

Name

Zoning and Platting Commission Working Group on Budget 2020

Which commission are you representing?

Other

Other Commission name:

Zoning and Platting Commission

Please provide a brief title for your recommendation

Draft Recommendation Regarding Affordability and Access To Opportunity

Describe the issue facing your community or stakeholder group. In your role as Commissioner, what have you heard from your community about the issue?

Major recurring concerns include rising household costs, a shrinking supply of affordable housing, and limited tools to create new affordable housing. Rapid development and population growth have increased pressure on transportation infrastructure and the resulting traffic congestion is a growing barrier to accessing economic opportunity.

What does the data tell us about the issue? Is there data on who is most impacted by the issue?

The Affordable Housing Blueprint, University of Texas gentrification study (Uprooted), Anti-Displacement Task Force final report, and Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities final report indicate that low income residents and communities of color are most vulnerable, in addition to middle income households and renters.

What is your recommendation for addressing this issue? Recommendations should focus on increasing efficiency, effectiveness, and equity.

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A. Strategies to bolster resources of City departments around affordability:

1. Implement affordable housing monitoring fee on participants in density bonus programs to facilitate City efforts to monitor, verify, and promote compliance with program requirements.
2. Provide additional funds to implement and maintain the NHCD's online website/database of existing market affordable housing.
3. Increase funding for historic surveys for neighborhoods and community assets impacted by rapid redevelopment and displacement.
4. Provide additional planning staff to facilitate small area planning efforts that prioritize our most vulnerable communities.

5. Maximize impact and value of our 2018 housing bond money by streamlining the development review process for affordable housing.
6. Enhance budgets to address climate change and implement Atlas 14 flood maps to help reduce flooding risks in vulnerable communities.

B. Strategies to bolster resources of City departments around accessibility:

1. Additional transportation engineers to facilitate traffic impact reviews on land development and zoning cases.
2. Implement Street Impact Fee as soon as possible.
3. Regularly reassess and recalibrate the sidewalk fee-in-lieu to correspond to contemporaneous sidewalk construction costs.

Strategic Direction 2023 Indicators



CITY OF AUSTIN STRATEGIC DIRECTION

OUR INDICATORS

City Council adopted 6 Strategic Outcomes and these Indicators on March 8, 2018.



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & AFFORDABILITY

Having economic opportunities and resources that enable us to thrive in our community.

- A. Employment/unemployment**
- B. Income equality**
- C. Cost of living compared to income**
- D. Housing availability and affordability**
- E. Homelessness**
- F. Training for better jobs**
- G. Ability to improve your income**



MOBILITY

Getting us where we want to go, when we want to get there, safely and cost-effectively.

- A. Traffic congestion**
- B. Transportation cost**
- C. Accessibility to transportation choices**
- D. Safety**
- E. Condition of transportation-related infrastructure**



SAFETY

Being safe in our home, at work, and in our community.

- A. Timeliness and quality of emergency response**
- B. Public compliance with laws and regulations**
- C. Emergency preparedness and recovery**
- D. Fair administration of justice**
- E. Quality and reliability of critical infrastructure**



HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Enjoying a sustainable environment and a healthy life, physically and mentally.

- A. Health conditions among the public**
- B. Accessibility to quality health care services, (physical and mental)**
- C. Accessibility to quality parks, trails, and recreational opportunities**
- D. Environmental quality**
- E. Climate change and community resilience**
- F. Food security and nutrition**



CULTURE & LIFELONG LEARNING

Being enriched by Austin's unique civic, cultural, ethnic, and learning opportunities.

- A. Quality of cultural venues, events, programs, and resources**
- B. Vibrancy of the creative industry**
- C. Appreciation, respect, and welcoming of all people and cultures**
- D. Honoring and preservation of historical and ethnic heritage**
- E. Quality of lifelong learning opportunities**



GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS FOR ALL

Believing that city government works effectively and collaboratively for all of us—that it is equitable, ethical, and innovative.

- A. Financial cost and sustainability of City government**
- B. Condition of City facilities and technology**
- C. Satisfaction with City services**
- D. Employee engagement among City of Austin employees**
- E. Public engagement and participation**
- F. Equity of City programs and resource allocation**
- G. Transparency and ethical practices**

Aligning to Strategic Direction 2023

Align your recommendation to Strategic Direction 2023 by selecting up to 3 Strategic Direction indicators. Note: All three indicators can be within the same outcome area. City Council's Strategic Outcomes and Strategic Indicators are shown in the graphic above.

Please choose a Strategic Outcome area that your recommendation addresses.

Economic Opportunity & Affordability

Within the ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & AFFORDABILITY outcome, which indicator does your recommendation address?

Housing availability and affordability^

Please choose a Strategic Outcome area that your recommendation addresses (if any).

Mobility

Within the MOBILITY outcome, which indicator does your recommendation address?

Condition of transportation-related infrastructure

Please choose a Strategic Outcome area that your recommendation addresses (if any).

Health & Environment

Within the HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT outcome, which indicator does your recommendation address?

Climate change and community resilience^

On what date did (or will) your Commission vote to approve this recommendation?

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