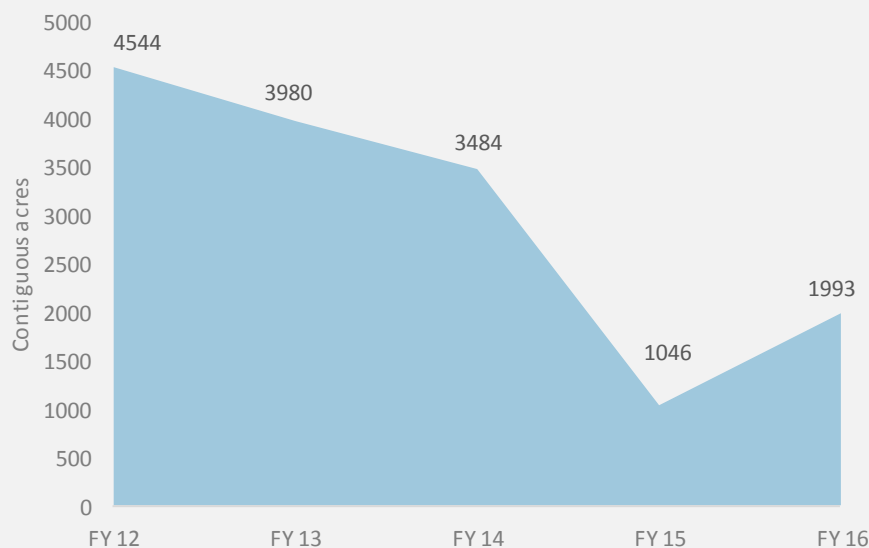


# Annexation

Annexation is an important tool to guide growth and development and is the only way to expand municipal boundaries. The City of Austin uses annexation to expand City policies, apply zoning use and development regulations, protect and expand the tax base, efficiently deliver municipal services such as public safety and utilities to developing areas.

## Key Outcome

Number of contiguous acres annexed by the City of Austin



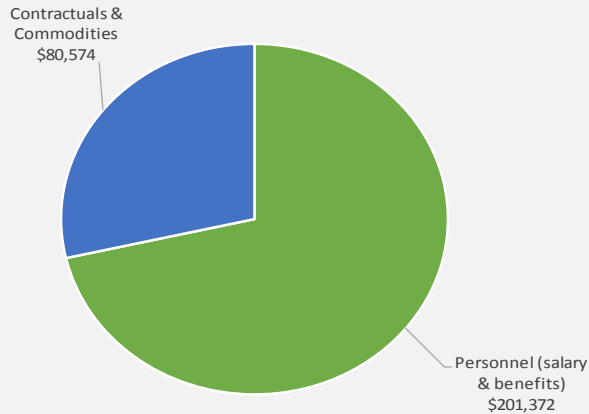
Average acreage  
annexed annually

3,009

## 2017 Activity Statistics

Percentage of recommended annexation areas presented to Council	100%
Average boundary expansion per year as a percentage of the City's existing land area	1%

## Breakdown of Annexation Budget



## Customers

- City of Austin Citizens
- City Council
- Boards and Commissions
- Other City Departments
- Surrounding Counties
- Other Governmental Entities

## Strategic Outcome Alignment

The Annexation activity aligns with the Government that Works strategic outcome. Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Management includes administering the annexation program and managing complexities among jurisdictional and political boundaries. Development is occurring at a rapid rate in the City's ETJ and affecting the quality of life within the City. ETJ Management is designed to proactively maintain quality of life by managing growth, improving the City's economic base, ensuring efficient service delivery, and extending voting privileges and taxing authority to an urbanizing Austin.

## Employees



**2** General Fund  
FTEs

## Budget

Future Budget Drivers

**\$281,946**



Personnel Costs

Future Annexations

## Services

- ✓ Manage activities relating to annexation and extraterritorial jurisdiction adjustments.
- ✓ Coordinate special district proposals and amendments to Council approved agreements to achieve desired outcomes that support the City's goals.
- ✓ Prepare legislative strategy and testimony and coordinate with TML and other municipalities on matters of interest to the City.

## Benefits of Service

By expanding the territory subject to city ordinances, regulations and codes, annexation improves the city's economic base and enables the city to manage growth and development.

