

City of Austin
Climate, Water, Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Backup, April 22, 2026

Resilient Austin Playbook



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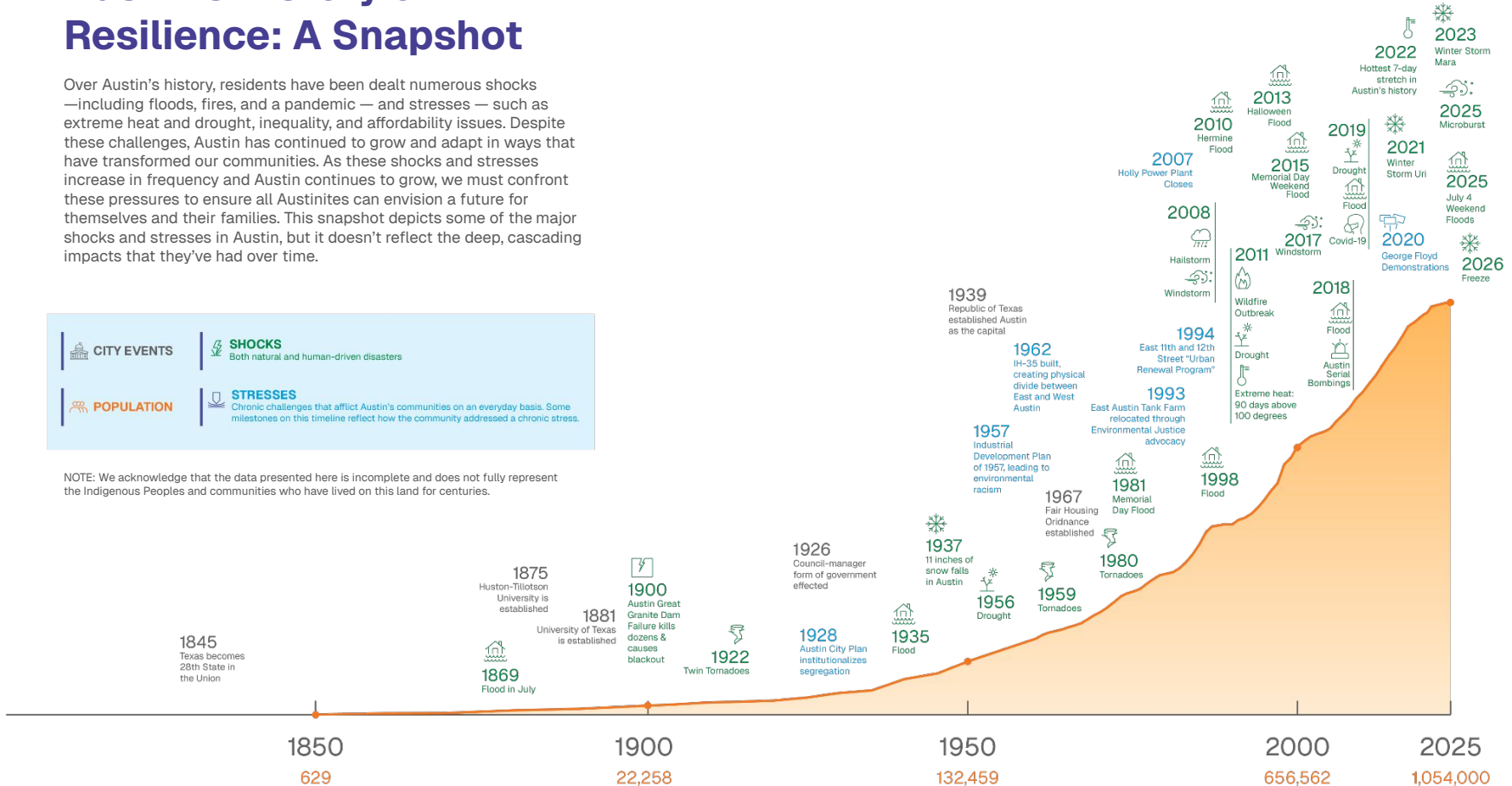


Austin's History of Resilience: A Snapshot

Over Austin's history, residents have been dealt numerous shocks—including floods, fires, and a pandemic—and stresses—such as extreme heat and drought, inequality, and affordability issues. Despite these challenges, Austin has continued to grow and adapt in ways that have transformed our communities. As these shocks and stresses increase in frequency and Austin continues to grow, we must confront these pressures to ensure all Austinites can envision a future for themselves and their families. This snapshot depicts some of the major shocks and stresses in Austin, but it doesn't reflect the deep, cascading impacts that they've had over time.

