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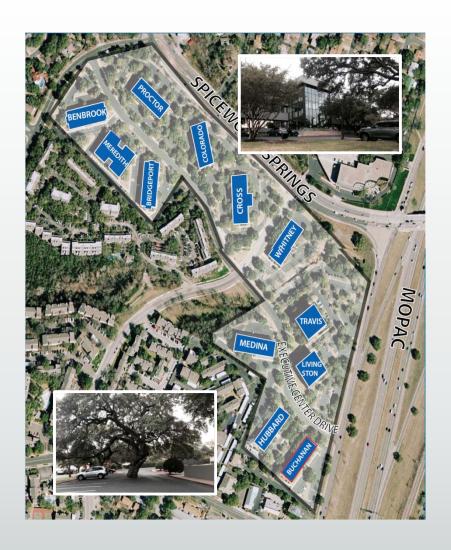
### **Austin Oaks Office Park**

### Existing development:

- 12 low-rise office buildings (8 two-story & 4 three-story)
- 446,000 square feet office floor area

### Proposed PUD development:

- Two high-rise office buildings (14-17)
- Two mid-rise office buildings (5-8)
- One low-rise office building (4)
- Four low-rise residential buildings (4)
- 868,500 square feet office floor area
- 89,000 square feet retail floor area
- 574 apartment units
- 36 townhomes



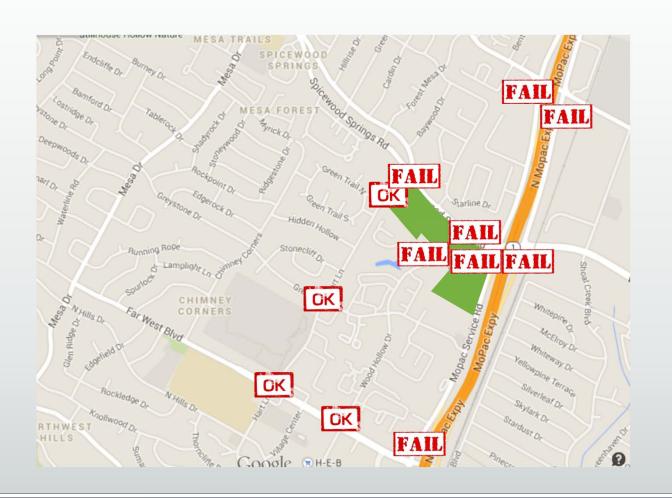
## Austin Oaks Office Park: Existing vs. Proposed PUD

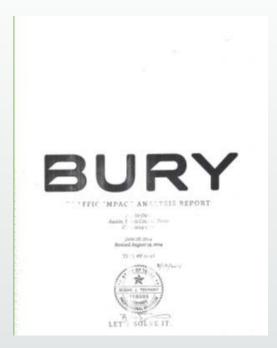
Parcel	Acres	Building	Existing				Proposed				Percent
raicei	Acres	Bollaling	sq ft	floors	FAR	TIA**	sq ft	hgt (flrs)	FAR	TIA**	Increase
Α	4.42	Proctor Colorado	77,556	2/3	0.40	427	295,000*	60 (4)	1.60	982	280.3
В	3.83	Cross	43,742	3	0.26	241	57,528	60 (4)	0.50	317	31.5
С	6.10	Whitney Travis	79,183	2/3	0.30	436	349,000	210 (14)	1.31	1926	340.7
D	2.81	Livingston	51,652	3	0.42	285	304,000	225 (17)	2.50	1678	488.6
E	4.63	Hubbard Buchanan	58,743	2	0.29	324	112,000	70 (5)	0.50	618	90.7
F	3.72	Medina	28,884	2	0.18	159	140,000	125 (8)	0.86	772	385.5
G	6.06	Benbrook Meredith Bridgeport	106,331	2	0.40	350	315,000*	60 (4)	1.19	1039	196.8
Total	31.57		446,091		0.31	2,222	1,618,904		1.20	7,332	262.9

<sup>\*</sup> Proposed residential units converted to square footage for intensity comparative purposes (610 units x 1, 000sf = 610,000sf).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Traffic based on average peak hour AM one-way trip rate of 5.5 per /1,000sf for office and 3.3 for residential units from ITE Trip Generation Manual.

