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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve third of reading an ordinance amending the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan by adopting the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan for the area bounded by Lamar Blvd. and Duval St. to the west, 38th St. and 45th St. to the north, IH-35 to the east, and M.L.K Jr. Blvd. to the south, excluding the University of Texas at Austin campus. The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Area includes the Hancock, North University, and West University Neighborhood Planning Areas.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: There is no fiscal impact associated with adopting the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan. An estimate of the fiscal impact to implement all of the recommendations in the plan is \$14,566,100. This plan is advisory and does not legally obligate the Council to implement any particular recommendation.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Neighborhood Planning **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:and Zoning **AUTHORIZATION:** Greg Guernsey

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: The City Council approved the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan on first reading on June 10, 2004 and on second reading on July 29, 2004.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan on May 25, 2004.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

BACKGROUND: The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan was completed under the City of Austin's Neighborhood Planning Program. Neighborhood stakeholders—including homeowners, renters, business owners, non-profit organizations, and non-resident property owners—prepared the plan with assistance from City Neighborhood Planning staff. The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan received support in a final neighborhood survey.

The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan recommends actions to be taken by the Neighborhood Planning Contact Team, the City, and other agencies to preserve and improve the central Austin neighborhoods. City departments have reviewed the plan, provided comments, and provided cost estimates for implementation of the plan where possible.

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There are a total of 143 recommendations in the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan.

Tracking Chart RCA Reference #	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	# OF ITEMS	ESTIMATED CITY COSTS
1	Items to be implemented by the neighborhood at no cost to the City.	13	N/A
2	Items to be implemented by the City with existing department resources, i.e. existing staff resources and/or programs	43	N/A
3	Items to be implemented by the City with operating or capital budget funds that are available now or will be available in the future.	2	\$14,000,000
4	Items to be implemented by the City that requires allocation of funds by City Council.	3	\$6,300
5	Items to be implemented by the City that requires funding through a Capital Improvement Project Bond.	21	\$559,800
6	Items to be implemented by the City that requires a change in current City policy.	4	UNKNOWN
7	Items to be implemented by the City with no cost information available.	47	N/A
8	Items to be implemented by other agencies.	10	N/A

Recommendations for the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan were provided by the neighborhood's vision for future growth and other planning principles associated with new development and the preservation of existing neighborhoods. These principles served as a framework for recommendations and do not have an additional fiscal impact.