Welcome!

City of Austin & US
Open Government Partnership

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Members of the meeting can use the information shared (to some extent). However, no one is allowed to identify the speakers or participants. The rule serves as a foundation for nurturing a trusted environment to discuss complex issues.

Agenda

3:00 - 3:10 PM - Arrive and check-in

3:10 - 3:15 PM - Opening Remarks - *Sabine Romero, Global Business Expansion, Economic Development Department, City of Austin & Bryan Port, Director, Center for Government & Civic Service at Austin Community College*

3:16 - 3:23 PM - *GSA U.S. Open Government Secretariat Presentation, Daniel York Director, U.S. Open Government Secretariat*

3:23 - 3:30 PM - City of Austin Presentation - *Daniel Culotta, Chief Innovation Officer, City of Austin*

3:30 - 4:15 PM - Small Group exercise on proposed City of Austin Open Government Action Plan commitments- *Ana DeFrates*

4:15 - 4:30 PM - Small Group Report Outs

4:30 - 4:45 - 6th U.S. Open Government National Action Plan Listening Session

4:45 -5 :00 PM - Closing

Open Government Partnership
and the
U.S. Open Government Secretariat

September 17, 2024

The Open Government Partnership

In 2011, government leaders and civil society advocates came together to create a unique partnership - one that combines these powerful forces to promote **transparent**, **participatory**, **inclusive**, and **accountable** governance.

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a multilateral initiative aimed at securing commitments from national and sub-national governments to promote open government, combat corruption, and improve governance.
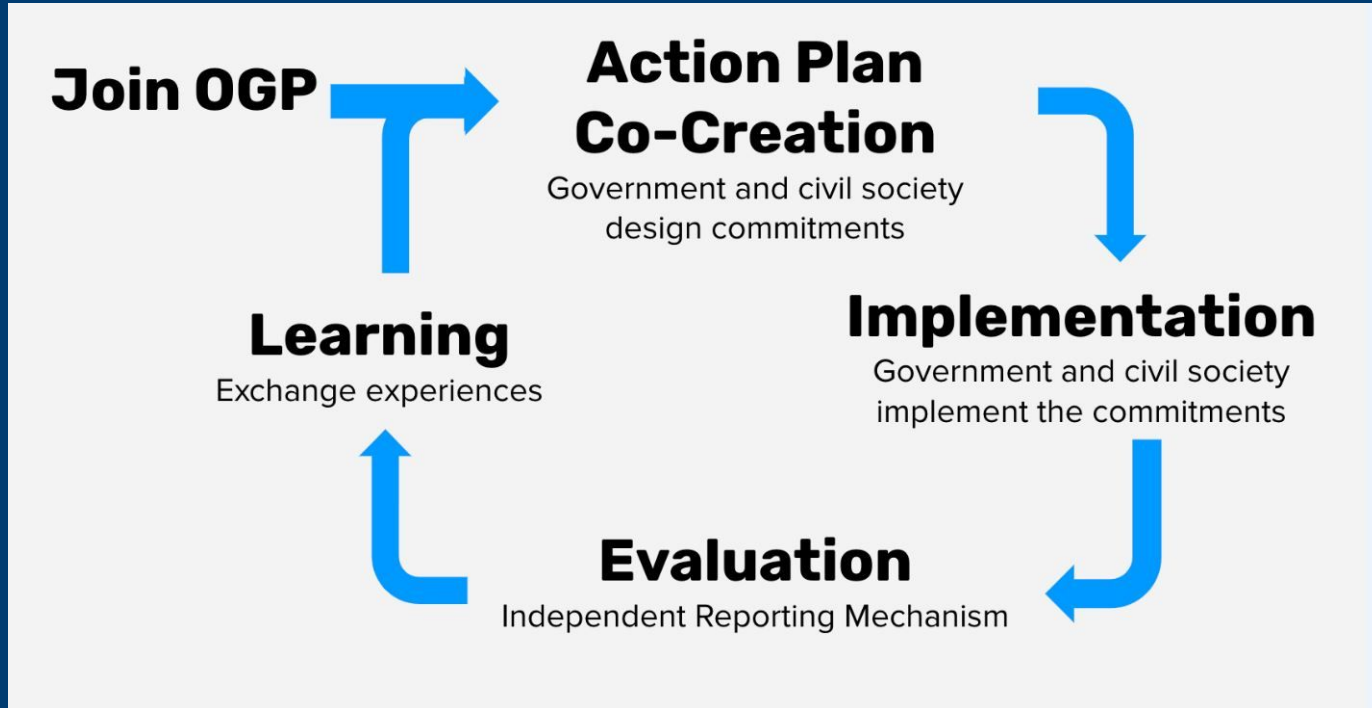
Open Government Partnership