## Challenges

1. The creation of a revised annexation policy that reflects City Councils recent actions in accordance with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan
2. Efforts at the state legislature to centralize local governance
3. Continuing rapid development in the City's ETJ

## Policy

The City's annexation program is based on policies described in the City's *Imagine Austin* Comprehensive Plan. The plan states that the City should continue to:

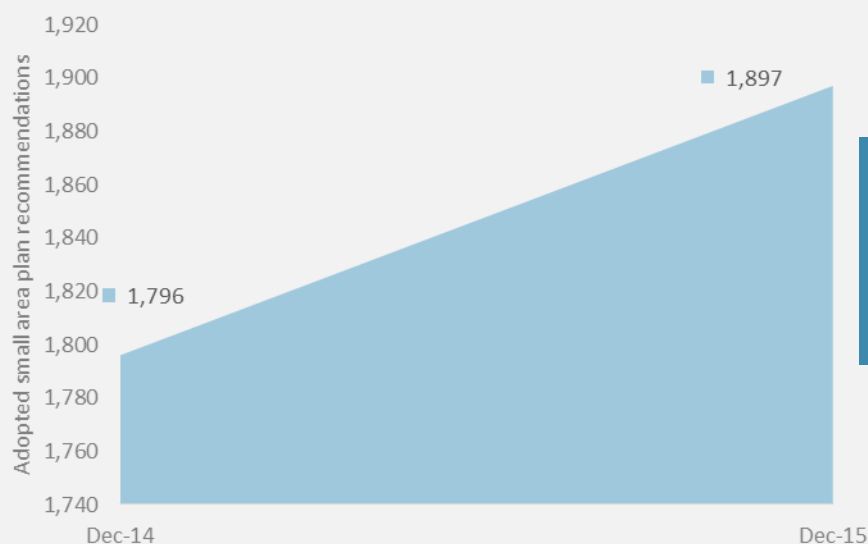
- Annex areas that can be the most economically served with existing and proposed infrastructure and services.
- Annex areas that will be provided with municipal services and utilities through coordinated municipal utility and service extension plans and the capital improvements program
- Continue to annex major industrial and commercial areas on the periphery of the city.
- Use limited purpose annexation in cooperation with landowners to expand environmental, land use, and development regulations on land currently in the extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- Consider annexing areas served by aging or substandard septic systems where water quality degradation is probable or citizens have submitted petitions for annexation.
- Annex residential areas to broadly distribute the cost of services.
- Provide City consent to independent utility or improvement districts only where the City is the water and wastewater utility provider. The districts must promote sustainable development in accordance with the Growth Concept Map. Proposed districts must be financially viable, located entirely within Austin's extraterritorial jurisdiction, and provide extraordinary public benefits.

# Neighborhood Involvement & Implementation and Long Range Planning

The purpose of the Neighborhood Involvement and Implementation Activity is to monitor and coordinate implementation of adopted plans, and to facilitate the engagement of neighborhood organizations. The purpose of the Long Range Planning activity is to provide a comprehensive planning program to guide and manage future development in a cohesive and well thought out manner.

## Key Outcome

Number of adopted small area plan recommendations which are complete or on-going since 2014

