The Open Government Partnership
Council Work Session
November 1, 2016
Update

- Overview
- Open Government Partnership (OGP) recap
- Austin’s 5 projects
- Your feedback
What Is The Open Government Partnership (OGP)?

An international coalition of 70 governments and their communities working together on commitments to open government
OGP’s Open Government Principles

- Tech and Innovation
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Civic Participation
OGP Pioneer Program

- Commit to projects that advance open government in local & regional government
- A one-year, two-way pilot for OGP and for the first 15 Pioneer governments
Feb Council passed Resolution 20160225-017 to compete for this program. 5 projects selected to advance commitments, amplify ongoing efforts. To be announced internationally in Dec.
Austin is the *only* U.S. applicant chosen for the Pioneer program.
Our Pioneer Projects
The City’s Projects Will...

- Be co-created with the community
- Welcome new and additional participants at any time
- Amplify and elevate, not duplicate, city efforts and staff
- Complete a portion of a larger city effort in one year
- Provide an international stage for city successes
Project 1

Demonstrate a collaborative approach to achieving greater understanding and shared reasoning around complex issues through the city’s Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST).

This project will strengthen collaboration and decision-making by furthering our commitment to **civic participation and transparency**.
Establish an equity assessment tool.

This project will track progress on an ambitious goal and support decision-making by furthering our commitment to civic participation, transparency, and accountability.
Adapt the existing Open Government Operating Board executive committee to oversee broader open government efforts, including these OGP projects.

This project will improve collaboration with a focus on civic participation and accountability.
Project 4

Analyze city public meeting efficiencies.

This project will increase understanding and promote sound decision-making with a focus on transparency and accountability.
Project 5

Create a project-tracking website, using our OGP commitments as a first project.

This project will show progress towards ambitious goals with a focus on transparency and accountability.
Evaluation criteria for testing commitments

- Ambitious
- Co-created & Inclusive
- Impactful
- Relevant
  - Sweet Spot
- Feasible
- Measurable
  - Time-bound
- Specific

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Appendix
What Will We Do Next?
2017

January to October:
Bring community together for discovery, building & testing

Opportunities for more people to design, produce, deliver & evaluate our projects with us
What Will We Do Next? 2017

November:
OGP’s Independent Review Board Will Assess Our Work
What Will We Do Next?
2017

December:
Present Action Plan Results to OGP
How Did We Get
To These Commitments?
Step 1: Study OGP values

Aligned our framing to OGP’s 4 values:

- Tech and innovation
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Civic Participation
Step 2: Research with community members

Researched key pain points and opportunities with city and community, through events like the ATX Hack for Change and interviews
Step 3: Discover patterns in stories

Combined and reviewed data, to identify repeating stories of challenges and opportunities

Identified 9 repeating pain points and opportunities that, if addressed, the solution would extend to all or many
Step 4: Synthesize themes

Combined and reviewed data, to identify themes

Identified 4 repeating themes:
Step 5: Assess City projects

Revisited key efforts that related to open government principles: Imagine Austin, Quality of Life Initiatives, Spirit of East Austin, and the Community Engagement Task Force
Step 6: Match pain points/opportunities to City projects

Which project(s) could be addressed through OGP, so that we can advance both with existing resources?

Pain Point/Opportunity + Strategic Project = OGP Commitment
Step 7: Draft and vet possible commitments

Draft a project work plan that would begin in 2017 to advance our commitments.

Share with partners, community members, City leaders and Council members
Step 8: Test possible commitments

An ideal project promotes good policy; it is ambitious, relevant, inclusive, and impactful.

An ideal project promotes “best managed”; it is specific, feasible, measurable, and time-specific.
Step 9: Draft Action Plan

Discuss our draft Action Plan with our community partners and individuals. Final version will be submitted November 30 and presented at the OGP Global Summit on December 9.