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TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rosie Truelove, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Update on Resolution No. 20170413-024 and Resolution No. 20170413-025 regarding implementation of the Strategic Housing Blueprint and affordable housing along Austin's corridors

On April 13, 2017, City Council adopted Resolutions No. 20170413-024 and 20170413-025 regarding the adoption of the Strategic Housing Blueprint and creation and preservation of affordable housing for corridors throughout Austin.

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) released a Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist in the development of an implementation plan for the Strategic Housing Blueprint and analysis of current conditions to set corridor-specific numeric goals for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in corridors throughout Austin, beginning with those corridors that will receive funding through the 2016 Mobility Bond. The consultant will also identify any additional resources or strategies for leveraging transportation and infrastructure investments and will coordinate with the Strike Fund to retain and create affordable housing along Austin's corridors. Consultant proposals responsive to the solicitation were due September 14, 2017. The solicitation process is underway at this time. Staff anticipates updating Council in early 2018.

The Corridor Program Office (CPO) is charged with implementing Council's Contract with Voters resolution for the 2016 Mobility Bond, which outlined how staff was to put together the prioritized corridor improvements. This included accounting for community outcomes such as preservation of existing affordable housing and creation of new affordable housing. To this end, the Corridor Program Office is using information that is available from a recent study on development and growth patterns along major city corridors.

CPO worked with NHCD and the University of Texas in considering the types of available data that could be used for this analysis. This data was useful for the purposes of a comparative analysis for potential mobility infrastructure projects as per the Contract with Voters. NHCD and CPO will continue to coordinate on these initiatives.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Erica Leak, Housing Policy Manager, at (512) 974-9375.

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