



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-1632, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate a pilot small area planning process along North Lamar Boulevard generally between Tech Ridge Transit Center and US 183.

### **Lead Department**

Planning and Zoning.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

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### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will approve a resolution initiating a pilot small area planning process along North Lamar Boulevard within a defined study area. The study area is centered on North Lamar Boulevard and includes the Tech Ridge Transit Oriented Development area, and the area that falls generally within ½ mile of North Lamar between Tech Ridge and US 183. South of Braker, the study area covers portions of the areas covered by the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan (adopted 2010) and the North Austin Civic Association Plan (adopted 2000).

In May 2018, the Planning and Zoning Department outlined a recommended approach to developing new types of small area plans and a new way to select future planning areas that included three recommended new planning programs. The North Lamar Boulevard Plan will be the first plan developed under the new Imagine Austin Centers and Corridors program, and will be developed through a pilot planning process. The pilot process will be designed to deliver a small area plan for the area while collecting and analyzing data in order to evaluate the success of the overall process and to identify improvements that should be incorporated into future small area planning processes under the Imagine Austin Centers and Corridors program.

The scope of the planning process will include the following:

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- Development and implementation of a public participation plan;
  - Analysis of existing conditions and the existing policy framework;
  - Engagement of multiple City departments, and coordination with work underway in the corridor including mobility investments;
  - Development of a small area plan which includes a Future Land Use Map and land use recommendations;
  - Recommendations for capital investments and urban design enhancements;
  - Recommendations for creation and preservation of affordable housing;
  - Development of implementation strategies which could include: recommended changes to zoning, implementation of catalytic investments, implementation of additional strategies to achieve the plan goals; and
  - Identification of any necessary amendments to previously adopted plans.

The resolution will establish a number of policy goals for the planning process to ensure that the North Lamar Boulevard Plan is consistent with the *Imagine Austin Plan*, and leverages future public investments in the corridor, including investments in mobility and affordable housing.

Included in backup is a boundary map of the North Lamar Boulevard Plan Study Area.