

Housing + Transit + Jobs Action Team

**Comprehensive Planning and
Transportation Committee**

June 2, 2014



Agenda

- **H+T+J Action Team**
- **New Starts Overview**
- **Process, Work Plan & Schedule**
- **Updates on Related Initiatives**
- **Next Steps**



H+T+J Action Team Mission

- Align City programs and policies with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts program guidelines in support of a Central Corridor high-capacity transit project, urban rail
- Provide recommendations to other City initiatives, programs, policies including CodeNEXT
- Adapted from Resolution 20140327-037



H+T+J Action Team Members

- Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD)
- Planning and Development Review (PDR)
- Austin Transportation (ATD)
- Economic Development (EDD)
- Capital Planning (CPO)
- Sustainability (SO)
- Austin Resource Recovery (ARR)
- Capital Metro



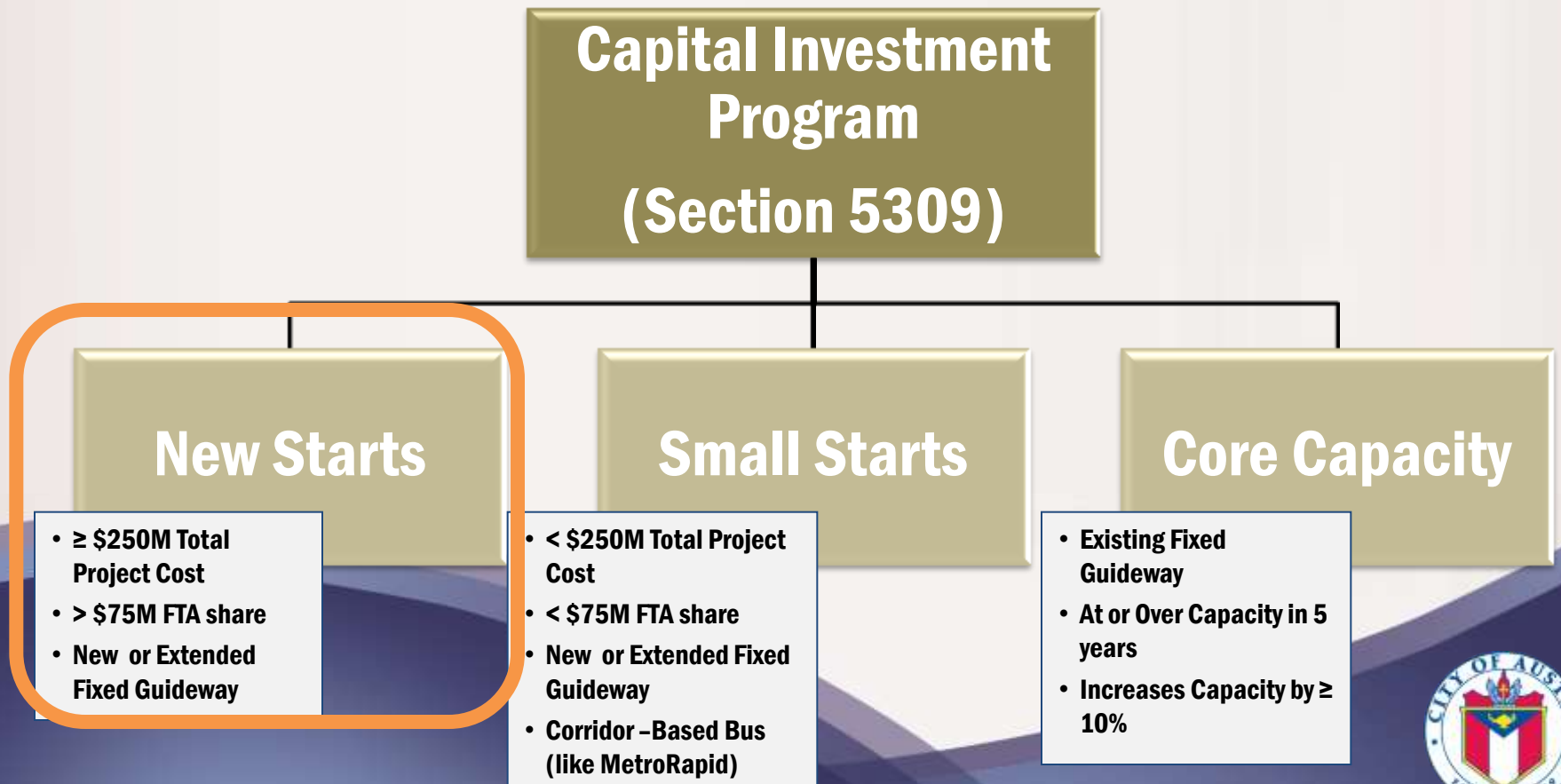
Imagine Austin Context

- “FTA New Starts goals align with Imagine Austin and City Council goals” Resolution 20140327-037



FTA Capital Investment Program

- The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) primary grant program for funding major transit capital investments



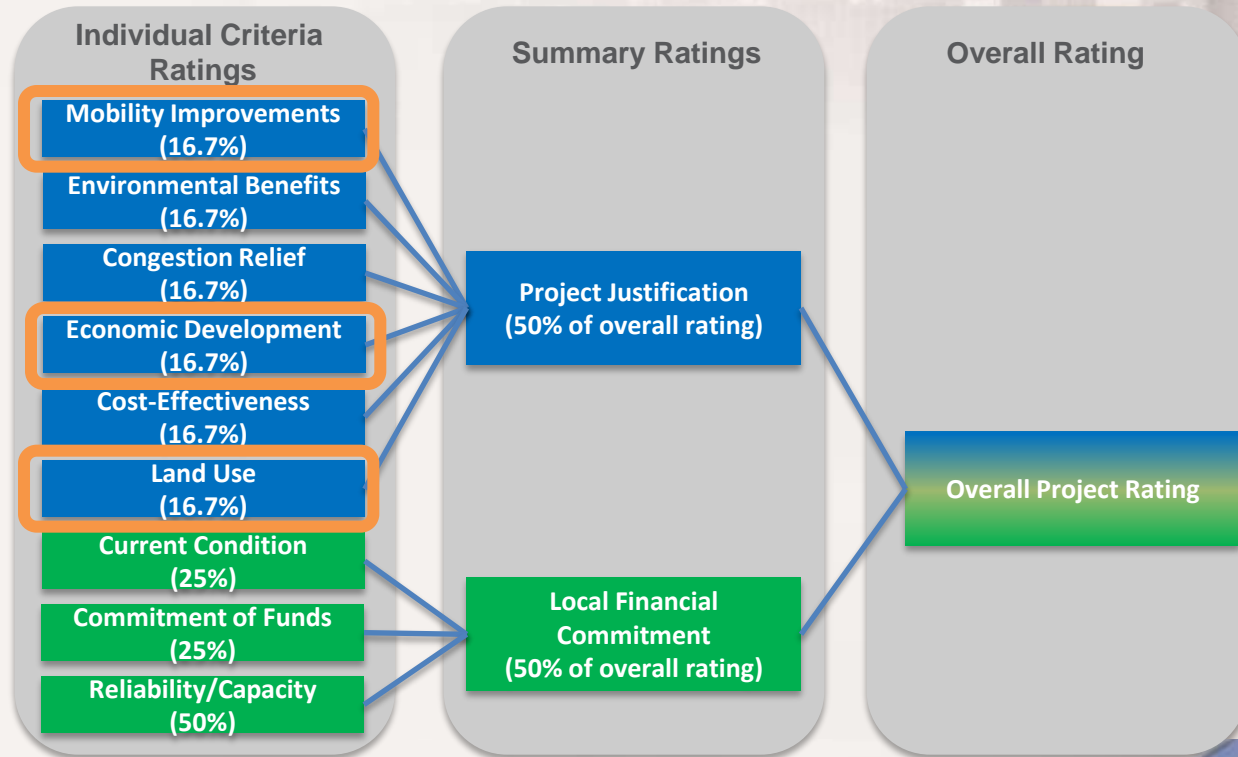
'New' New Starts

- 2013 Final Policy Guidance result of major overhaul
- New federal commitment to multiple 'bottom lines'
- Emphasis on building and sustaining great cities
- Develop transit projects with land use plans and policies
 - Transit-oriented development <<>> Development-oriented transit
 - Meet needs of the transit dependent
 - Directly address affordability



