



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1538, **Agenda Item #:** 74.

8/28/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution initiating an update to Imagine Austin, the City's comprehensive plan, to address current and projected needs for the next 20 years. Funding: Funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 was approved in Fiscal Year 2024 and in the Planning Department's Capital budget.

Lead Department

Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 is available in the Planning Department's Capital budget.

Prior Council Action:

August 16, 2023 - City Council approved Ordinance No. 20230816-008 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget to include funding for an update to the Comprehensive Plan.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2012, envisions a city where people of all backgrounds and income levels can build a career, make a home, and thrive near the people and places they love. Since then, Austin's population has grown, neighborhoods have evolved, and new challenges have emerged, making an update critical. The anticipated update will be clearer, more actionable, and reflect Austin's many voices. It will better align our transportation, housing, and climate goals with renewed policy recommendations to move the city forward in a connected, strategic direction. The anticipated timeline includes City Council consideration of the resolution on July 24, 2025; community engagement and outreach from Fall 2025 through Fall 2026; draft review in Winter 2026-Spring 2027; and plan adoption in 2027..

As the plan approaches its half-life, staff recommends Council consider a resolution to initiate updates to Imagine Austin based on proposed recommendations from the Planning Commission in the comprehensive plan's Year 10 Report and other recent policy decisions.