-  **CITY EVENTS**
-  **SHOCKS**
Both natural and human-driven disasters
-  **POPULATION**
-  **STRESSES**
Chronic challenges that afflict Austin's communities on an everyday basis. Some milestones on this timeline reflect how the community addressed a chronic stress.

NOTE: We acknowledge that the data presented here is incomplete and does not fully represent the Indigenous Peoples and communities who have lived on this land for centuries.



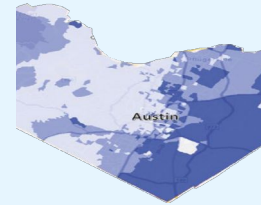
Shocks and Stresses in Austin



24.5% of homeowners and nearly **50% of renters** are cost-burdened.



68% of structures face **greater wildfire risk**.



East Austin faces greater social vulnerabilities.

100°F+

Over 60 days of extreme heat predicted annually.

88.9 vs 71.5 Years
Life expectancy gap
West Austin vs East Austin



3 boil water notices and **3 citywide power outages** since 2008.



18% food insecurity in Travis County.
16.8 acres of farmland lost daily.



4 major floods in 10 years.
Frequency of extreme rainfall expected to increase.



East Austin residents earn up to **\$20,000 less annually** by age 35.

Developing the Resilient Austin Playbook

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MAY 2020

City council approved resolution No. 20200507-022 to advance resilience.

JANUARY 2023

Kickoff for Austin resilience planning process in partnership with Resilient Cities Catalyst, including community engagement sessions, Austin plan analysis, and shocks and stresses analysis

MAY 2023

One Austin | Our Resilience Framework for Action released

MAY 2024

Heat Resilience Playbook released

JUNE 2024

Economic Resilience Lab workshops conducted

JANUARY 2025

Climate resilience action prioritization process launched, including past plan analysis, gap analysis, and prioritization

MAY 2025

Austin finalizes a new definition for resilience

FEBRUARY 2026

Resilience Playbook released

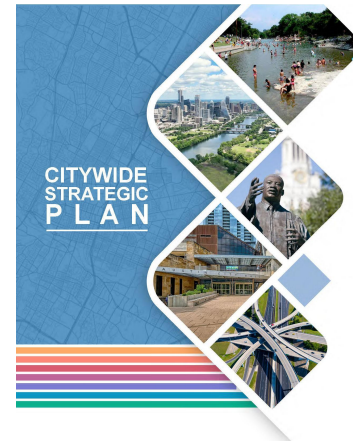
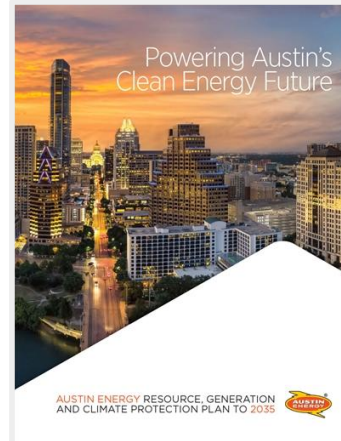
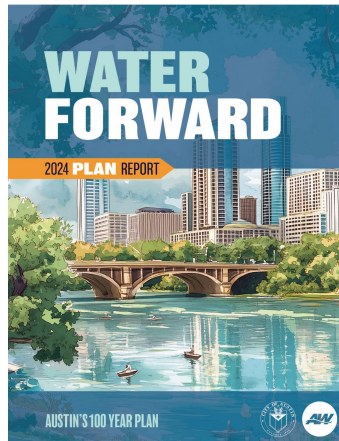
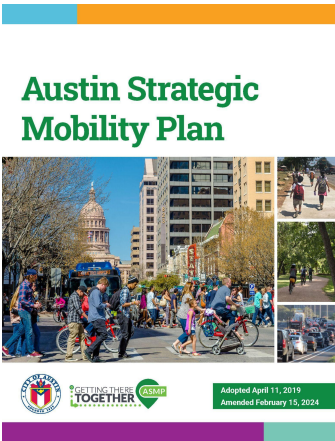
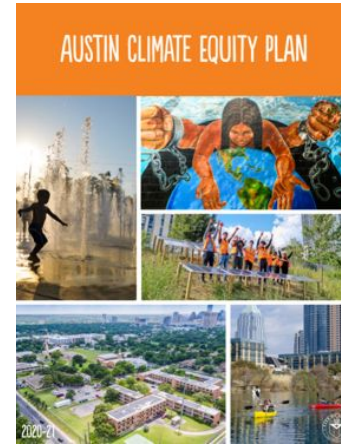
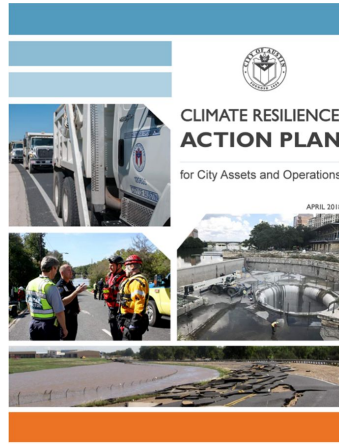
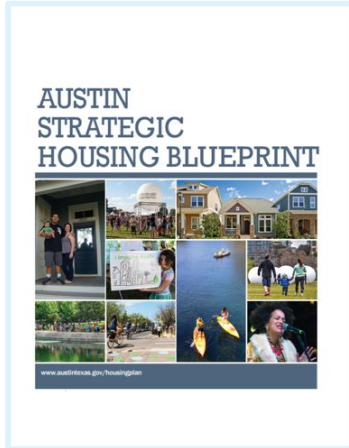
IMPLEMENTATION



