

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	60016	Agenda Number	21.
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Meeting Date:	8/4/2016	Department:	Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt
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Subject

Approve a resolution adopting the City of Austin Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	The City of Austin’s Hazard Mitigation Action Plan was last updated and adopted by Council on October 28, 2010.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is requesting that the City Council formally adopt the update to the City of Austin Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP). The plan is available on the City’s public web site under the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, at <http://www.austintexas.gov/hsem>

Hazard mitigation planning is a collaborative process whereby: 1) hazards affecting the community are identified; 2) vulnerability to the hazards is assessed; and 3) consensus is reached on strategies to minimize or eliminate the effects of the identified hazards. The collaborative process involved multiple opportunities for comment and input from the public and broad cross section of local partner agencies and stakeholders.

On February 26, 2002, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published 44 CFR Parts 201 and 206 – Hazard Mitigation Planning and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; Interim Final Rule in the Federal Register. This Rule, required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, outlines requirements for local government Hazard Mitigation Actions Plans. For disasters declared after November 1, 2003, governments must have HMAP approved by the FEMA to be eligible for certain disaster-related funding. This law encourages and rewards local pre-disaster

planning, promotes sustainability as a strategy for disaster resistance, and has as its aim, the strengthening of local and statewide mitigation planning.

The City of Austin's initial HMAP was completed and adopted by City Council and FEMA in 2004 and updated in 2010. FEMA requires communities to update their approved HMAP every five years. The previous Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update was completed in 2010. A draft of this revised plan was completed in 2015 and was subsequently submitted for the required State and Federal approval. These approvals have now been secured.

This updated plan includes a re-evaluation of the existing and emerging risks and hazards faced by our community. This includes global and local changes as well as current census information. This re-evaluation has led to three new hazards being identified as facing the City of Austin; expansive soils, cyber-attack, and technological disruption. New mitigation actions have been identified to address these hazards. Mitigation actions identified in the previous plan were evaluated and revised if needed.