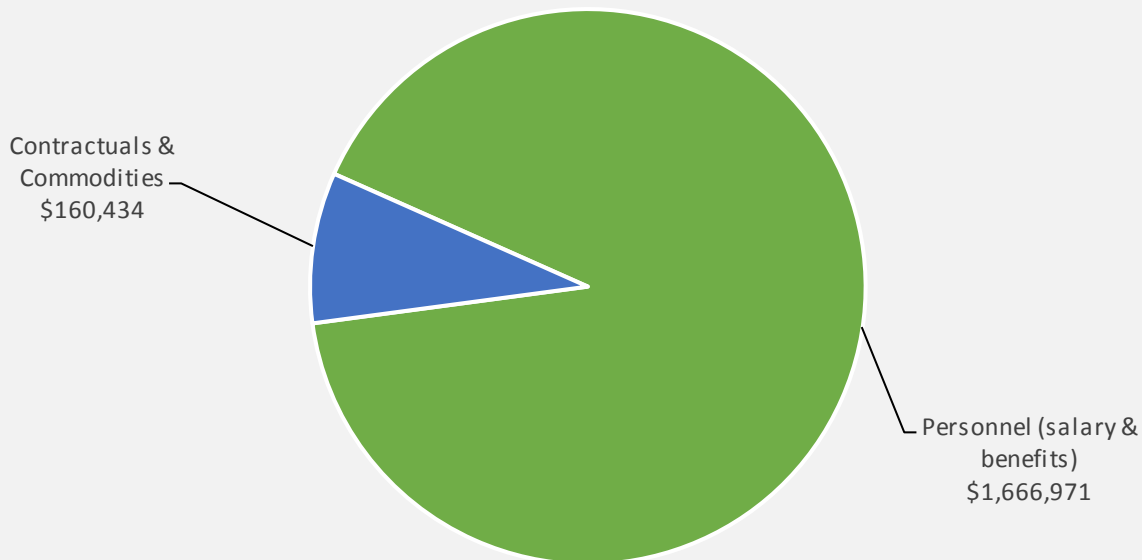


38% of the total 4,992 recommendations are complete or on-going

## 2017 Activity Statistics

Number of adopted small area plan recommendations since 2014	4,992
Number of neighborhood plan amendments submitted per year	20
Number of outreach and educational events hosted	45
Number of requests for information completed and submitted per Neighborhood Advisor	250
Percent of planning participants satisfied with the planning process	90%
Number of participants participating in Imagine Austin training and educational events	500

## Neighborhood Involvement & Implementation Budget and Long Range Planning



## Customers



- Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams
- Neighborhood-based Organizations
- Consultation support to internal stakeholders
- City Capital Departments
- Other City Departments
- General Public
- Residents
- Mayor and Council
- Planning Commission
- Other governmental entities such as Travis County, Capital Metro, AISD, and CAMPO/CAPCOG
- Other Boards and Commissions

## Areas for Improvement

Provide additional Neighborhood Plan Contact Team support and training as recommended by November 2016 Audit of Neighborhood Planning. Continued to integrate Imagine Austin into City processes, including capital investment decision-making, through on-going initiatives such as the Long Range CIP Strategic Plan. Per the Zucker Report and Audit on Neighborhood Planning, shifting to a new type of planning services that are equitable, feasible, and representative. Establish a Complete Community Incentive Program to guide new development in activity centers and corridors to achieve the vision and community benefits identified in Imagine Austin.

## Strategic Outcome Alignment

The Neighborhood Involvement and Implementation activity aligns with the Government that Works strategic outcome by supporting transparency, community engagement, and the implementation of community-based plans by making resources available to neighborhood groups, engaging residents through Neighborhood Plan Contact, monitoring and coordinating implementation of adopted city plans, and coordinating long range capital improvement planning services. The Long Range Planning activity aligns with the Government that Works strategic outcome by providing a comprehensive planning program to guide and manage future development so that Austin grows in a way that works for everyone.

### Services

- ✓ Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams
- ✓ Neighborhood Tree Planting Program
- ✓ Neighborhood Assistance Center
- ✓ Planning for growth and development
- ✓ Demographic data and analysis
- ✓ Education and community engagement
- ✓ Board and Commission support

### Budget

**\$1,827,405**

Future Budget Drivers



Increase level of support to Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams



Requests to amend neighborhood plans



Implementation of newly adopted plans



Complete Community Indicators to support planning services for activity centers and corridors



Grant research to fund small area plans



Census 2020

### Employees



**18** General Fund FTEs

- 2** – Neighborhood Assistance Center
- 5** – Implementation
- 11** – Long Range Planning

## Benefits of Service

### Neighborhood Involvement & Implementation

- Monitoring and reporting on plan implementation progress across city departments
- Coordinating capital investments to implement Imagine Austin
- Supporting Neighborhood Plan Contact Teams through quarterly trainings and other methods
- Processing requests to amend neighborhood plans

### Long Range Planning

- Managing growth and development for one of the fastest growing cities in the country
- Creating complete communities and a development pattern that works for all residents
- Linking land use and zoning with transportation investments
- Aligning and leveraging the planning efforts of other city departments as well as external governmental entities

## Top 3 Challenges

1. Focus planning and implementation efforts on Imagine Austin activity centers and corridors and investing in Imagine Austin while continuing to meet capital renewal needs.
2. Engaging non-traditional, underrepresented populations in city services and planning and partner with local governmental entities to provide a complete and accurate population count.
3. Continue to build implementation tools and programs to get the vision of Imagine Austin on the ground and create complete communities.

