

City of Austin: CodeNEXT

South River City Citizens
Neighborhood Association



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Main Takeaways

- CodeNEXT implements Imagine Austin
- CodeNEXT seeks to promote people-friendly places
- Understanding of why we are doing Code Prescriptions
- How you can (and should) get involved



Imagine Austin Direction

A City of Complete Communities



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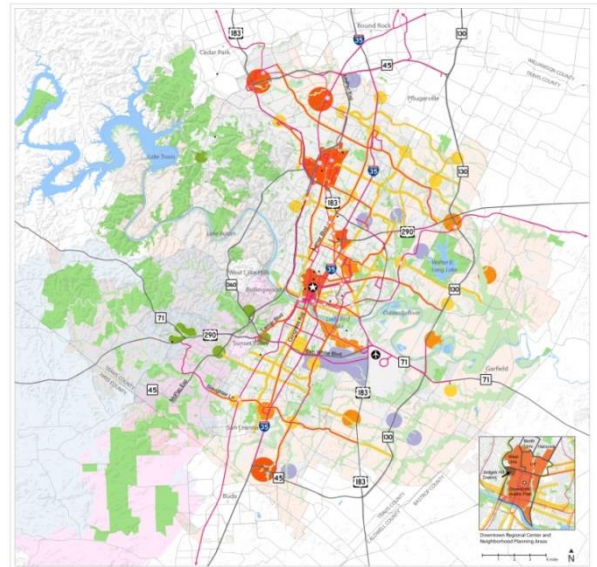
NATURAL AND SUSTAINABLE



CREATIVE



VALUES AND RESPECTS PEOPLE



PROSPEROUS



EDUCATED



MOBILE AND INTERCONNECTED

Imagine Austin Direction



**Integration of all
Priority Programs**

What is a Land Development Code?