OGP By the Numbers

75
countries

104
local members

400+
action plans

5,000+
commitments

The OGP Action Plan Cycle

Join OGP

Action Plan Co-Creation
Government and civil society design commitments

Implementation
Government and civil society implement the commitments

Evaluation
Independent Reporting Mechanism

Learning
Exchange experiences

U.S. Federal Participation in OGP

Federal Government Roles

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Policy Leadership

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Domestic Implementation Management

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

&

USAID

International Implementation Management
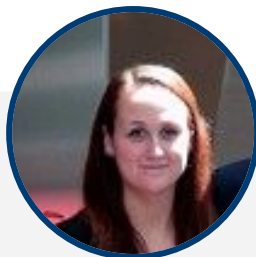
DANIEL YORK

Director,
Inter-Gov Coordination /
NAP 5

MEET THE GSA TEAM

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NAP 6

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Public Engagement

ARTHUR BRUNSON

OG FAC

What We Do

The GSA Open Government Secretariat serves three primary roles:

1 **Nation Action Plan (NAP) 5 Implementation:** Coordinate with federal partners to track and report progress on NAP commitments.

2 **Nation Action Plan (NAP) 6 Development:** In coordination with White House OSTP, Department of State, and USAID, co-create the 6th US Open Government NAP with Civil Society Organizations and the public through an open and transparent process (using the OG FAC) which advances the ideals of a more inclusive, responsive, and accountable government.

3 **Stakeholder Engagement:** Coordinate with federal government and public stakeholders groups:
- Federal Stakeholder Engagement
- Public Stakeholder Engagement
- Host & Maintain a public website
- Follow us on LinkedIn!

Commitment Update Process
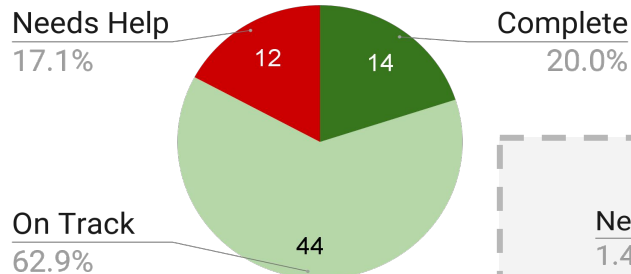
NAP 5 Commitment Status Updates

The U.S. 5th Open Government National Action Plan was released by the White House in December 2022, and its 36 commitments and 70 sub-commitments are updated every 6 months.

DEC. 2022	AUG. 2023	FEB. 2024	AUG. 2024	DEC. 2024
NAP 5 Creation Process	1st Round of Commitment Updates	2nd Round of Commitment Updates	3rd Round of Commitment Updates	NAP 5 Closeout and Final Updates