## Alignment with Strategic Plans

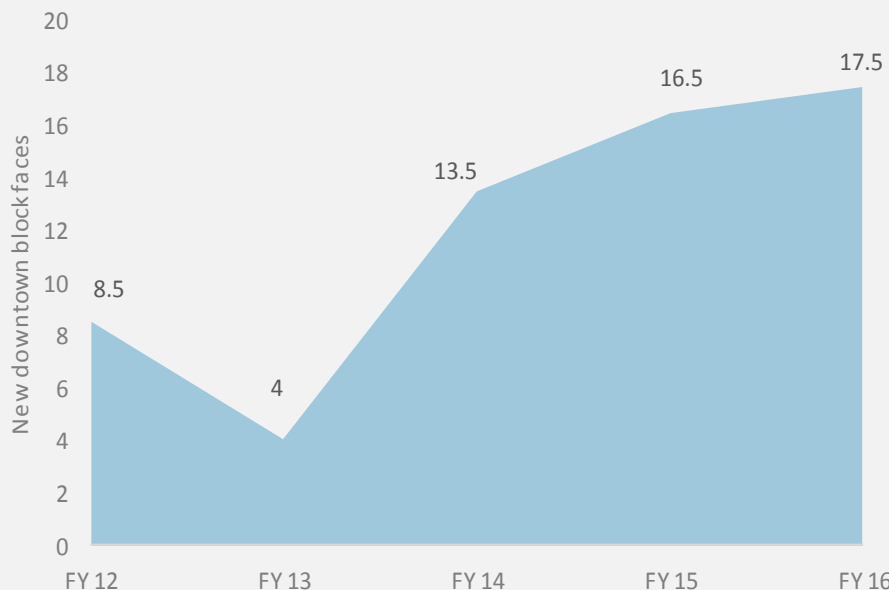
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| • Imagine Austin  | • Austin Strategic Housing Plan  |
| • Adopted Neighborhood Plans and other small area plans | • Austin Strategic Mobility Plan |
| • Long Range CIP Strategic Plan                         | • CodeNEXT                       |
| • Land Development Code 25-1, Article 16                | • City Council's Strategic Plan  |

# Urban Design

The purpose of the Urban Design activity is to shape and improve streetscapes, public places, neighborhoods and downtown for Austin citizens and visitors in order to achieve a high quality, economically viable, environmentally sustainable, accessible and affordable built environment.

## Key Outcome

Number of new downtown block faces w/ “Great Streets” improvements completed per year



FY2016 – 17.5 block faces completed by:

- ❖ 3.5 partnered with Public Works
- ❖ 2 private developer partnerships
- ❖ 12 completed by developers

## 2017 Activity Statistics

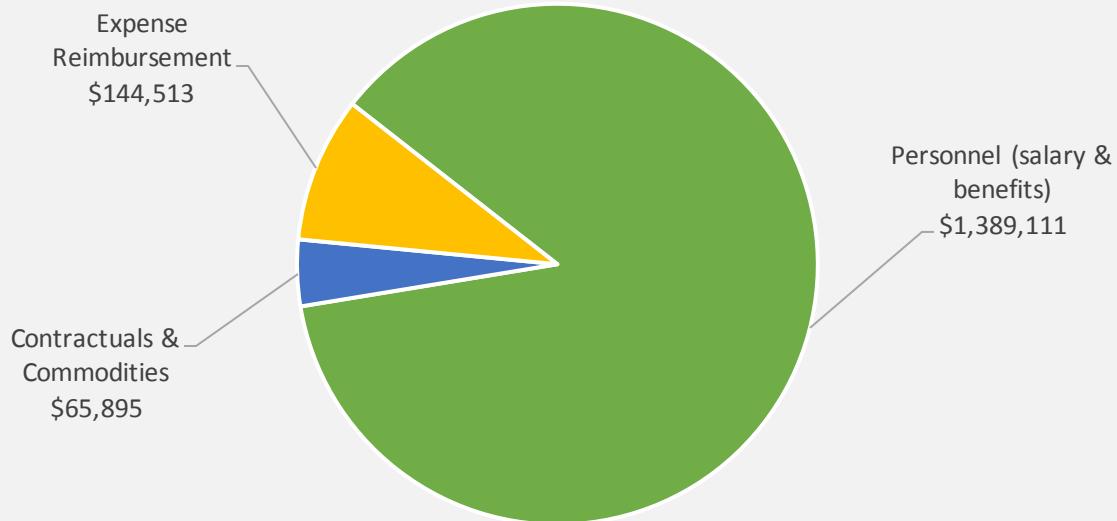
Number of downtown block faces w/ new “Great Streets” improvements planned per year	5
Number of projects reviewed for Complete Streets compliance	8
Number of CodeNEXT event participants	800
Percent of CodeNEXT milestones achieved	50%