New Starts Evaluation

- 3 Project Justification Criteria cover Affordability
 - Mobility
 - Economic Development
 - Land Use



New Starts - Mobility Improvements

- **Mobility Improvements (Ridership)**
 - Double ridership credit for transit dependent persons
- **Transit Dependent Persons**
 - Zero car households
 - From households in the lowest income bracket as defined locally



New Starts - Econ Dev & Land Use

- **Economic Development Factors**

- Transit-supportive plans and polices (33%)
- Performance and impacts of policies (33%)
- Tools to maintain or increase share of affordable housing (33%)

- **Land Use Factors**

- Station area population density (30%)
- Total employment served (with a one seat ride) (30%)
- Proportion of “legally binding affordable housing” (30%)
- Pedestrian accessibility, special trip generators, and availability of parking (10%)



H+T+J Work Plan

- Focus initially on the areas of affordable housing, job preservation, and economic development
- Make recommendations towards implementation of Imagine Austin
- Educate & inform



H+T+J Process

1. Catalog
2. Identify Gaps and Deficiencies
3. Prioritize
4. Recommend strategies to improve the effectiveness of, and/or fill gaps
5. Implementation strategies
6. **ACTION** by Council



H+T+J Schedule – Work to Date

JUNE 2, 2014

H+T+J Action Team provides briefing to the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Council Committee presenting the proposed Work Plan.

