



# IMAGINEAUSTON

Vibrant. Livable. Connected.

Library Commission  
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# Presentation Overview

Imagine Austin takes it direction from the public

The Core Principles of the plan

How to participate

# City Council Direction



Engagement

Sustainability

Implementation





# Sustainability

## Five Core Principles

Become a compact, connected city

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Provide paths to prosperity for all

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Embrace the natural world

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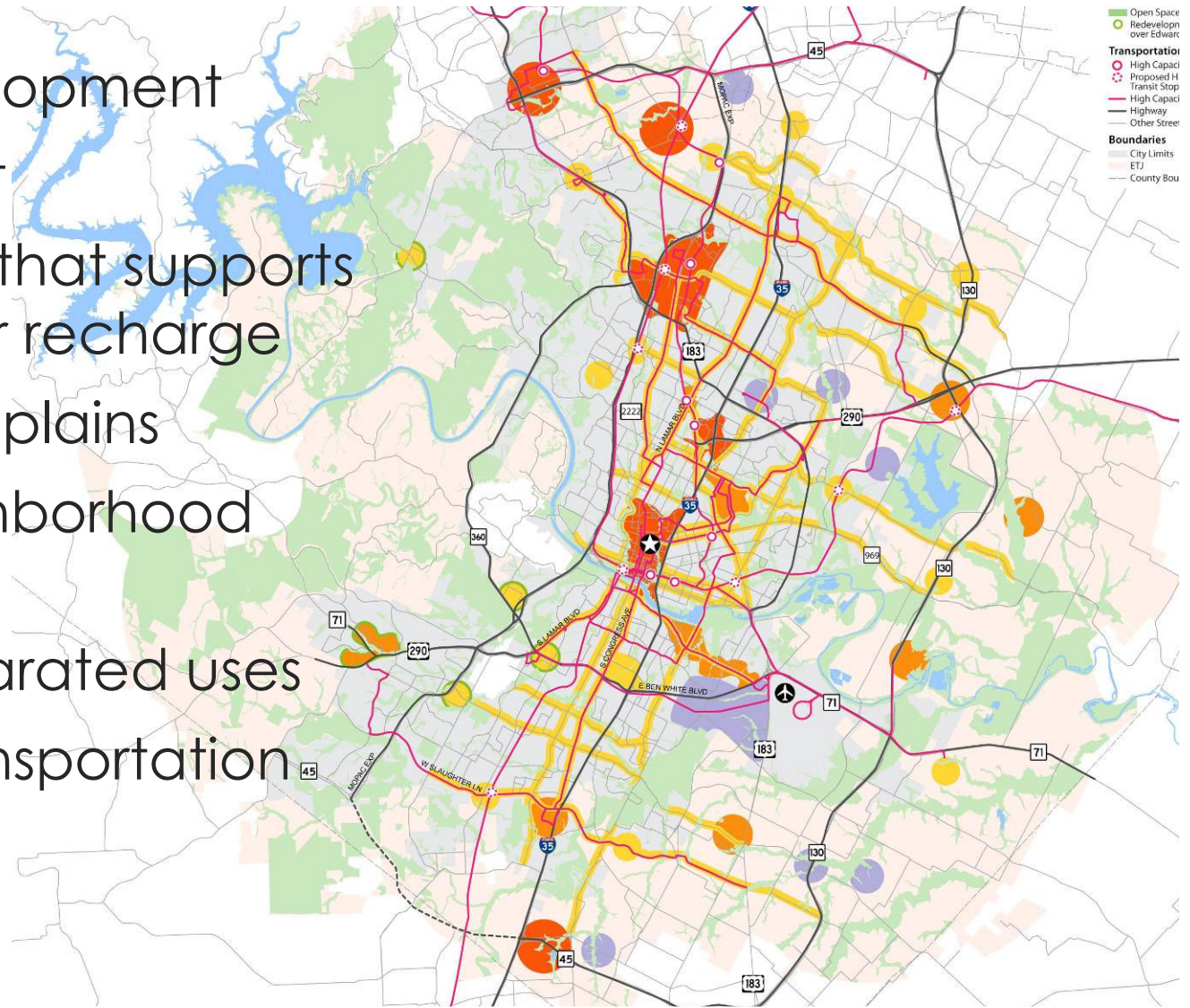
Grow a healthy, affordable city

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Live within our resources



- Compact development
- Redevelopment
- Preserving land that supports Edwards Aquifer recharge
- Protecting floodplains
- Preserving neighborhood character
- Mixed over separated uses
- A complete transportation system