Guides
how land
is used

WHAT can be built

WHERE it can be built

HOW much can be built

CodeNEXT: Promoting Places for People

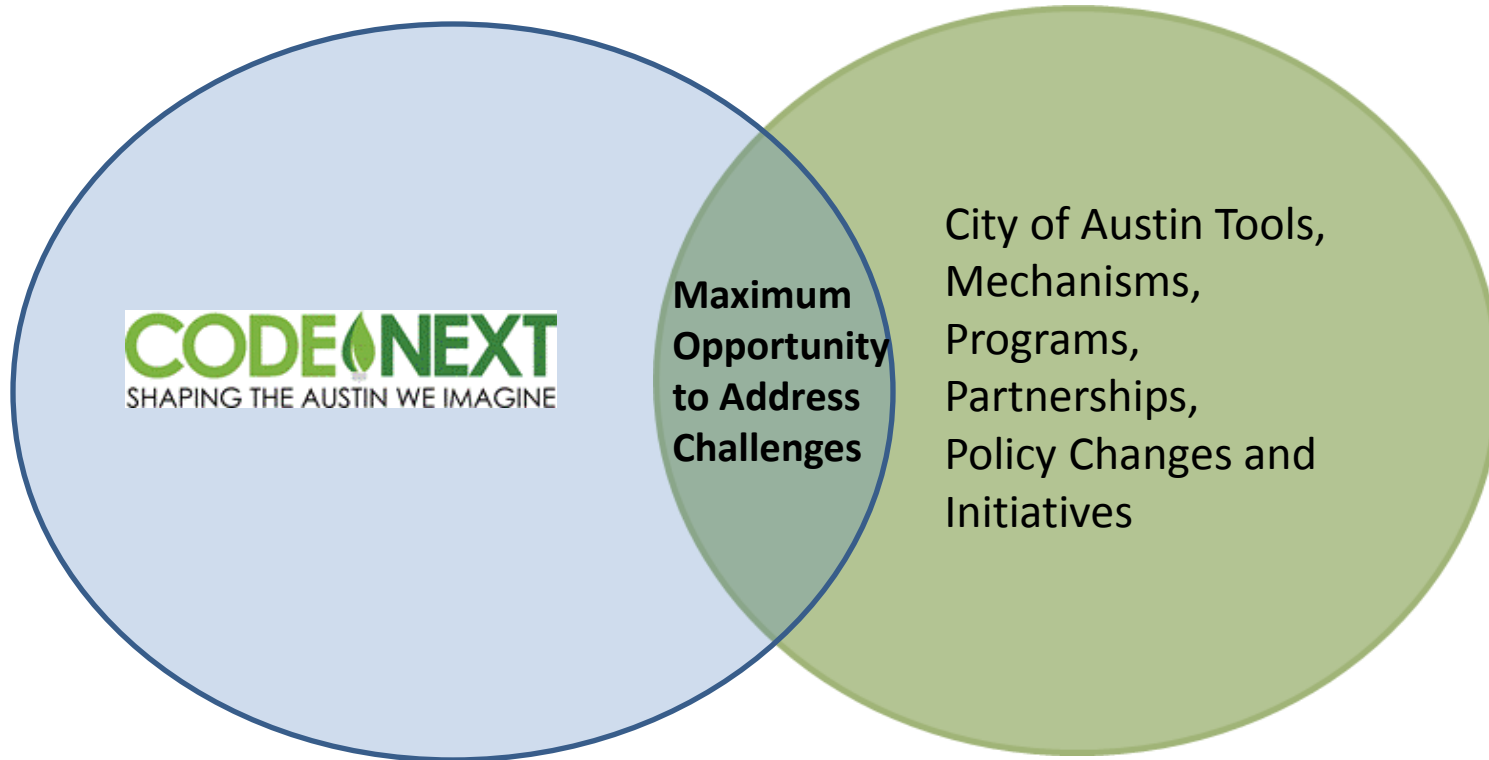


“First life, then spaces, then buildings-
the other way around never works” -- Jan Gehl

Fix what is wrong and keep what is right

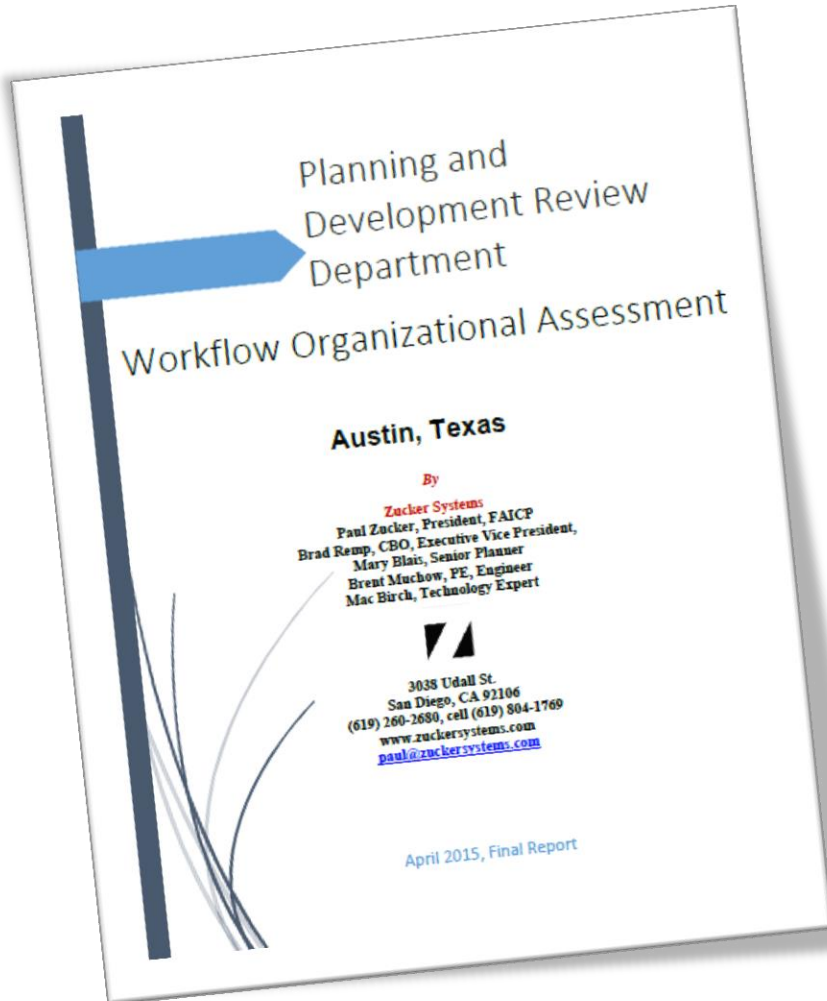


Land Development Regulations are one tool in the toolbox



But it's a tool we use a lot!

Assessment of Process



What we have heard from the community

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Listening to the Community Report

INITIAL LISTENING PHASE | APRIL 4, 2014

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What We Heard

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How People Participated

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Addendum: Links to Data

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The cover features a collage of images: a man and woman looking at a map, a map with a yellow sticky note that says 'I would like to see a new park in the area', and a group of people sitting around a table in a meeting.

Community Character MANUAL
May 2014

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The cover is a grid of 18 small images showing various urban scenes: a street grid, a building facade, a park, a bridge, a street view, a building, a street view, a building, a street view, a building, a street view, a building, a street view, a building, a street view, a building, a street view, a building.

