




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Lauren Middleton-Pratt, Director, Planning Department 

DATE: October 10, 2023

SUBJECT: South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan Revised Schedule

This memo provides an update on the status of [Resolution No. 20220915-090](#), which directed staff to develop a regulating plan for the South Central Waterfront area. On August 23, 2023, the Planning Department sent a [memo to Mayor and Council](#) outlining the proposed public engagement and adoption schedule for the South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan. At that time, staff anticipated that the regulating plan would be presented to Council for consideration in December of this year; however, based on preliminary community engagement, this timeline has shifted. We now anticipate the regulating plan will be ready for Planning Commission consideration in early 2024, with Council consideration after that.

On August 24, the Planning Department hosted a meeting at the Planning and Development Center for members of the South Central Waterfront District development community, their representatives, and City of Austin staff. Following an overview of the draft regulating plan, members of the development community expressed their concerns that the Regulating Plan, as presented, would not be adequate to meet current and future market demands, would create obstacles to development, and would not achieve the vision of the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan. To better understand the concerns of the development community, focused meetings will be held in mid-October.

On September 12, staff met with a 3-member working group of the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board. After receiving the same presentation that was presented to the development community, members of the working group expressed some similar concerns, but also expressed concerns that some of the proposed community benefits could be exclusive and not available to the public.

Based on this community input, staff has reevaluated the Regulating Plan's timeline for community engagement and adoption. Below is a revised high-level schedule.

- September — October 2023: Revise Draft Regulating Plan
- November — December 2023: Community comment period
- December 2023 — January 2024: Review and synthesize community input and modify Regulating Plan accordingly
- January — February 2024: Present Regulating Plan to Boards and Commissions

- March – April 2024: Present Regulating Plan to Council

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