

Late Backup

Morrison Motion
Item 32

June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, Burnet Road and Anderson Lane are identified in the Imagine Austin Growth Concept as Activity Corridors, and are experiencing and will continue to experience development, particularly with the Capitol Metro Rapid bus service that will soon begin operation along Burnet Road; and

WHEREAS, creating corridor plans for Burnet Road and Anderson Lane will provide an opportunity to develop a vision and recommendations to guide growth, including character zones with urban design recommendations, a capital improvement plan, and recommendations for tools to achieve the vision, including policies, programs and potential code changes; and

WHEREAS, the corridor plans will serve as a pilot for CodeNext development to assess the adequacy of the tools it provides; and

WHEREAS, the corridor plans will be grounded in priorities and policies set forth in Imagine Austin, including:

- to achieve “complete communities” that serve all ages and abilities with amenities and services that are easily accessible, which would serve to address increasing traffic congestion, deficiencies in open space, and the decreasing number of families with children in the general area;
- to establish harmonious transitions between different types of land uses, specifically between the corridor and the adjacent residential areas and to respect existing neighborhood plans;
- to create, nurture, and retain small and local businesses and minority- and women-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the planning process will engage a broad array of stakeholders, with attention to engagement of non-english speaking Austinites, and will include participation by Capital Metro and Lone Star Rail to discuss locations of transit stations along the corridors; and

WHEREAS, the planning process will evaluate current conditions, including demographics of the area, and will address, in particular, populations who might be made vulnerable to displacement or other social disruptions through efforts to attain identified goals for the future, and will leverage the work of the City’s Housing/Transit/Jobs Action Team as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, staff will identify best practices or modelling tools such as Envision Tomorrow, to incorporate into the planning process to assess foundational information for policy recommendations, including infrastructure capacity and the impact of the mix of housing types on resulting residential population age distributions; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council directs the Planning Commission to consider corridor plans for Burnet Road from 45th Street to U.S. 183 and Anderson Lane from Mopac to the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's railroad track with an effective date of June 12, 2014.