Building on Past Plans

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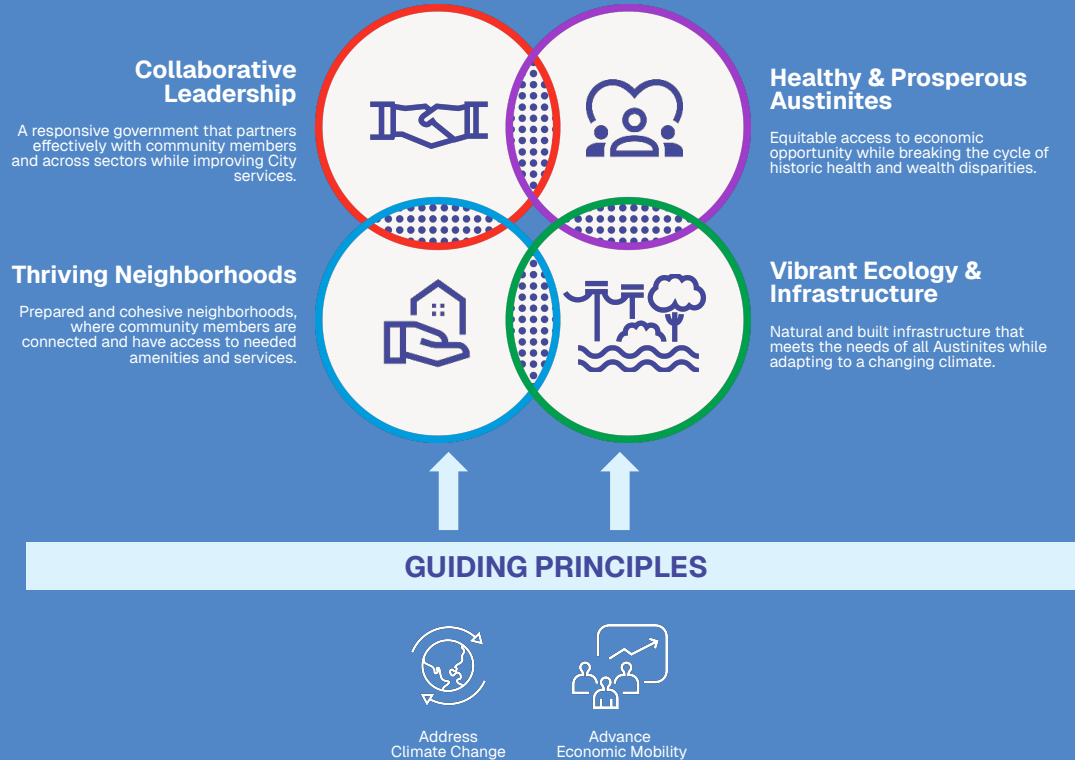
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Definition for Resilience