# Austin Oaks PUD: Traffic Impact Analysis Report (19 August 2014)





Austin Oaks ADT: 4,118 > 23,804 or 478%



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Р	Proposition 15 - Ordinance #841213-K								
	Yes	% Yes	No	% No					
	49074	66.00%	24862	34.00%					

"SHALL the City Charter be amended to declare a purpose and intent, redefine the duties of the Planning Commission so as to require the development of a comprehensive plan, requiring the adoption of a comprehensive plan by the City Council, and designating the legal effect of the comprehensive plan and the prior comprehensive plan?"

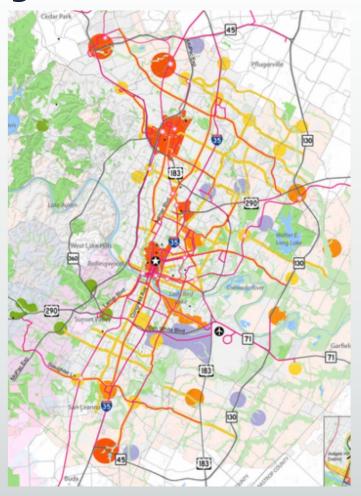


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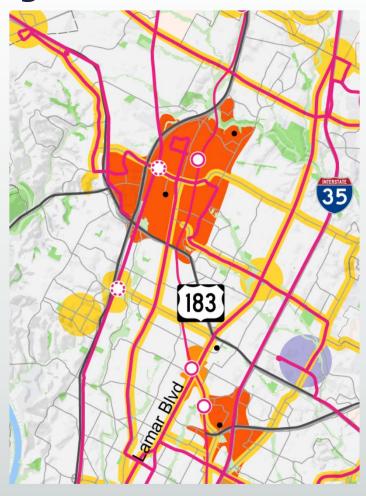
### **Growth Concept Map**

#### Legend

- Regional Center
- Town Center
- Neighborhood Center
- Activity Corridor
- Activity Centers for Redevelopment in Sensitive Environmental Areas
- Job Center
- Current Open Space
- Future Open Space
- Barton Springs Contributing Zone
- Barton Springs Recharge Zone
- College / University

#### Transportation

- High Capacity Transit Stop
- Proposed High Capacity Transit Stop
- High Capacity Transit
- Highway
- Other Streets



### **Activity Centers:**



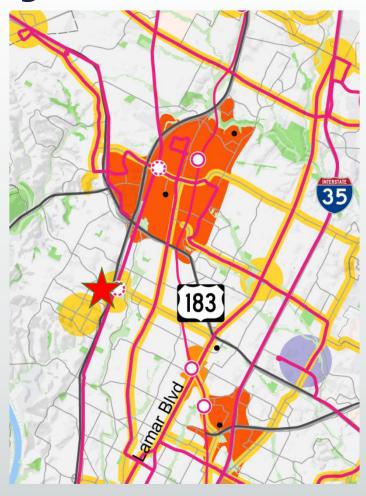
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- Greatest density/tallest buildings
- 25,000-45,000 people
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# Austin PUD Ordinance (Chapter 25-2, Subchapter B, Article 2, Division 5)

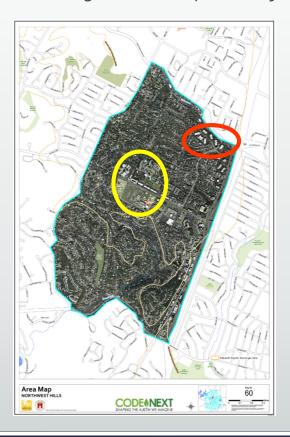
### 2.3. Tier One Requirements.