## Significant Contracts

Opticos Design, Inc.	\$6,191,521
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## Urban Design Budget



## Customers



- Other City Departments (DSD, ATD, PWD, NHCD, PARD, WPD, EDD, etc)
- Other Entities such as Capital Metro, Travis County and State of Texas
- City of Austin citizens

## CIP

CodeNEXT is the City of Austin's initiative to rewrite the Land Development Code and implement the vision of Imagine Austin for a compact and connected community. A draft of the Code was released January 30, 2017 with adoption anticipated for April 2018.

The Great Streets program partner's with private developers and the Public Works department for streetscape improvements for Downtown Austin, aiming ultimately to transform the public right-of-ways into great public spaces. Highlighted Projects include Hotel Indigo, Colorado Street Reconstruction, and Cesar Chavez Promenade Phase 2.

## Strategic Outcome Alignment

The Urban Design activity aligns with the Cultural and Learning Opportunities strategic outcome. It supports the enrichment of Austin's unique civic and cultural opportunities by protecting and enhancing sites and structures that reflect our cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history and by shaping our public realm in ways that provide functional, attractive, comfortable, animated, and safe environments that balance function and design, heritage and change, vision and reality.

### Services

- ✓ Urban Design best practices, guidelines, and consultation;
- ✓ District, Corridor, and Transit-Oriented Planning & Development;
- ✓ Great Streets Program;
- ✓ Public Realm Design and Improvements;
- ✓ Board and Commission support; and
- ✓ Revise Land Development Code

### Budget

**\$1,310,493**

Future Budget Drivers



Planning and Design project scope



Cost of implementing CodeNEXT: personnel, training, printing, outreach

### Employees



**14** General Fund FTEs

**9** – Urban Design

**5** – CodeNEXT

## Benefits of Service

The Land Development Code (LDC) went through a major restructuring in 1986 and since then, the code has been amended over 700 times – often with unintended consequences that have a ripple effect to other sections of the code and take a one-size-fits-all approach to code standards. The rewrite of the LDC through CodeNEXT will create a more predictable code with clear standards that will implement the Vision of Imagine Austin.

## Top 3 Challenges

1. Resources will be needed to complete the final phase of CodeNEXT and craft an adoption draft for Council consideration.
2. Expectations on stakeholder and community members feedback on the draft code along with the demand on staff time needed to address this feedback leaves the CodeNEXT team short on resources to assist with the engagement and maintenance of the documents.
3. Training modules and upgrades to hardware and software components throughout various PAZ activities will be necessary to accommodate the implementation of CodeNEXT process improvements as they relate to recommendations in Imagine Austin and the Zucker Report.

## Alignment with Strategic Plans

CodeNEXT aligns with the Vision of Imagine Austin and implements the various Priority Programs of Imagine Austin:

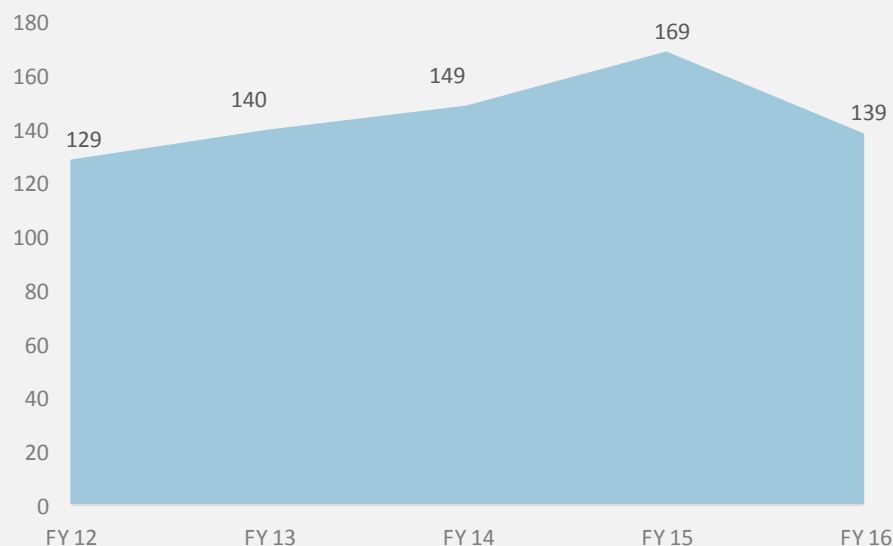
- Priority Program #1: Invest in a compact and connected Austin
- Priority Program #4: Use green infrastructure to protect environmentally sensitive areas and integrate nature into the city
- Priority Program #6: Develop and maintain household affordability throughout Austin
- Priority Program #8: Revise Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city