Updates on the new website went live on Thurs Aug 29th

NAP 5 Commitment Updates

AUGUST 2023

Needs Help
17.1%

Complete
20.0%

12

14

On Track
62.9%

44

FEBRUARY 2024

Needs Help
1.4%

1

On Track
51.4%

36

33

Complete
47.1%

AUGUST 2024

On Track
42.9%

30

40
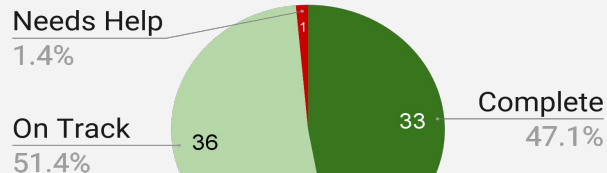
Complete
57.1%
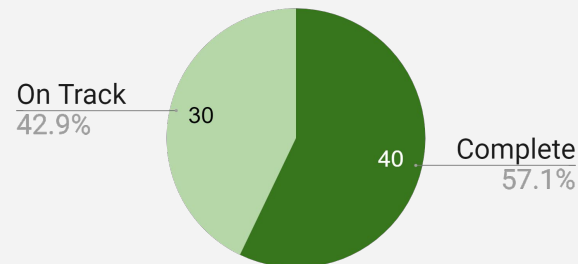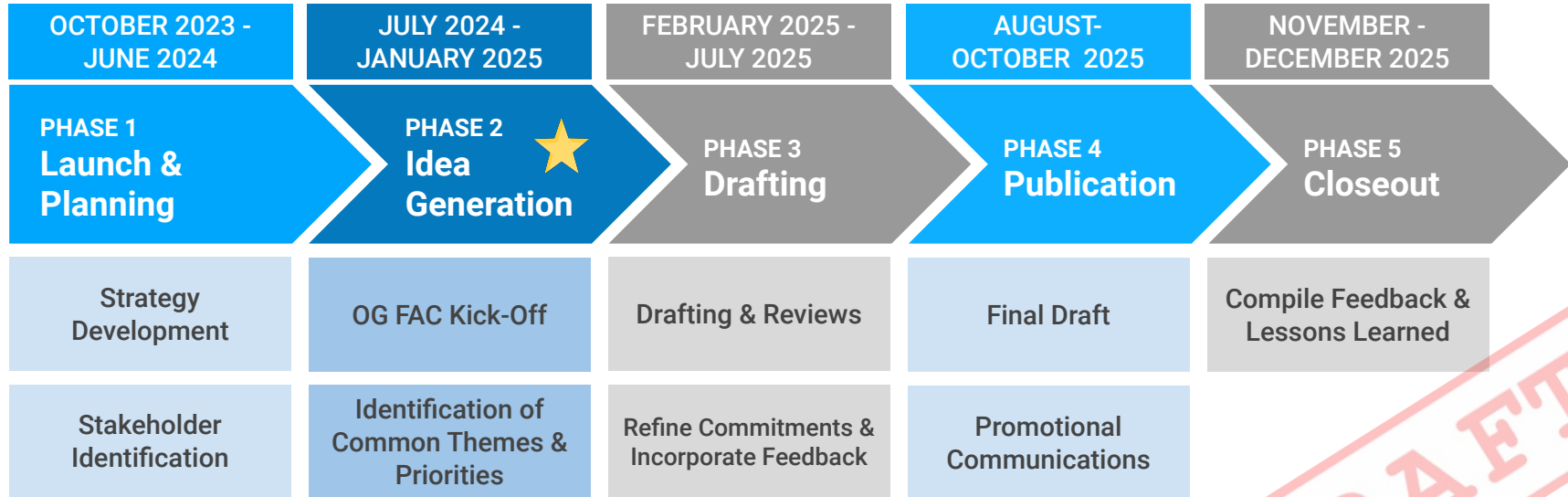
Last NAP 5 Commitment Update will be posted in Dec 2024

Many of the remaining NAP 5 Sub-Commitments are ongoing efforts, and will not be "Complete"

Tentative Co-Creation Timeline

NAP 6 Development

OCTOBER 2023 - JUNE 2024	JULY 2024 - JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025 - JULY 2025	AUGUST- OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025
PHASE 1 **Launch & Planning**	**PHASE 2** **Idea Generation** ⭐	**PHASE 3** **Drafting**	**PHASE 4** **Publication**	**PHASE 5** **Closeout**
Strategy Development	OG FAC Kick-Off	Drafting & Reviews	Final Draft	Compile Feedback & Lessons Learned
Stakeholder Identification	Identification of Common Themes & Priorities	Refine Commitments & Incorporate Feedback	Promotional Communications	

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Building Trust & Other Priorities

NAP 6 Development

1

INCLUSIVITY

Develop the 6th NAP through a process that includes input from all relevant stakeholders

2

TRANSPARENCY

Create a transparent process where development/implementation decisions are open & accessible (using the OG FAC)

3

USG ALIGNMENT

Ensure NAP 6 aligns with the USG's broader strategic goals

4

MEASURABILITY

Create commitments that are specific and quantifiable, with expected indicators and milestones

NAP 6 Public Request For Information

The U.S. Open Government Secretariat is inviting public input on NAP 6 through a Request for Information (RFI) until Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Areas of interest include:

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

Please explain a specific problem that open government can address. Identify unmet needs, broken processes, and problems around transparency, participation, and accountability.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD ON EXISTING WORK

Identify existing work by a federal government agency or outside of the government (e.g., by civil society individuals or non-governmental organizations) that can be built upon to support open government efforts.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

What innovative approaches or emerging technologies could the government explore to enhance transparency, public participation, and accountability? How could these be integrated into NAP 6?

RESOURCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggest existing reports, collections of recommendations, and landscape analyses that can help inform a comprehensive, responsive, and evidence-based co-creation process for the 6th National Action Plan.

NAP 6 Public Listening Session

REGISTER NOW

6th U.S. Open Government National Action Plan

Join us for a Public Listening Session and let your voice be heard!

Let your voice be heard! Public comments will be collected both through Regulations.gov as well as through a virtual Public Listening Session held on **Wed Oct 9, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM ET**.

Register here:
https://gsa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItceygrDMqHB0Ia7An4tyg9Gx3xlKFVQA

Open Gov Federal Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee as a Multi-Stakeholder Forum

"A structured environment designed to maximize participation and cooperation between government and civil society by bringing relevant partners into the discussion and ensuring that all voices are heard."

- Open Government Partnership

https://www.opengovpartnership.org/multistakeholder-forums

Federal Advisory Committee

Stakeholder Engagement

Purpose:

- The Open Government Federal Advisory Committee (OG FAC) will advise GSA in its endeavor to increase the public's access to data, to better advance equity, engage the public in the regulatory process, make government records more accessible, and improve the delivery of government services and benefits through expert advice.
- The OG FAC will serve as an advisory body to GSA's Open Government Secretariat on Open Government initiatives including GSA's creation, implementation and monitoring of U.S. Open Government National Action Plans (NAPs) and commitment themes and will advise GSA's Administrator on emerging open government issues, challenges, and opportunities to support GSA's Open Government Secretariat.

Process:

- Notice of Intent To Establish a Federal Advisory Committee and Call for Nominations was published in the Federal Register on April 26, 2024.
- Held a public virtual Q&A session on May 10, 2024
- The window to submit member nominations closed on May 28, 2024
- The Notice of Establishment was posted to the Federal Register on June 28, 2024
- The Charter and other relevant information was posted to GSA's website on August 29th, 2024.
- Stay tuned for the announcement of the committee members coming soon!
- First public meeting slated for October 2024

OG FAC Areas of Member Expertise

Access to Information

Improve effectiveness of access to information legal frameworks.

Anti-Corruption

Develop or strengthen a whole-of-government anti-corruption strategy or roadmap.

Civic Space

Strengthen enabling environment and spaces for civil society and civic action.

Climate and Environment

Use open government to strengthen implementation of strategies or agreements on climate and environment.

Digital Governance

Strengthen transparency and public oversight of AI and data protection frameworks.

Fiscal Openness

Advance public oversight and inclusion reforms across the budget and spending cycle.

Gender and Inclusion

Adopt open government reforms to promote the full participation of women politically, socially and economically.

Justice

Advance people-centered justice reforms.

Media Freedom

Develop or reinforce legal frameworks that protect the rights of journalists and independent media.

Public Participation

Mainstream or embed fit-for-purpose, high quality and inclusive public participation practices across key government sectors, processes, and institutions.

Partnering with Civil Society

Stakeholder Engagement

While we have participated in many events, we are proudest of those events we have partnered with Civil Society and Local Governments to create.

Dec 19, 2023   Carter Center, Atlanta GA

Feb 5, 2024   Open Government Roundtable, Washington DC

April 25, 2024   Data Foundation, Washington DC

July 15, 2024   Washington Coalition for Open Government, Oak Harbor WA

Sept 17, 2024   City of Austin, Austin TX

Sept 26, 2024   GSA Admin. Carnahan to lead Open Gov Event on Sidelines of UNGA

Oct 15, 2024   DC Open Gov Coalition, Washington DC

If you know of a Civil Society Group interested in partnering with us for an event or project, PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Civil Society ListServ

Instructions

To join the public-facing GSA Open Gov ListServ:

- Send an email opengov-civ-subscribe-request@listserv.gsa.gov and include "*Join: OpenGov-Civ*" in the subject line.