*Resilience is the capacity of **community, local governments, and businesses** to coordinate and **prepare for, respond to, and recover from** both sudden **shocks**—such as extreme heat or flooding—and ongoing **stressors** like aging infrastructure, public health inequities, or rising housing costs, to ensure Austinites can adapt and thrive.*



Resilience Playbook Structure





Collaborative Leadership

- Institutionalize Inclusive, Community-Centered Decision-Making
- Strengthen Department Coordination and Information-Sharing to Drive Effective Action
- Advance Regional Collaboration to Address Interconnected Challenges

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Healthy & Prosperous Austinites

- Empower Austinites to Secure Stable, High-Paying Jobs that Support Long-Term Economic Mobility
- Ensure Equitable Access to Supportive Service Programming
- Strengthen Partnerships and Coordination to Expand Access to High Quality, Affordable Childcare
- Expand Access to Healthy, Affordable Food

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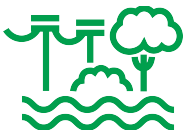


Thriving Neighborhoods

- Prepare and Support Communities Before, During, and After Extreme Weather Events
- Invest in Cooling and Green Open Spaces to Reduce Heat Risk and Improve Public Health
- Reduce Neighborhood Income Disparities

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Vibrant Ecology & Infrastructure

- Resilient Buildings: Make Homes and Buildings Safer and More Comfortable during Extreme Weather
- Fortify Critical Infrastructure: Ensure Power, Water, and Transportation Systems withstand Climate Disruptions
- Adapt Infrastructure, Parks, and Natural Systems to Mitigate Flooding, Fire, and Heat while Enhancing Ecological Health
- Enhance Transportation Networks to Provide Safe, Equitable, Low-Carbon Mobility Options

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Institutionalize Inclusive, Community-Centered Decision-Making

- Advancing resilience through inclusive contracting in climate-ready infrastructure projects
- Co-create solutions with community leadership

Strengthen Department Coordination and Information-Sharing to Drive Effective Action

- Ensure City of Austin employees are educated on all hazard risks and mitigation, including extreme heat
- Operationalize coordination, tracking, and implementation of Austin's climate resilience priorities and resilience playbook
- Operationalize cross-departmental delivery teams

Advance Regional Collaboration to Address Interconnected Challenges

- Advance collaboration and learnings with the City of San Antonio through the Climate Resilient Communities Accelerator
- Convene smaller municipalities to share best practices

Empower Austinites to Secure Stable, High-Paying Jobs that Support Long-Term Economic Mobility

- Cultivate partnerships that reduce income disparities
- Mobilize data for economic mobility
- Advance workforce training and career pathways
- Expand opportunities for entrepreneurship

Ensure Equitable Access to Supportive Service Programming

- Strengthen and expand the Displacement Prevention Navigator Program
- Expand housing assistance for people experiencing homelessness

Strengthen Partnerships and Coordination to Expand Access to High Quality, Affordable Childcare

- Promote public health best practices and healthy early childhood development
- Advance Initiatives to expand access to affordable, high-quality child care
- Strengthen and support network of home-based childcare providers
- Expanding local nutrition incentives and purchasing support

Expand Access to Healthy, Affordable Food

- Expanding community-backed food access solutions
- Expanding local nutrition incentives and purchasing support



Prepare and Support Communities Before, During, and After Extreme Weather Events

- Expand emergency preparedness information and resources
- Strengthen and expand City-led heat risk education campaigns
- Leverage Community Health Workers for community heat preparedness
- Enhance and increase accessibility of Austin's network of cooling and warming centers
- Advance the Austin Resilience Network
- Create redundancy at critical community facilities

Invest in Cooling and Green Open Spaces to Reduce Heat Risk and Improve Public Health

- Cool our streets and sidewalks
- Expand access to drinking water in public spaces
- Improve access to Austin's creeks, lakes, & trails
- Maximize cooling benefits of existing City parks

Reduce Neighborhood Income Disparities

- Sustain and grow small businesses through resilience planning, financing, and local supply-chain support.
- Increase and preserve affordable housing to stabilize communities and reduce displacement pressure.
- Expand community digital literacy and inclusion programs