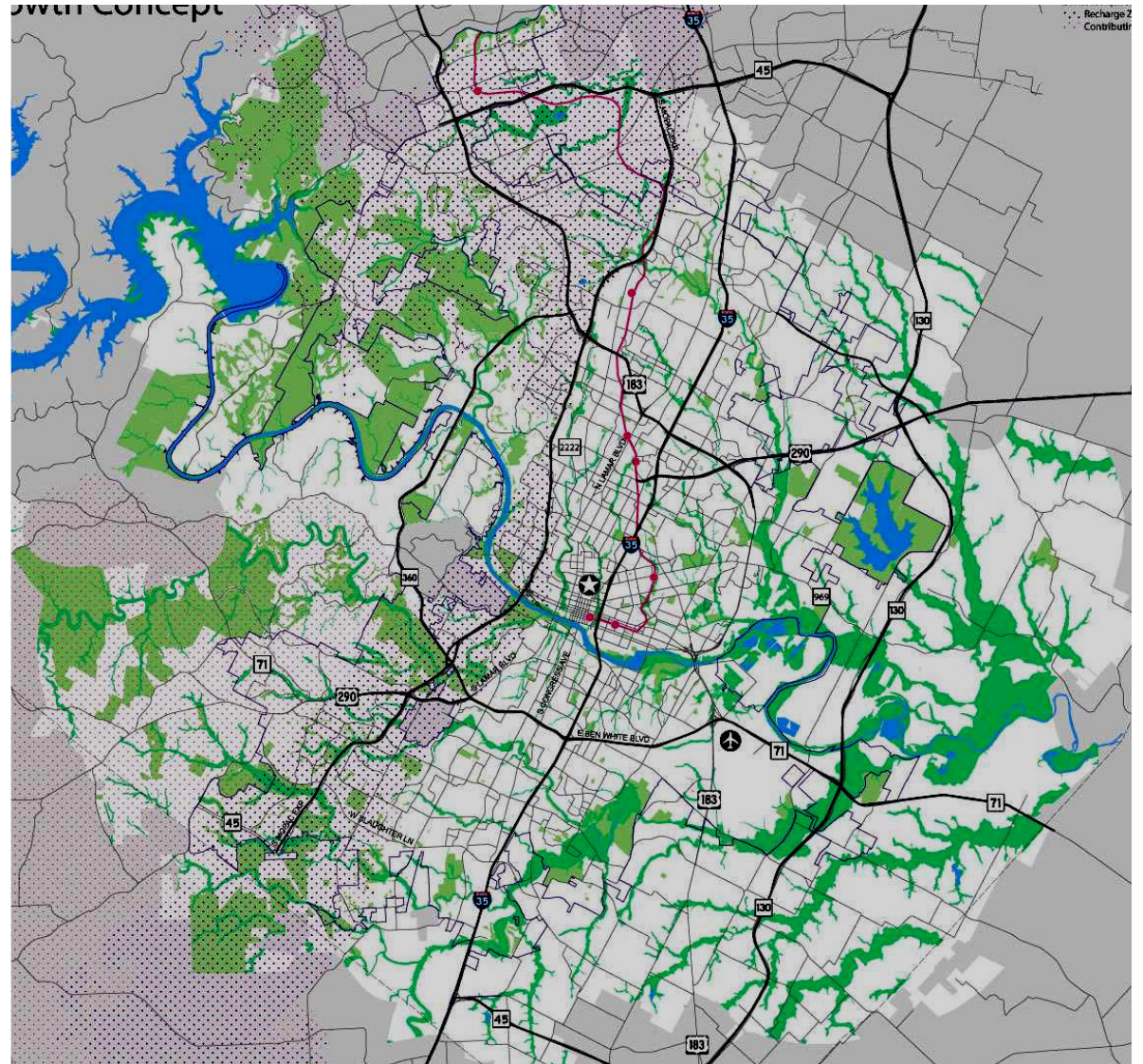
# Compact and connected city





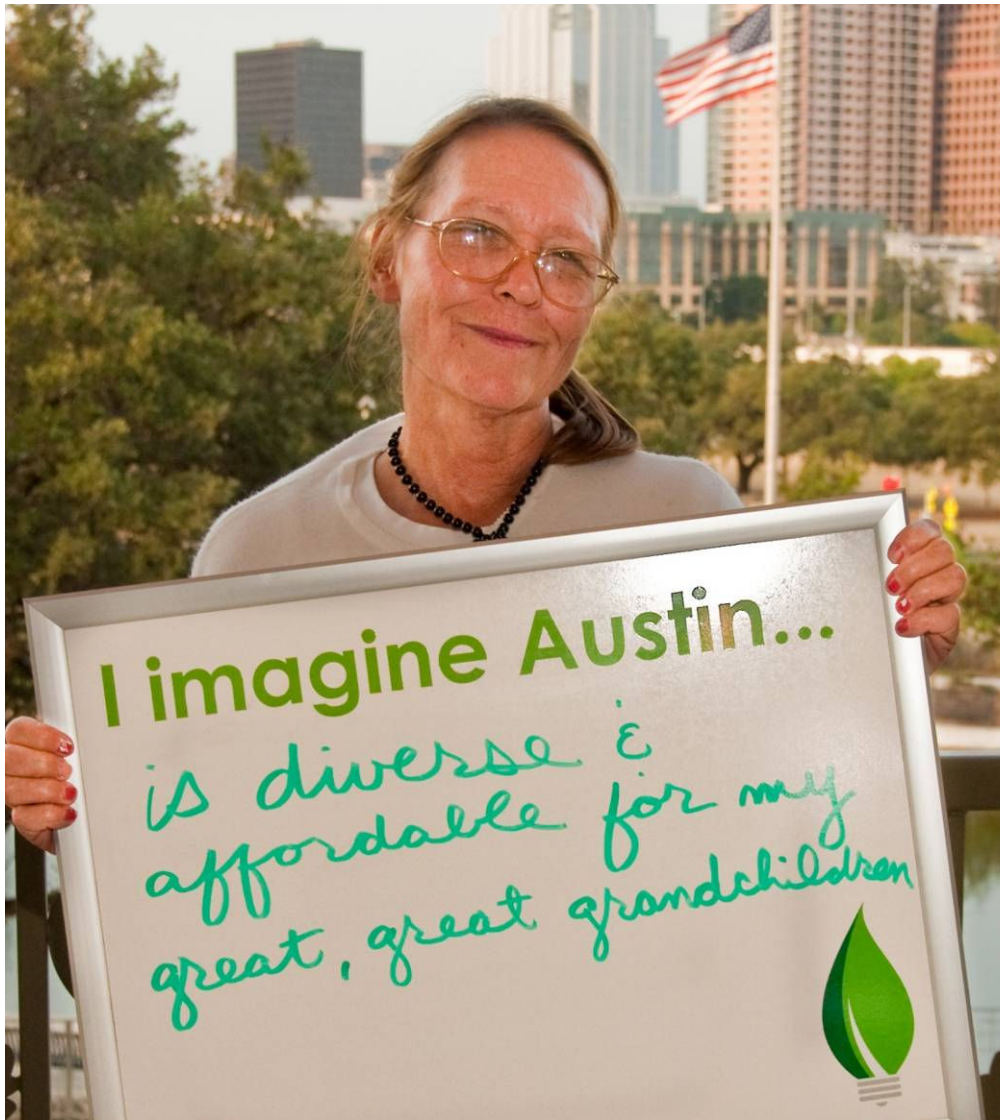
Paths to prosperity





Embrace the natural world





**Grow an affordable, healthy city**





**Live within our resources**



# Implementation

Budget & spending  
Regulation  
Partnerships



- Change Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city.
- Invest in transportation and other improvements to create a compact and connected Austin.
- Create a green infrastructure program to protect environmentally sensitive areas and integrate nature into the city.
- Create a program to sustainably manage our water resources.
- Grow and invest in Austin's creative economy.
- Develop and maintain affordable housing throughout Austin.
- Continue to grow Austin's economy by investing in our workforce and education system.
- Create a "Healthy Austin" program.

## Priority Programs



- Continue to grow Austin's economy by investing in our workforce and education system.
    - CFS Action 29: Create a world-class library system
    - SOC Action 29: Use underutilized schools and other public facilities for child care, educational programs, and neighborhood activities
    - Soc Action 18: Provide free wi-fi across Austin in indoor and outdoor public spaces
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- Policies, Programs & CIP projects
    - CFS Action 25: Develop design standards for public buildings and spaces that promote high-quality community focal points in the areas where they are located.
    - CFS Action 27: Cluster and, where appropriate, co-locate public facilities and programs to reduce costs.

## Priority Programs and Actions

# Continued opportunity to provide feedback

## **Public Review Period**

Citizens Advisory Task Force: September to December 2011

Public Comments: September to December 15



## **Adoption Process**

Planning Commission: January 2012

City Council: Spring 2012

# Plan Adoption



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- **Set priorities**
- **Comment on the draft**
- **Communicate with staff**
- **Communicate with the Citizen Advisory Task force**