# Zoning Case Management

The purpose of the Zoning Case Management activity is to process zoning map and code text amendments, interpret zoning ordinances for community stakeholders in accordance with the City's comprehensive plan, and protect and enhance neighborhoods, buildings and sites that reflect elements of Austin's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history through the Historic Preservation Office.

## Key Outcome

Number of zoning applications processed



Average number of zoning cases per year

145



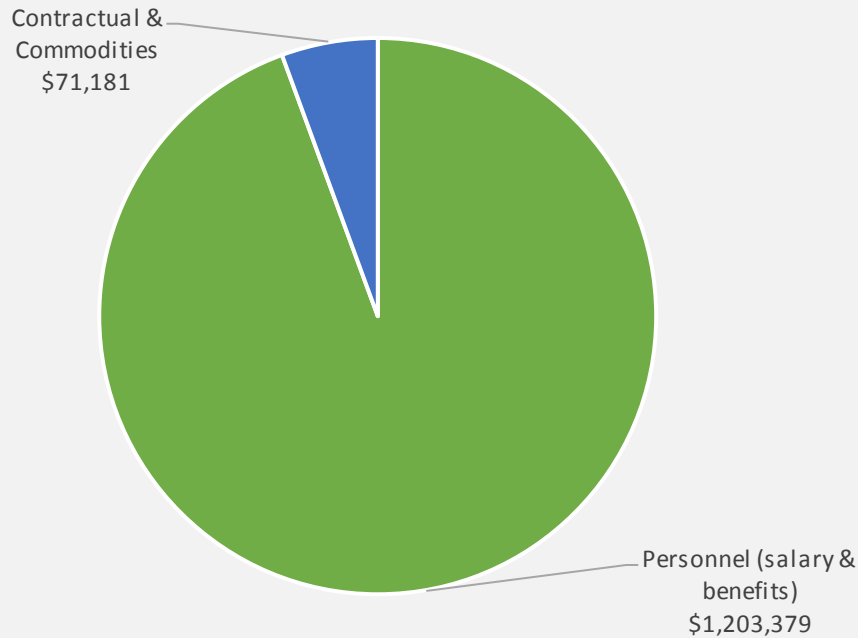
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From  
FY12

## Activity Statistics

Number of code amendments prepared	20
Number of National register Historic District permits	100
Number of sign permits in historic districts	15

## Zoning Case Management Budget



## Customers



- Zoning applicants and their representatives
- Owners of historic properties over 50 years old
- Interested residents and stakeholders
- Other City Departments
- Planning Commission, Zoning and Platting Commission and Historic Landmark Commission
- City Council

## Strategic Outcome Alignment

The Zoning Case Management activity aligns with the Government that Works strategic outcome. It involves outlining the nature and degree of impacts associated with a request to zone, rezone or modify public restrictive covenants through the use of land use documents, principles, practices and policies adopted by the City Council.

## Services

- ✓ Zoning consulting and use determinations
- ✓ Code amendments
- ✓ Historic landmark applications
- ✓ Historic sign permits and demolition permits
- ✓ Historic inspections

## Budget

**\$1,274,560**

Future Budget Drivers



Historic Landmark Inspections



Historic Resources Survey



CodeNEXT

## Employees



**15** General Fund FTEs

- 9** – Zoning Case Management
- 2** – Code Amendment
- 4** – Historic Preservation

## Top 3 Challenges

1. On June 26, 2014 Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to inventory existing historic surveys and to provide a plan to conduct a phased approach for a city-wide Historic Resources Survey. Three areas were identified and funding has been provided for only one, the East Austin Area. Funding has not been made available for the Bouldin and Zilker area, and the Tarrytown area.
2. Adoption of CodeNEXT, securing future funding for the project and ensuring adequate temporary staff for training and maintenance of the code and mapping.