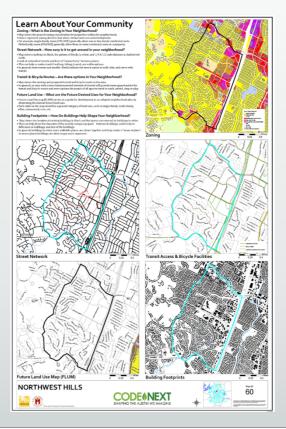
- 2.3.1. Minimum Requirements. All PUDs must
- E be consistent with applicable neighborhood plans, neighborhood conservation combining district regulations, historic area and landmark regulations, and compatible with adjacent property and land uses;



# **CODENEXT Community Character: Northwest Hills**

"The Community Character Manual (CCM) focuses on cataloging and naming the physical elements that make Austin the great place it is. The goal of the CCM is to document the patterns, form and character of each neighborhood to provide a foundation for good planning and policy decisions within the City of Austin."





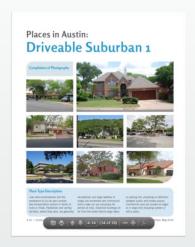


# **CODENEXT Type of Places: Drivable Suburban**

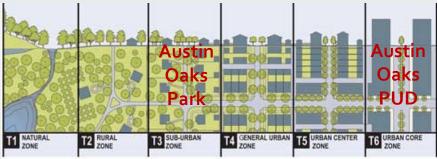
"Place Types are categories that attempt to capture the unique characteristics that contribute to making a 'place' — a location that is distinct from the areas around it."











**Drivable Suburban: Auto-centric, low-rise, low-density neighborhoods** (Northwest Hills, Gracy Woods, Barton Hills, Dittmar-Slaughter)

### **Development Assessment:**

Additional Staff Review Comments (24 Jun 2014)



### "this proposed mixed-use development promotes the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan."

	06-23
Austin	roject will need to comply with the International Fire Code, as amended by the City of including but not limited to: fire access, required fire flow, and hydrant spacing. To be ed during site plan review.
Neigh	borhood Housing and Community Development (JD)
2014-0	6-23
afforda	e submitted development assessment packet, the Austin Oaks PUD intents to offer able housing as part of the zoning application. NHCD would ask the applicant to provide the ng as part of the PUD application:
	Summary of total residential units (homeownership, rental) in the development.
1.)	
	The percentage of units to be offered as affordable (total number and then break down of affordable homeownership and rental totals).

### **Departmental Reviews:**

Processes and Notes Status (16 Jul - 26 Aug 2014)

Posting Sign at Site	Closed			End Date	Assigned Staff	# of Attempts
	Open	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 16, 2014	Intake Group	1
	Open	Jul 17, 2014			Zoning Inspector	(
Early Notification	Closed	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 28, 2014	Jul 28, 2014	Debra Sustaita (512-974- 2193)	1
Staff Report	Open				Lee Heckman (512-974- 7604)	0
Case Manager Log	Open				Lee Heckman (512-974- 7604)	0
Zoning Application Review	Open	Jul 16, 2014			Lee Heckman (512-974- 7604)	0
NPZ Austin Water Utility Review	Approved	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 18, 2014	Jul 18, 2014	Bradley Barron (512-972- 0078)	1
NPZ Drainage Engineering Review	Approved	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 21, 2014	Jul 21, 2014	Benny Ho (512-974-3402)	1
NPZ Environmental Review	Rejected	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 28, 2014	Jul 28, 2014	Atha Phillips (512-974- 6303)	1
NPZ Fire Review	Approved	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 19, 2014	Aug 19, 2014	Cora Urgena (512-974- 0184)	1
NPZ Flood Plain Review	Approved	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 6, 2014	Aug 6, 2014	David Marquez (512-974- 3389)	1
NPZ Legal Department Review	Open	Jul 16, 2014				0
NPZ Mapping Review	Approved	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 17, 2014	Jul 18, 2014	Bruce Bacia (512-974- 6449)	1
NPZ Site Plan Review	Rejected	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 7, 2014	Aug 7, 2014	Rosemary Avila (512-974- 2784)	1
NPZ Transportation Review	Rejected	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 7, 2014	Aug 7, 2014	Bryan Golden (512-974- 3124)	1
NPZ Water Quality Review	Approved	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 21, 2014	Jul 21, 2014	Benny Ho (512-974-3402)	1