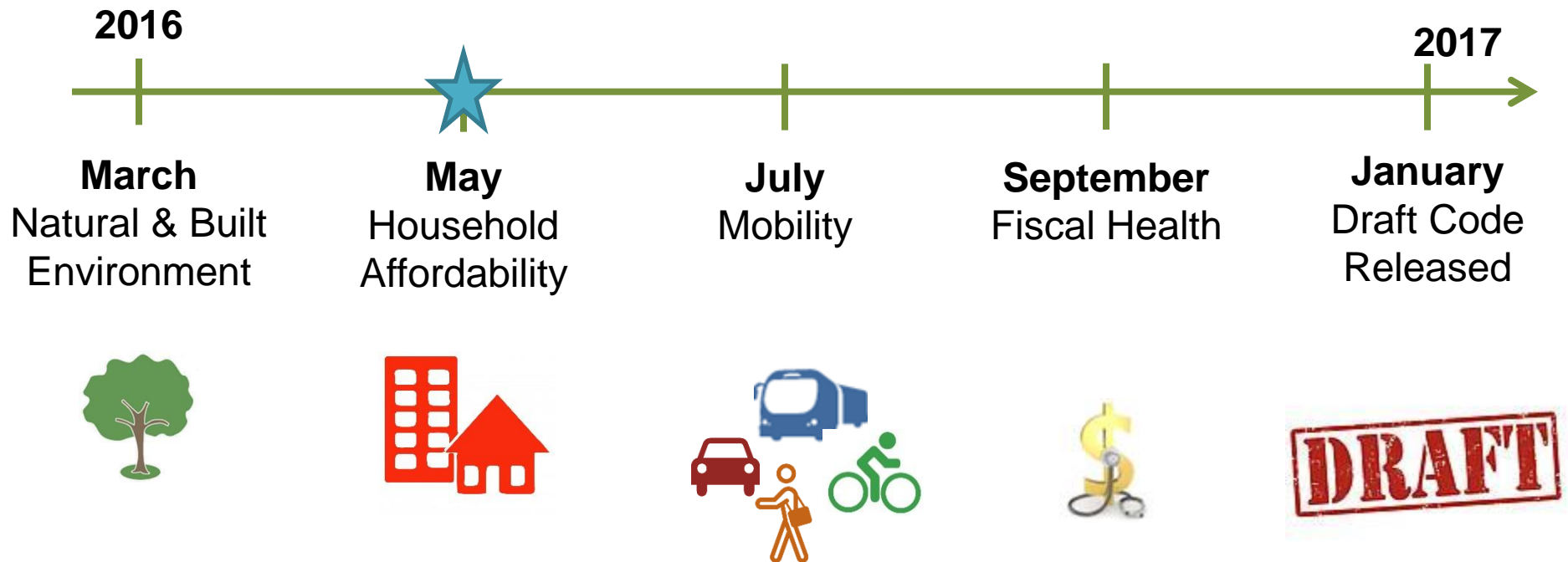


Prior work leading to the Prescriptions and Code

Why a Code Prescription?

- **Frame discussion of complex topics and tradeoffs before Code draft debuts (January 2017)**
- **Prescription topics derived from Code Diagnosis and frequently cited questions and concerns from public**
- **Prioritize tradeoffs → align the code with community values:**
 - Are we achieving Imagine Austin goals?
 - Is the Prescription too strong? Too weak?
 - How do priorities change based on context?
- **Support from Mayor, City Manager, CAG leadership**

Schedule for the 4 Code Prescription Papers



Code Prescription: Household Affordability Schedule



May 2

CAG Meeting:
Presentations
& Discussion



May 23

CAG Event:
Public Input



June 20

CAG Meeting:
Discussion &
Recommendations

Ongoing
speakupaustin!
Road Show



May 14
Community
Walk



June 16
Reddit
AMA



ASK ME ANYTHING

June 21
Council
Work
Session



Why we need your involvement

- **You are the experts of your community**
- **You need to tell us about tradeoffs**
- **City Council and the CodeNEXT Advisory Group want to know what you think**



How you can get involved

- **Review the code prescriptions**
- **Attend a CodeNEXT Advisory Group meeting or event**
- **Invite us to your organization's meeting**



Ways you can participate online



austintexas.gov/codenext



facebook.com/austincodenext



@AustinCodeNEXT or #CodeNEXT



<https://austintexas.granicusideas.com/discussions/codenext-whats-the-next-austin>

Questions?

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