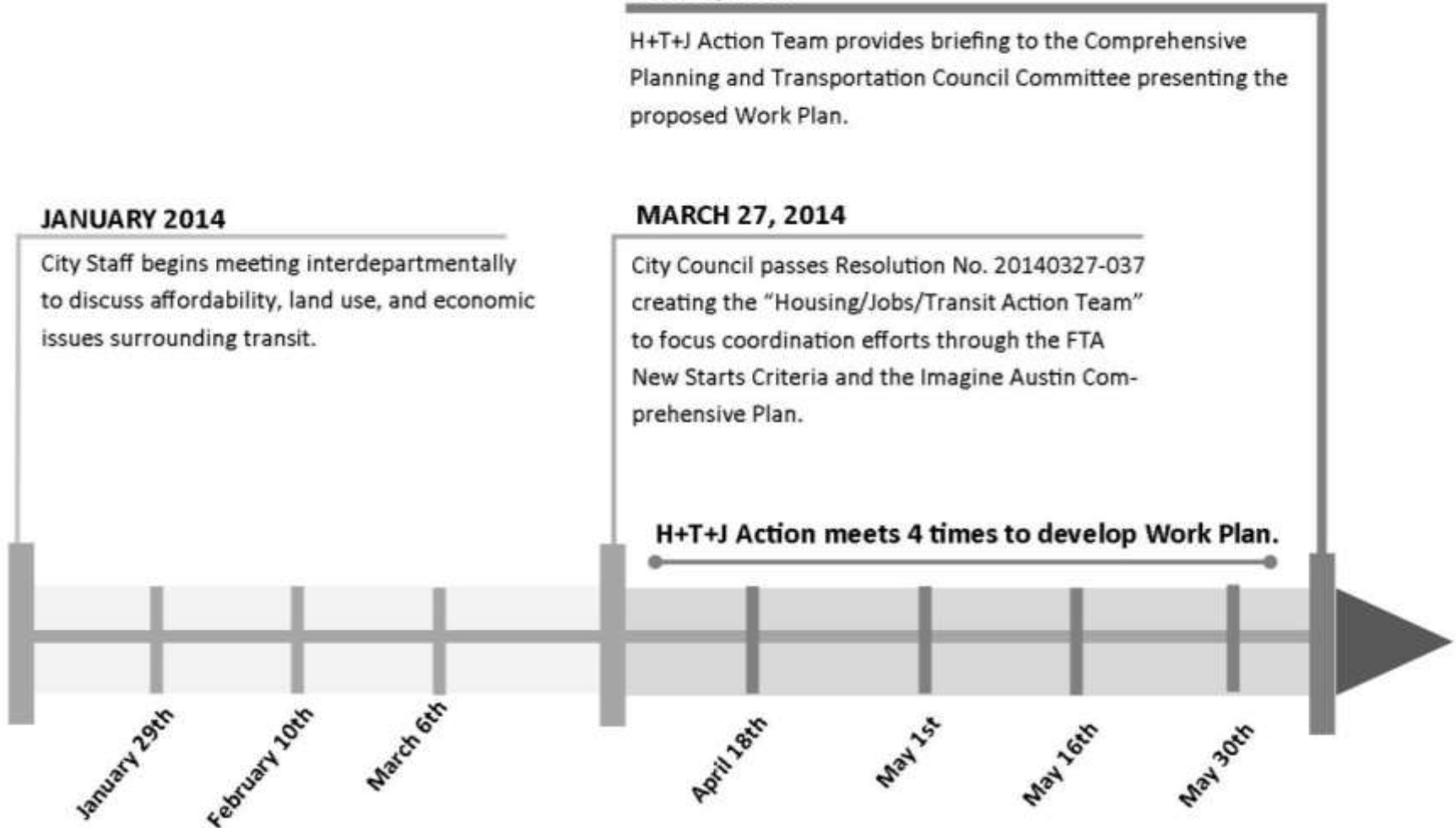
MARCH 27, 2014

City Council passes Resolution No. 20140327-037 creating the “Housing/Jobs/Transit Action Team” to focus coordination efforts through the FTA New Starts Criteria and the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

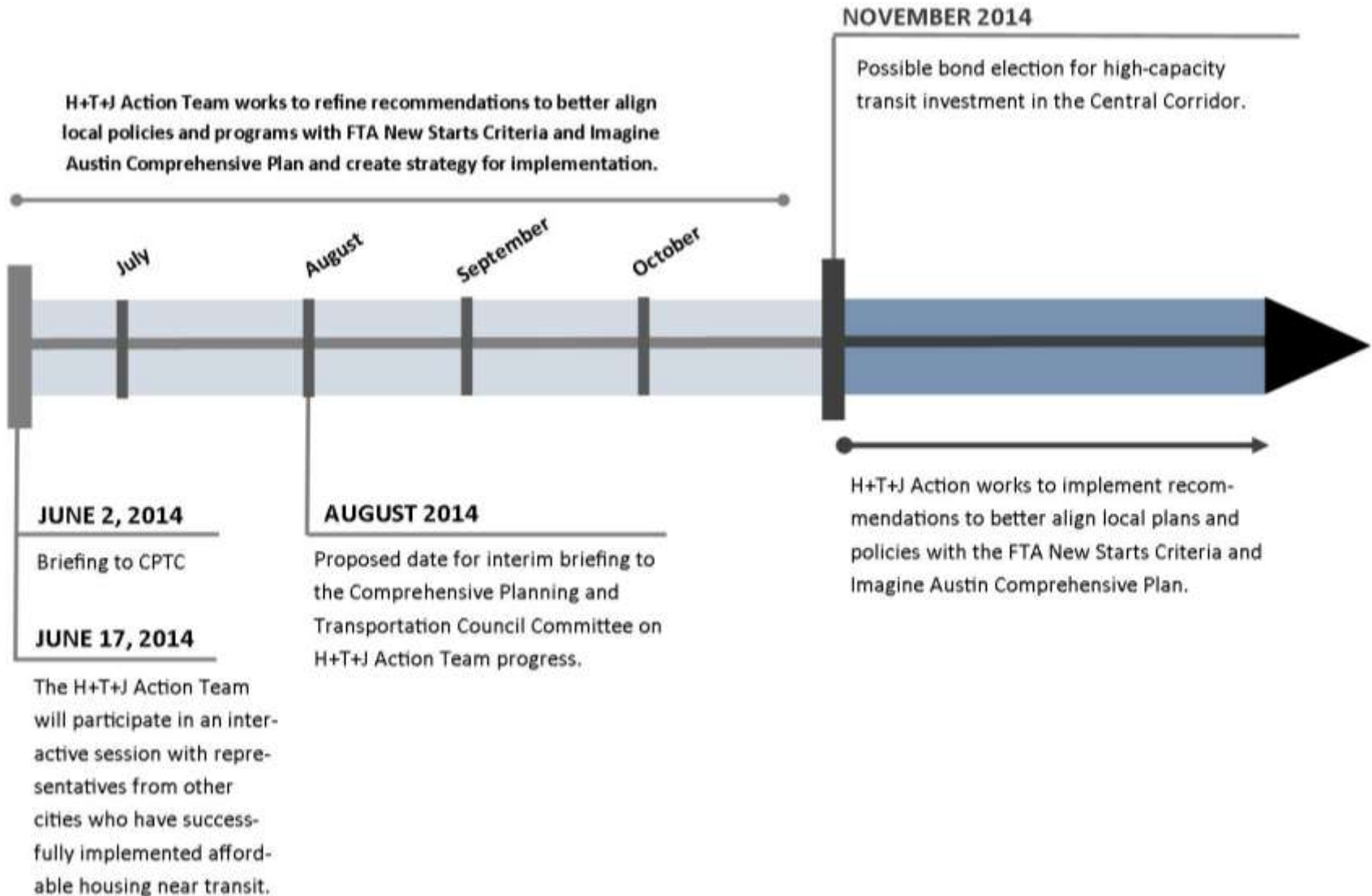
H+T+J Action meets 4 times to develop Work Plan.

