2023. Staff is currently developing an implementation plan for the ETOD Policy Plan, which is expected to be provided to Council in September of 2023.
South Central Waterfront (SCW) District Regulating Plan	Resolution No. 20220915-090	June 2023	In progress. The SCW Vision Framework Plan was adopted by City Council in June 2016. Staff are currently developing a regulating plan for SCW to define the regulations for the area. Community review of the draft regulating plan will begin in August of 2023, with potential Council adoption in December of 2023.
Northeast Austin District Plan	Resolution No. 20201112-043	None	In progress. Staff conducted an unsuccessful solicitation for consultants in summer 2022 but have since identified a qualified firm and process that will enable consultants to be under contract by fall of 2023 using a solicitation completed by the Economic Development Department. Staff will be partnering with Full Frame Initiative to assess wellbeing as part of the planning process. Pre-planning activities have been initiated by staff, and planning activities are expected to begin in fall of 2023.
District Level Planning	Resolution No. 20220609-069	Oct. 2022	In progress. Staff anticipates providing a response to Council in October of 2023.