- Reply "*OK*" to the auto-generated message you receive within 48hr.

- You will get a second auto-generated message letting you know that you have joined the OpenGov-Civ ListServ

Questions?

Thank you!
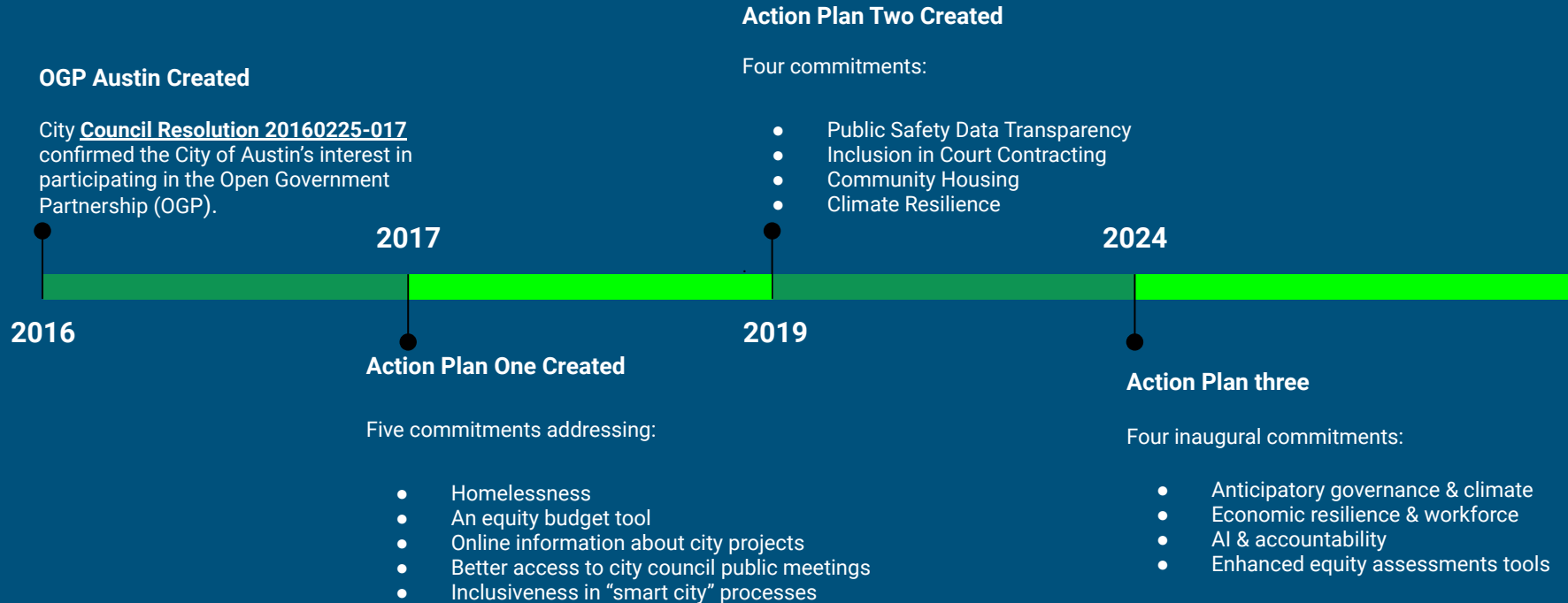Contact Us: **OpenGovernmentSecretariat@gsa.gov**

OGP Local - What is it & why are we doing it?
Transparency -
Public Engagement - Accountability

- OGP launched the "Subnational Government Pilot Program" in 2016.

- This decision recognized that many open government innovations and reforms are happening at the local level where governments can engage more directly with citizens and many crucial public services are delivered. The Pilot program consisted of 15 "pioneer" subnational governments who signed onto the Open Government Subnational Declaration and submitted their first Action Plans (APs) at the Paris Global OGP Summit in December 2016 which were implemented throughout 2017.

- Austin was the first subnational government to join OGP Local. Today, there are over 100 local jurisdictions, with New York City most recently joining the US ranks.

