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LAND WATER AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Austin Travis County Food Policy Board

TRANSPORTATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Travis County Authority



The court will exercise powers over county business as provided by law
(Texas Constitution Art. V, Sec. 18)



Chapter 81, Local Government Code, sets out the responsibilities and powers
(Texas Statutes)



Although Counties have been delegated certain powers by the state, they
remain under full state control



Counties perform governmental functions on behalf of the state but lack
independent authority that municipalities possess

What is the LWTP?



History of the LWTP



- ★ Land, Water, & Transportation Plan (LWTP), the County's first comprehensive plan adopted by the Court in December 2014
- ★ Framework for enacting policies and capital improvement programs in the unincorporated areas of the County
- ★ Guides legislative agenda
- ★ Informs annual budgets and work plans



Conservation Priorities



Rapid development threatens ecologically and culturally rich land



Endangered Species Habitats



Natural Springs



Prime Farmland



Floodplain

Development Incentives



Focus of transportation investments to support new developments

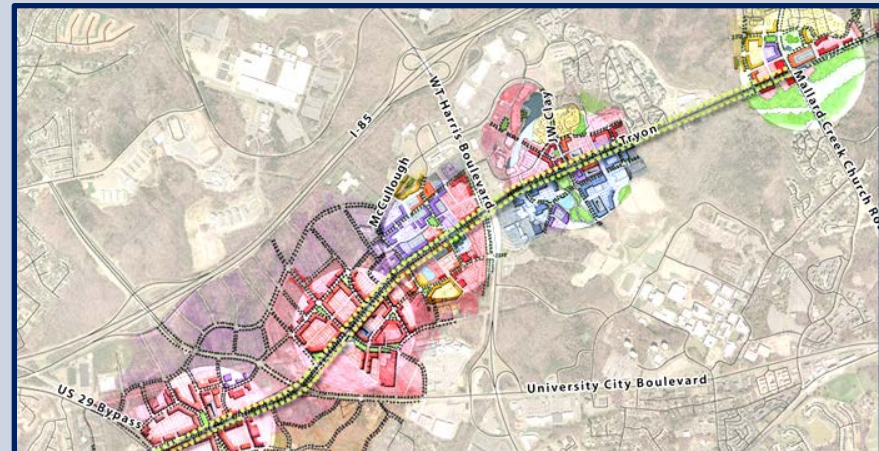
Activity Centers

Compact, mixed-use developments with multi-modal transportation options



Transportation Corridors

Streets that connect Activity Centers and support multiple transportation modes



BALANCING CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

LAND CONSERVATION CONCEPT

Establish Conservation Areas
& River and Creek Corridors

DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION CONCEPT

Establish Activity Centers
& Transportation Corridors

GROWTH GUIDANCE CONCEPT

TNR's *Responsibilities*



- ★ Provides safe infrastructure on County right-of-way
- ★ Implements standards for subdivision, traffic safety, and drainage projects
- ★ Provides emergency support during extreme weather events
- ★ Provides long-range planning service in the development and implementation of land and transportation development



TNR's *Responsibilities* (Cont.)



- ★ Provides outdoor recreational & educational programs
- ★ Preserves natural, historical, & cultural resources
- ★ Implements programs to protect surface & groundwater resources
- ★ Implements sustainability & resiliency programs



Uses of Updated LWTP



- ★ Guides collaborative planning with County departments & municipalities
- ★ Guides capital improvement priorities
- ★ Guides growth-related policies
- ★ Guides where development and conservation interests need consideration
- ★ Guides partnerships with stakeholders
- ★ Guides public/private partnerships
- ★ Guides where to protect area-wide water quality and supplies

LWTP Audience



Who
benefits
from the
LWTP?

Government
Officials

- ★ Guides decision making
- ★ Supports state & federal grant applications

The Public

- ★ Explains foundation of long-term County goals
- ★ Provides policy basis for Commissioners Court actions

Civic
Organizations
& Developers

- ★ Basis for County's priorities
- ★ Guidance on sustainability, resiliency, stormwater & air quality resources

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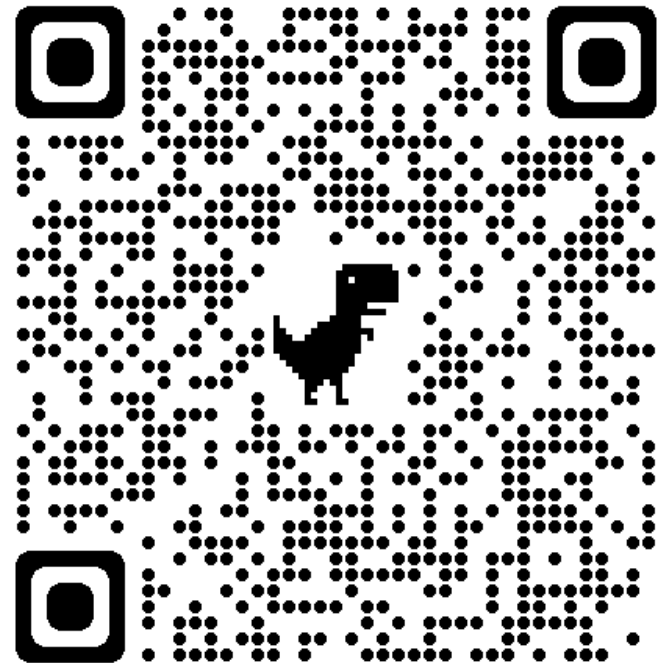
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Discussion and Questions



Ideas on how the LWTP can support a healthy, local food system in unincorporated Travis County?