JANUARY 2014

City Staff begins meeting interdepartmentally to discuss affordability, land use, and economic issues surrounding transit.



H+T+J Schedule – Planned Work



Updates – Affordable Housing Preservation Strategy

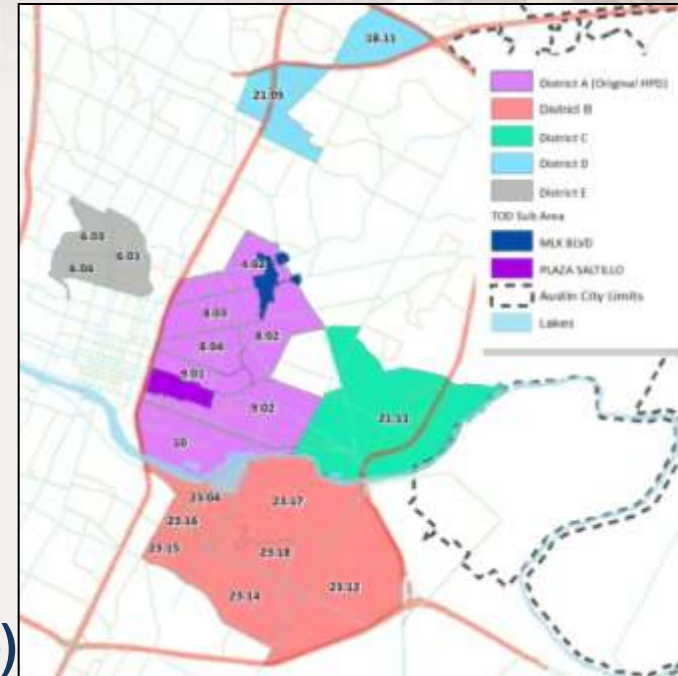
- Partnering with HousingWorks and UT Community and Regional Planning
- Assembling baseline data on aging rental housing
- Mapping aging rental housing (unsubsidized)
- Developing criteria for targeted preservation strategy
- Report to Council by end of June



Updates – Homestead Preservation

Homestead Preservation District Study

- 5 Spatially compact areas
 - < 75,000 residents
 - $\geq 2x$ Poverty rate of 20%
 - Median family income(MFI) < 80%
- NHCD and Finance developing a program plan, financing, and funding strategy
- Contracts with Capitol Market Research (Finance) and Economic & Planning Systems (NHCD)



Updates – Micro Units

Tentative schedule

- June 10: Briefing to CDC Housing Committee
- June 17: Briefing to PC Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee
- July 8: Community Development Commission (potential action)
- July 15: Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances (potential action)
- July 22: Planning Commission (potential action)
- August 7: City Council (potential action)



H+T+J Next Steps

- **Complete New Starts-related programs and policies inventory and assessment**
 - June 13th Action Team work session
- **Identify best practices**
 - June 17th HousingWorks ‘virtual’ workshop with other cities
- **Return to CPTC in August**





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