OGP Austin's Origin Story

Action Plan Two Created

Four commitments:

OGP Austin Created

City **Council Resolution 20160225-017** confirmed the City of Austin's interest in participating in the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

- Public Safety Data Transparency
- Inclusion in Court Contracting
- Community Housing
- Climate Resilience

2017

2016

2019

2024

Action Plan One Created

Five commitments addressing:

- Homelessness
- An equity budget tool
- Online information about city projects
- Better access to city council public meetings
- Inclusiveness in "smart city" processes

Action Plan three

Four inaugural commitments:

- Anticipatory governance & climate
- Economic resilience & workforce
- AI & accountability
- Enhanced equity assessments tools

Inaugural Commitments for Austin's Third OGP Action Plan

1. **Anticipatory governance & climate:** City of Austin Office of Innovation; City of Austin Office of Resilience
2. **Economic resilience & workforce:** Economic Development Department; Office of Resilience
3. **AI & accountability:** City of Austin Equity Office; City of Austin Communications and Technology Management (CTM)
4. **Enhanced equity assessments tools:** City of Austin Equity Office; City of Austin Office of Innovation

Selection Criteria

Equity-centered: What is the potential depth or breadth of benefit provided to the people most acutely affected by the issue? Does the topic provide an opportunity to develop a shared understanding of the historical and current nature of the civic challenge?

Balances impact and ability to influence: Is there the potential for our organization to effectively contribute capacity, resources, and support to address the topic?

Co-creative and participatory: Does the selection of the topic leverage existing community-driven priorities identified through previous or ongoing participatory processes?

Adaptive challenges over technical challenges: Is the civic challenge cross-departmental and does it influence or connect to organization-wide strategic goals? Does the challenge also require new learning in order to be addressed?

Collective aspirational futures: Does the civic challenge call for resources that the City alone cannot provide but could be compiled through collaboration with others?
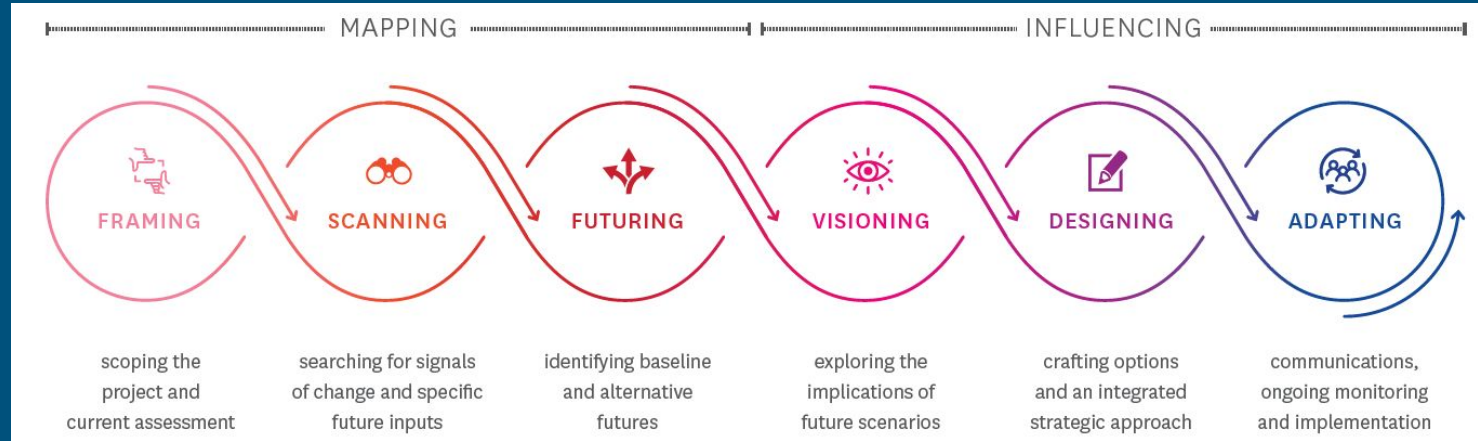
Approach

- Build on emerging work rooted in robust community feedback

- Ensure a shared power analysis through Undoing Racism training

- Apply a futures framework (strategic foresight) to ensure we are anticipating the needs of tomorrow