#### NPZ Comprehensive Planning Review APPROVED Kathleen Fox (512-974-7877)

Heritage Tree Review	Rejected	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 7, 2014	Aug 7, 2014	Keith Mars (512-974-2755)	1
Electric Review	Closed	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 6, 2014	Aug 6, 2014	David Lambert (512-322- 6109)	1
Submittal Intake	Closed	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 16, 2014	Jul 16, 2014	Intake Group	2
Hydro Geologist Review	Closed	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 6, 2014	Aug 6, 2014	Sylvia Pope (512-974- 3429)	1
Wetlands Biologist Review	Closed	Jul 16, 2014	Aug 26, 2014	Aug 26, 2014	Andrew Clamann (512- 974-2694)	1

# City Council Comments (26 June 2014):

### Council Member A

- Curb cuts on MOPAC?
- Traffic impact analysis?
- Impact on Jewish Center?
- Wants them to get started!



#### Council Member C

- Project discrepancies?
- Tract C question?
- Floodplain implications?
- No upzoning!



### Council Member B

- Bicycle access?
- Sidewalks?
- Pedestrian areas?
- Affordable housing?



#### Council Member D

- Buildings too tall!
- Bad MOPAC precedent!
- "Remember Jollyville!"
- No upzoning!



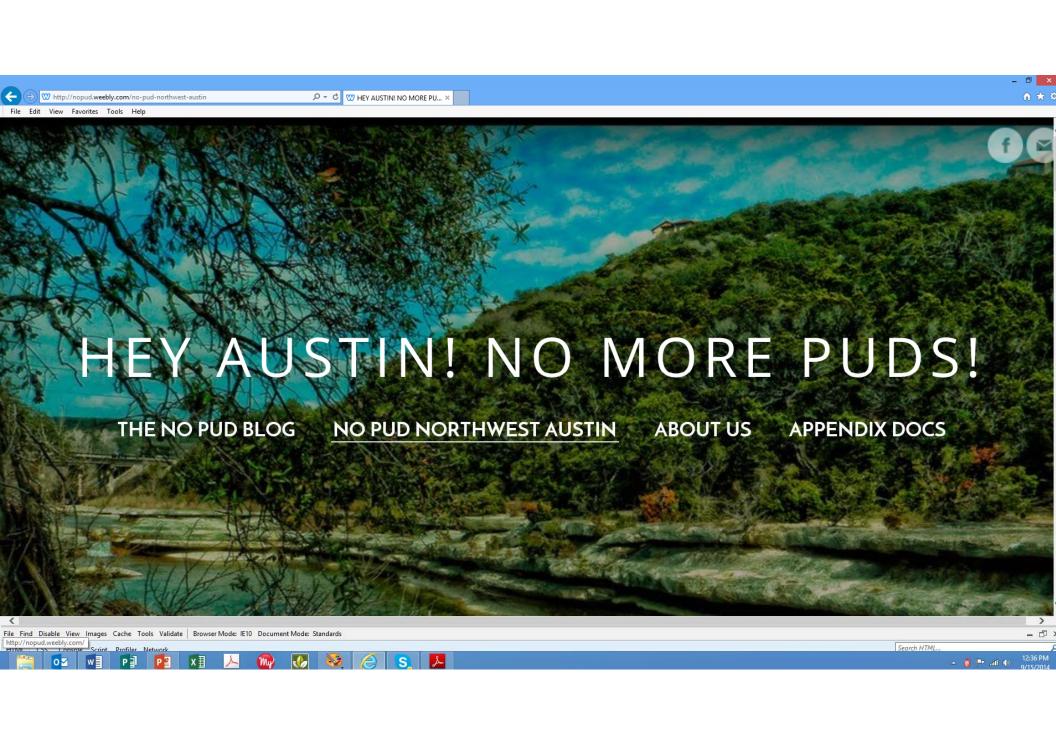
### **Conclusions:**

### Reasons to Disapprove:

- Violates "Imagine Austin" comprehensive plan
  - Does not meet "neighborhood center" criteria
  - Does not "preserve neighborhood character"
- Does not meet PUD Tier One requirements
- Quadruples site density, intensity and height
- Adds 20,000 trips to already "failing" intersections
- Allows tallest buildings between UT and Waco
- Current zoning already permits mixed-use

### Reasons to Approve:

Increases property values for applicant

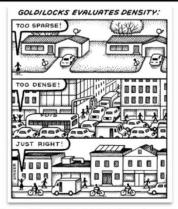




#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Contact the following and let them know your opinion ASAP.

