



MEMORANDUM

TO: Toby Futrell, City Manager
FROM: Greg Canally, Budget Officer *gdc*
DATE: December 15, 2005
SUBJECT: Downtown TOD Changes

Item # 56 on the December 15, 2005 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution (1) adopting a scope of work for developing a Downtown Austin Redevelopment and Transit Strategy, which shall include, but not be limited to, the drafting of land use, transit and environmental recommendation, (2) integrating the Downtown Neighborhood Plan and Convention Center Station Area Planning efforts into one plan, and (3) directing the City Manager to return to Council with the completed plan to be adopted by ordinance.

The planning process will take approximately twelve to eighteen months and consist of selecting a consultant, conducting initial research, and developing the plan. The cost estimate for this planning effort ranges from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Upon completion of the request for qualification process for consultant services, staff anticipates to bring forward their recommendation to Council in the spring.

Once the study is completed, staff will present the findings along with the costs associated with implementation and other impacts at that time.