




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Lauren Middleton-Pratt, Director, Planning Department 

DATE: November 08, 2023

SUBJECT: **Update on City of Austin Long-Range Planning Initiatives and Land Development Code Amendments**

This memorandum provides updates regarding several long-range planning initiatives and land development code (LDC) amendments managed by the Planning Department. The long-range planning initiatives include:

- Palm District Planning Initiative
- South Central Waterfront (SCW) Regulating Plan
- Northeast Austin District Plan
- District Level Planning Process

This memo serves to close out [Resolution No. 20190523-029](#) regarding the Palm District Plan, and extend the timeline for responses to [Resolution No. 20220915-090](#) regarding the SCW Regulating Plan and [Resolution No. 20220609-069](#) regarding District Level Planning to April 30, 2024. It also provides an update on the Northeast Austin District Plan and a link to the [Land Development Code Updates website](#), which includes the [status and current timelines](#) for land development code amendments.

The attached table provides project status updates for these 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.

cc: Veronica Briseño, Assistant City Manager

Attachment

November 2023 Update on Long-Range Planning Initiatives and Land Development Code Amendments

Project Name	Council Resolution or Direction Source	Return Date in Resolution	Project Status Update
Palm District Planning Initiative	Resolution No. 20190523-029	2019	Complete. City Council adopted the Palm District Plan as an attachment to the <i>Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan</i> at their meeting on September 21, 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 December of 2023, with potential Council adoption in March or April of 2024. Additional details can be found in this update memo .
Northeast Austin District Plan / North East Planning District	Resolution No. 20201112-043 and Resolution No. 20230831-137	None and March 2024	In progress. Following up on the earlier resolution, Resolution No. 20230831-137 authorized the negotiation of an interlocal agreement with Travis County and other interested entities to create a collaborative North East Planning District, establish an advisory committee, and allocate funding. Staff is coordinating with Travis County to develop an interlocal agreement. Pre-planning activities have been initiated by staff, and planning activities are expected to begin in late 2023 or early 2024.
District Level Planning	Resolution No. 20220609-069	Oct. 2022	On pause. Due to other high-priority work including Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) planning and implementation efforts to support the application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investments Grant (CIG) funding, a high volume of code amendments, and the other initiatives described in this update, a response to this resolution is on pause.
Land Development Code Amendments	Multiple. See LDC Amendments website for the full list and current schedule.	Varies	In progress. Staff maintains a website with current information regarding active Land Development Code amendments, including a Gantt chart and a table providing details about each active code amendment on the chart. The table includes a description of each amendment, current status and expected timeline, and the lead department. An updated Gantt chart and table are posted on the LDC Amendments website and will be updated monthly.