Resilient Buildings: Make Homes and Buildings Safer and More Comfortable during Extreme Weather

- Advance climate-resilient building and landscape design
- Promote City resources to support Austinites' resilience at home
- Advance SMART housing with green and resilient standards
- Preserve housing stability through targeted home repairs

Fortify Critical Infrastructure: Ensure Power, Water, and Transportation Systems withstand Climate Disruptions

- Support implementation of Austin utilities plans
- Future-proof new and existing facilities and infrastructure
- Conduct flood mitigation planning and deliver flood risk reduction actions using most recent data

Adapt Infrastructure, Parks, and Natural Systems to Mitigate Flooding, Fire, and Heat while Enhancing Ecological Health

- Maximize mitigation benefits of public and private land to protect against existing and future climate challenges
- Expand nature based solutions
- Proactively manage wildfire risk
- Advance the 50% tree canopy goal
- Develop a coordinated set of green infrastructure tools

Enhance Transportation Networks to Provide Safe, Equitable, Low-Carbon Mobility Options

- Building sustainable and connected communities through Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD)
- Optimize and enhance service by completing and implementing CapMetro Transit Plan 2035.

NEXT STEPS: IMPLEMENTATION

Practical roadmap: Turns resilience priorities into clear implementation actions.

Accountability tool: Tracks progress and keeps priorities tied to results.

Annual reporting: Provides regular updates on status, milestones, barriers, and next steps.

Transparency and focus: Supports course correction and directs resources to high-impact work.

Delivery teams: Brings departments and partners together to solve bottlenecks and move projects forward.



An aerial photograph of Austin, Texas, taken during sunset. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds illuminated by the setting sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, a multi-lane road stretches into the distance, flanked by lush green trees and grass. The city skyline is visible in the background, with several buildings and the Texas State Capitol dome on the right. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

THANK YOU!

Appendix

Detailed Actions





Operationalize Inclusive, Community-Centered Decision-Making

Strengthen Outcomes Through Community-Led Co-Created Solutions

Establish structured, ongoing partnerships and engagement with community leaders and community-based organizations, particularly those representing communities most impacted by environmental, health, and safety disparities, to co-design and evaluate programs.

Champions: Austin Equity & Inclusion

Advancing Resilience Through Inclusive Contracting

Boost participation of Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), in city projects to increase the capacity of local businesses to withstand and recover from disruptions, such as economic downturns or natural disasters.

Champions: Austin Small & Minority Business Resources, Austin Economic Development



Strengthen Department Coordination and Information-Sharing to Drive Effective Action

Ensure City of Austin employees are educated on All Hazard risks and mitigation, including extreme heat.

Create a city staff communication platform for All Hazard events that includes a robust communication network to ensure real-time, multi-platform alerts for staff. This can include general preparedness information, such as basic disaster response and recovery training for staff. Train City employees on extreme heat risk to protect Austinites and enhance preparedness.

Champions: Austin Public Health, Austin Emergency Management

Operationalize coordination, tracking, and implementation of Austin's climate resilience priorities

Establish a formal structure within City operations to coordinate, track, and implement Austin's climate resilience priorities. This includes designating clear leadership, aligning interdepartmental roles and responsibilities, integrating resilience goals into planning and budgeting processes, and developing mechanisms for transparent reporting and accountability to ensure sustained progress across initiatives.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience



Strengthen Department Coordination and Information-Sharing to Drive Effective Action

Operationalize Cross-Departmental Delivery Teams

Create cross-departmental delivery teams by establishing clear team charters, defined roles, and shared workplans that align staff from multiple departments around priority initiatives. Support these teams through standardized processes, executive sponsorship, and regular performance tracking tied to organizational goals.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience

Embedding Resilience Across City Governance

Integrate resilience decision-making tools and performance measures into planning, budgeting, and program implementation to align with resilience framework and advance economic mobility. This includes setting clear departmental accountability, providing staff training and technical assistance, and creating formal pathways for community leaders to participate in advisory, and leadership roles so that policies and programs are shaped with the communities most impacted.