Foresight: Systematically shaping the future today

Foresight is a systematic process of exploring, anticipating, and shaping the future. Unlike traditional forecasting, which often relies on projecting past trends into the future, foresight incorporates a range of methods to consider various possible futures. It helps organizations and individuals to prepare for potential challenges, seize opportunities, and make informed strategic decisions. Source: Hinesight for Foresight; SGR / Alliance for Innovation

Thinking beyond "now" with the Futures Triangle
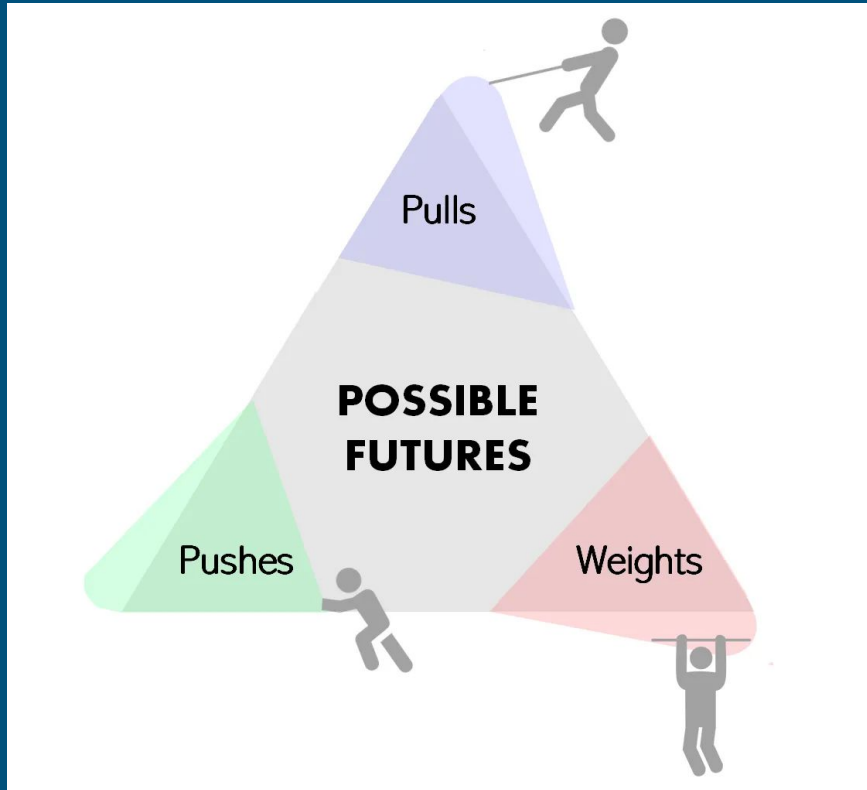
The Futures Triangle is a framework for analyzing change and thinking about the future by mapping three interconnected factors:

- **The pull of the future:** The organization's vision for the future, including emerging trends and technologies
- **The push of the present:** Current trends and data points that are driving change
- **The weight of the past:** Patterns and choices made in the past. Historical structures

Source: The Futures Triangle: Origins & Iterations

Group Discussion (15 minutes)

Weight: What are the patterns and weights of the past?
- This section allows us to explore the history and legacy of the issue and topic. We need to understand the trajectory of the past to understand what the patterns going forward might look like.

Push: What are the drivers of change in the present?
- What is pushing us to change right now? What policies, decisions, procedures and technologies do we think will cause change in the near term?

Pull: What might a new future look like?
- What is pulling us forward?

Source: Futures Playbook

Group Discussion (15 minutes)

Push | Weight – What is holding us back?
● These are the actions and issues that need to be addressed to embrace and make the most of the present.

Pull | Weight – What will we take forward from the past?
● These are the things you need to preserve and protect going forward, they might be assets, or values that need to be managed through a transition or transformation to a future state.

Push | Pull – What might we do differently?
● Identify the what is new that needs to be created to realise the future.

Report Outs!

Next Steps

1. Fill out our feedback survey here: https://forms.gle/fQi1mwDXDWVZEy8j6
2. Keep an eye out for follow up materials from the City of Austin, including Information Sessions
3. Bookmark our OGP webpage here: https://www.austintexas.gov/opengovernmentpartnership
4. Reach out with any questions to Ana DeFrates (ana.defrates@austintexas.gov) or the City of Austin's Office of Innovation (innovation@austintexas.gov)