- 1. CONTACT Your NEIGHBORHOOD group/assn
- 2. The Zoning case manager Lee.Heckman@austintexas.gov
- 3. And to the City Council: http://austintexas.gov/mail/all-council-members



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No Pud. Not Now. Not Ever

or send us an email at: nopudAusTX@gmail.com



## WHY YOU DON'T WANT PUDS in AUSTIN

#### MORE GRIDLOCK:

- Developer says an additional 21,000 trips per day will (read: cars) be added to our streets in and around Spicewood Springs at MOPAC. (This is directly from the proposal to the city.)
- Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) states that the development creates FAILURES at the intersections of MOPAC & Anderson, MOPAC & Steck and MOPAC & Far West. (This is not really "news" to anyone who drives this route today.)
- What this means, if the City of Austin staff recommend this PUD and Council approves the re-zoning, is that the intersections & bridges will have to be widened on MOPAC! (Guess who's going to pay for this...?? hint: lis not the Developer.)

#### EVEN MORE TRAFFIC ALREADY PLANNED on FAR WEST:

- You may not be aware that new (denser) zoning has been granted on Far West from Mopac to Chimney Corners as a designated Neighborhood Center in ImagineAustin with Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) zoning to accommodate 5-10,000 additional people daily.
- The Developer's TIA leaves out the new zoning's forecasted background traffic for Far West Blvd and Spicewood Springs.
- (Imagine thousands more cars on the roads because that's where we are headed if we don't ALL speak up.)

#### PRECEDENT for a DOMINO EFFECT

- Imagine more of these "PUD Developments" all along MOPAC intersections...and the cars that go with them all stacking up.
- This development sets a PRECEDENT that WE DONT WANT!

  INCREASING DANGER for PEDESTRIANS
- If you live on a cut-through street off Spicewood Springs or Far West or Steck, you are in all probability going to have A LOT MORE TRAFFIC out in front of your house. Its that simple. Steck is particularly vulnerable as its one lane in either direction!!

#### FUTURE & FANTASY

- The Developer references a light rail station that is proposed for Anderson Lane (across MOPAC) as a means of transportation for the residents of their new development. The nearest Metro Rapid station is 2 miles away on Burnet!
- Austin has no light rail, YET. Voters have to first approve this and then its years away. This PUD rezoning decision TODAY need not be based on the probability of light rail TOMORROW. Its a disaster in the meantime.

#### INCREASED HEAT SIGNATURE & UTILITY COSTS

 Loss of many heritage oaks and protected trees on the property will increase our heat signature creating an urban heat island.
 Developer says will plant new. Hard rock subsurface makes this impossible. Drive by yourself to see.





- → WHAT IT IS.
- → WHY YOU CARE.
- → WHY YOU DON'T WANT PUDS IN AUSTIN, TX. and
- WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

#### WELCOME to an OUT-OF-TOWN DEVELOPER'S VIEW of AUSTIN and YOUR FUTURE!

The AustinOaks PUD development (the first of many according to the developer) and others like it will...

- . LOOM over the homes and be visible from 620,
- overwhelm our roads (more than they are already)
- require bridge widening, more stop lights, removal of bike lanes to handle traffic load, etc etc
- (all at taxpayer expense; because developers don't pay for this stuff)
- further CRAM more kids into our already crowded schools (DOSS has 942 kids in a schools built for 520)
- cut down 45% of protected trees on the property increasing our heat signature in the area, and more...

This isn't a NIMBY campaign. We advocate for sensible re-development in Austin, using conventional zoning. We want uniquely Austin re-development to keep Austin the gem that it is! If we don't speak up, WHO WILL? We need YOUR HELP. Read on, please!



