

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Charter requires the Council to adopt a comprehensive plan containing the Council's policies for growth, development and beautification of the land within the city limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction, including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans; and

WHEREAS, the Council is responsible for establishing comprehensive planning as a continuous and ongoing governmental function to guide, regulate, and manage future development and assure the most appropriate and beneficial use of land, water, and other natural resources, consistent with public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Council hired a consultant and directed the City Manager to begin working with the community to draft a new comprehensive plan, with an aggressive timeline recognizing the immediate need for an updated plan; and

WHEREAS, Council oversight is critical to successful development of the comprehensive plan, including monitoring, coordinating, and ensuring the proper allocation and availability of resources to the Planning Commission, consultants, and residents of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing development, adoption, and implementation of the comprehensive plan will depend on continuous, active involvement by the Council; and

WHEREAS, as representatives of the residents of Austin, the Council is accountable for coordinating the community outreach and engagement needed to

increase community involvement in and raise awareness of this ongoing planning effort; and

WHEREAS, to ensure intergovernmental coordination and a truly comprehensive planning effort, the Council must engage and include other jurisdictions whose boundaries and responsibilities overlap the City's; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan needs to be fully integrated with other Council-initiated planning efforts, such as the Strategic Mobility Plan and the Austin Energy Resource Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must remain accountable for the integrity of the process for the development of the comprehensive plan; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Land Use and Transportation Committee is hereby renamed the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee. In addition to the responsibilities of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee is charged with providing a resource for the Planning Commission, consultants, and Austin residents regarding their ongoing work drafting recommendations for the new comprehensive plan for the City of Austin.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk