

# AUSTIN LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

CodeNEXT  
Deliberation and  
Voting Process Options  
May 22, 2018

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# OVERVIEW

- I. Dates
- II. Deliberation Options
- III. Voting Process Options
- IV. Post Adoption Plan





# DATES

- I. Public Hearings at City Hall\*
  - Tuesday, May 29, 10am
  - Saturday, June 2, 10am
- II. Deliberation
  - *Tuesday, June 5*
  - *Tuesday, June 12*
- III. First Reading Votes
  - *Wednesday, June 13*
  - *Thursday, June 21*

\* Contingent on Planning Commission action  
*Italics indicate tentative dates*



# DELIBERATION OPTIONS

- Deliberation timeframe: 2 days
- Limit the deliberation time for each chapter or topic
- Discussions arranged by chapters or topics
- Chapters or topics and order may be suggested by staff





# DELIBERATION OPTIONS (CONT...)

- Staff will provide the following:
  - How each chapter or topic aligns with the City's goals
  - Where there may be agreement on a chapter or topic
  - Highlights of Planning Commission recommendations before each chapter or topic
- Encourage laying out amendments during deliberation timeframe



# VOTING SESSION OPTIONS

- Start with a main motion:
  - Staff recommendation, which includes Draft 3 plus the addendum and errata;
  - Planning Commission recommendation
- Filing Motions/Amendments:
  - Use a standard form for motion sheets and to file motions;
  - Strongly encourage or require amendments to be laid out in advance;
  - Set a time frame to submit amendments in advance;
  - Post amendments on message board





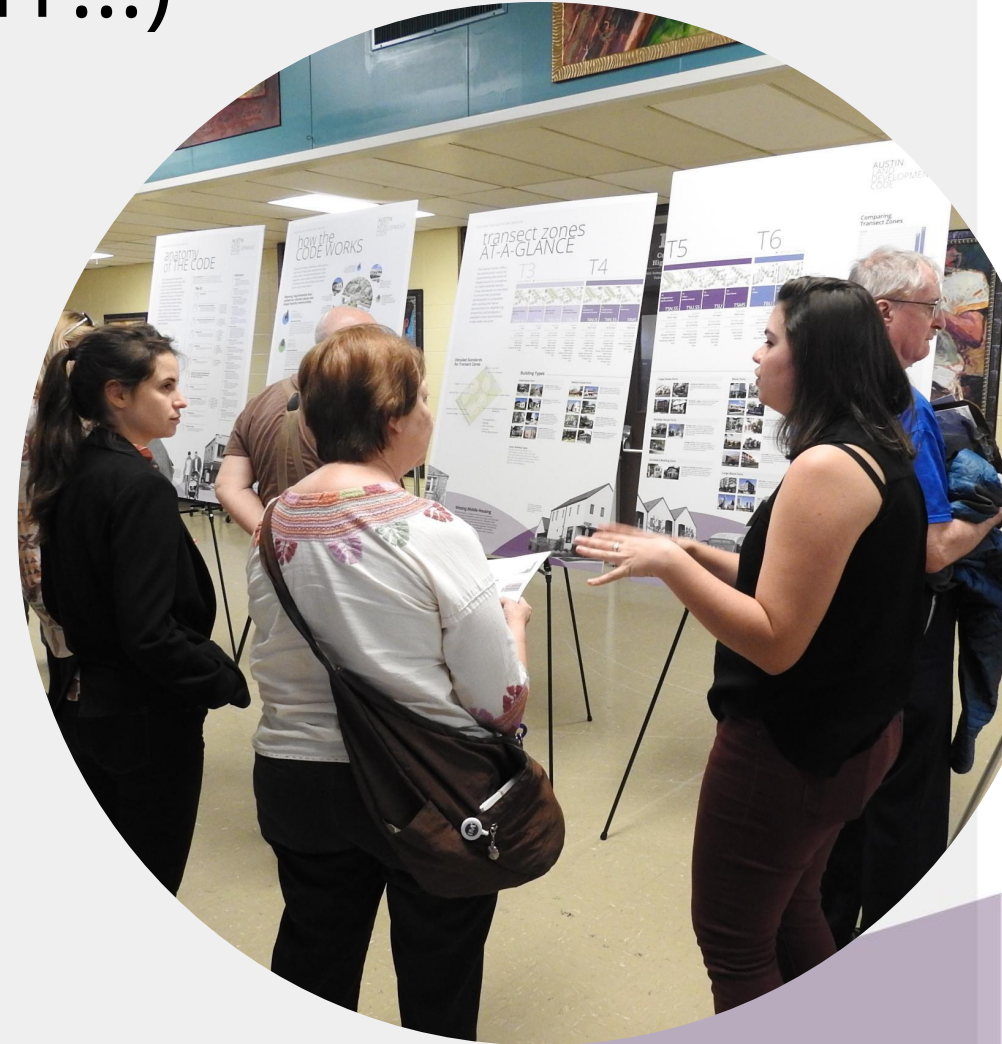
# VOTING SESSION OPTIONS (CONT...)

- Pre-submittal of amendments will allow staff to:
  - Review and offer recommendation; and
  - Bundle like amendments and sort by chapter or topic
- Start with the text, then the map
- Proceed by chapter or topic



# VOTING SESSION OPTIONS (CONT...)

- Moving down the dais, each Council Member may offer one amendment at a time
- Discourage complex amendments to amendments etc.
- Discourage calling on audience for comment





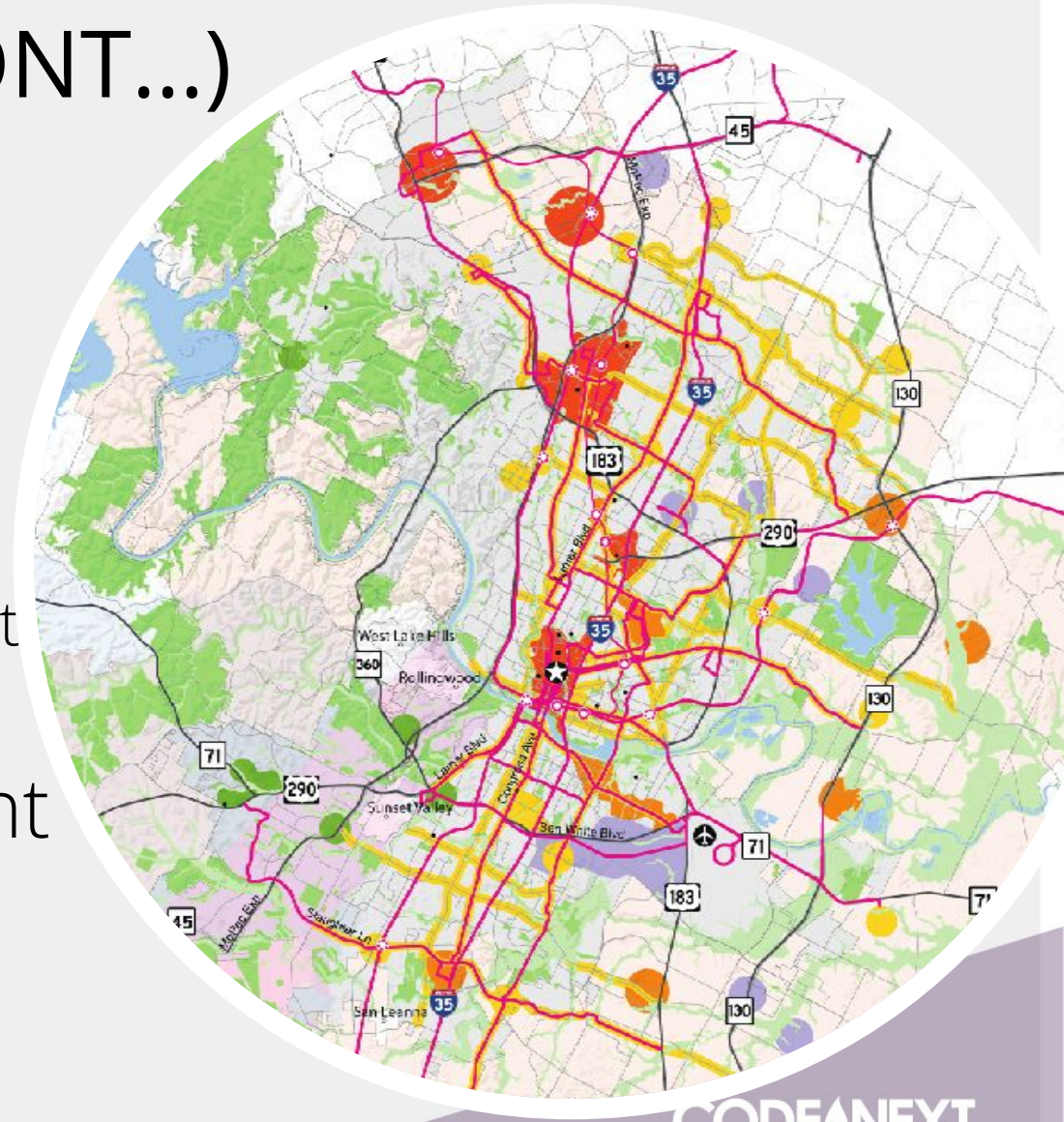
# VOTING SESSION OPTIONS (CONT...)

- Be clear on distinction between amendment and direction for staff to do further research, etc.
  - Require a vote for staff direction
- Record items that are related to, but not included in or appropriate for, CodeNEXT



# VOTING SESSION OPTIONS (CONT...)

- Planning Commission process example
  - Commissioner makes motion
  - Another commissioner offers second
    - 3 members speak *for* amendment
    - 3 members speak *against* amendment
- Possible consent map amendment process





# POST ADOPTION PLAN

- Six months from adoption to effective date; may be extended if necessary
- Allows for:
  - Retooling of City's AMANDA database
  - Testing of new code with non-COA assistance
  - Correction of errors



# POST ADOPTION PLAN (CONT...)

- Allows for:
  - Making code amendment(s) right away to allow correction of errors
  - Training of staff and public
  - Outreach to the public
  - Updating criteria manuals





# Questions & Answers



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