## INTRODUCTORY GUIDE

**PURPOSE OF THE LRCP**

Long-Range Capital Improvement Planning (LRCP) is the process that examines CIP needs looking 10 years or more into the future. It is a lens for viewing CIP projects, which are typically granular in nature, within the scale of high-level policies identified in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Direction 2023. It is updated on a two-year cycle and contributes to the annual recommendations approved by Planning commission.

**COMPONENTS OF THE LRCP**

Planning for long-range CIP investments enjoins multiple sources of information. The major elements that inform the planning process are maintained by multiple city departments including Public Works and the Budget Office. The main components, and their oft-seen abbreviations, are summarized below.

CIP - Capital Improvement Program
>The City of Austin regularly undertakes projects to improve public facilities and infrastructure assets for the benefit of its citizens. Projects include the construction of city facilities such as recreation centers and libraries as well as the reconstruction of streets, replacement of water/wastewater lines and provision of power for City of Austin residents. Collectively, these projects are referred to as the City of Austin CIP.

CIA - Comprehensive Infrastructure Assessment
>The CIA identifies, inventories, and reports the conditions of the City's infrastructure assets. The information is set up in a framework that enables departments to identify capital, maintenance, and operational needs to address infrastructure performance and maximize the lifespan of the City's infrastructure assets. Lead Department: Public Works Department, Asset Management Office

RNA - Rolling Needs Assessment Highlighted Projects
>The RNA is a collection of identified, highlighted capital projects of interest that demonstrates the breadth of City projects proposed within the next 10 years. The RNA includes a brief summary of departments' CIP project identification, prioritization, and selection processes. Overall, the RNA includes 21 departments and over 200 highlighted capital projects. Lead Department: Financial Services, Budget Office

SIA - Strategic Investment Analysis
>The SIA examines the highlighted projects identified in the RNA, their relationship to City policies, and how their geographic dispersion could have potentially differing impacts throughout Austin. The SIA is presented as a series of charts and interactive maps to provide a variety of frameworks that can be used to strategically inform project and policy recommendations. Lead Department: Housing and Planning Department, Inclusive Planning

**PLANNING COMMISSION'S ROLE IN THE LRCP**

By June 30th each year, the City Charter requires Planning Commission make recommendations to the City Manager about projects necessary or desirable to implement the City's comprehensive plan. This takes the form of a memo that is approved annually and updated on a bi-annual cycle. Typically, the Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee elects a CIP Working Group to work with staff to develop and vet the recommendations prior to full commission approval in June.
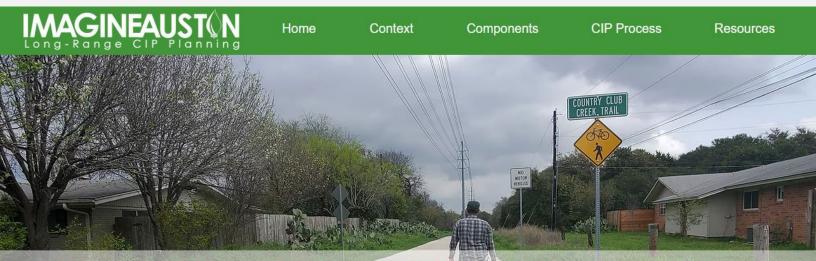
NEW WEBSITE!   [imagineaustin.wixsite.com/lrcp](imagineaustin.wixsite.com/lrcp)

New this cycle, the LRCP provides an interactive website commissioners can use for assistance in making recommendations. The website provides access to many things and is organize by Context, Components, CIP Process, and additional Resources.

Capabilities include:

- Gain a deeper understanding of Imagine Austin, SD23, and the CIP Process
- Review the conditions of city assets
- Analyze key trends extracted from the RNA's highlighted projects
- Learn more about how each department identifies and highlights projects
- Examine previous memos and plans

To dive further into the LRCP, check out the new website at imagineaustin.wixsite.com/lrcp.



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