Champions: Austin Equity & Inclusion



Advance Regional Collaboration to Address Interconnected Challenges

Advance collaboration and learnings with the City of San Antonio through the Climate Resilient Communities Accelerator

In September 2025, The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) launched the Climate Resilient Communities Accelerator program in the Austin-San Antonio region of Texas to support leaders prepare for climate and extreme weather impacts. The Accelerator will bring together local and Tribal governments, businesses, nonprofits, academics, and community leaders to safeguard communities and strengthen economic stability in the face of climate threats.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience

Convene municipalities to share best practices

Travis County is launching a working group for cities outside Austin to exchange lessons learned, resources, and emerging innovations. This peer-to-peer network will help local governments scale what works and build collective capacity around various environmental issues. The group will also coordinate closely with City of Austin environmental initiatives.

Champions: Travis County



Empower Austinites to secure Stable, High-Paying Jobs that Support Long-Term Economic Mobility

Cultivate partnerships that reduce income disparity

Partner with and support nonprofit organizations that are leading efforts to advance a family-sustaining wage for workers and families. Through this partnership model, help reinforce community-driven solutions while exploring complementary policies and programs that support economic stability and mobility.

Champions: Austin Economic Development, Austin Equity & Inclusion

Mobilize data for economic mobility

Launch a data-driven initiative to strengthen long-term economic mobility by integrating health, livelihood, and opportunity indicators into a unified decision-making framework. By combining city data with cross-sector partnerships, target investments, coordinate services, and track outcomes for residents facing the greatest barriers to stability and upward mobility.

Champions: Austin Economic Development, Austin Equity & Inclusion, Austin Technology Management



Empower Austinites to secure Stable, High-Paying Jobs that Support Long-Term Economic Mobility

Advance workforce training and career pathways

Expand workforce training and career pathways that connect Austinites to high-paying, future-ready jobs, while increasing access to supportive services that remove barriers to employment. Programs such as the Infrastructure Academy that connect Austinites to jobs tied to capital and infrastructure investments ensure that training is tied to long term economic mobility.

Champions: Austin Economic Development

Expand Opportunities for Entrepreneurship

Expand opportunities for small-, minority-, and women-owned firms by providing conferences, workshops, networking opportunities and technical assistance, and foster partnerships with industry partners to deliver business training, expert coaching, and financial operations support.

Champions: Austin Small & Minority Business Resources, Austin Economic Development



Ensure Equitable Access to Supportive Service Programming

Strengthen and Expand the Displacement Prevention Navigator Program

Advance and operationalize the Displacement Prevention Navigator program by recruiting, training, and compensating trusted community members to serve as Navigators who connect renters and homeowners to housing stability resources.

Champions: Austin Housing, Austin Homeless Strategy Office

Expand housing assistance for people experiencing homelessness

Prevent homelessness and quickly rehouse individuals through interventions such as direct financial aid, comprehensive case management, and proactive outreach by interdisciplinary teams, including the Downtown Austin Alliance's Homeless Engagement Assistance Response Team and the City of Austin's Homeless Outreach Street Team.

Champions: Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations



Strengthen Partnerships & Coordination to Expand Access to High Quality, Affordable Childcare

Promote public health best practices and healthy early childhood development

Protect health of young children and their caregivers by continuing to coordinate public health training series for childcare providers, and routinely sharing up-to-date health guidance and resources with childcare programs and schools. Continue proactive community outreach to families with young children to connect them with the information and support needed to promote healthy, safe early development.

Champions: Austin Public Health

Increase children's health and wellness through promotion of natural outdoor learning environments in early care and education settings

Create opportunities for education, resource sharing, peer networking, and collaboration through the Cities Connecting Children to Nature initiative's local ole! network. Encourage increased outdoor learning opportunities through design assistance, Loose Parts Lending Kits, and distribution of salvaged natural materials.

Champions: Austin Parks and Recreation, Austin Public Health, Austin Public Library



Strengthen Partnerships & Coordination to Expand Access to High Quality, Affordable Childcare

Advance initiatives to expand access to affordable, high-quality child care

The City is working to implement Council-approved childcare fee waivers for new construction of childcare programs or expansion of an existing high-quality childcare programs. The Raising Travis County Fund is expanding access to affordable, high-quality child care and out-of-school time programs, including after-school and summer enrichment for eligible families.

Champions: Austin Economic Development, Travis County

Strengthen and support network of home-based childcare providers

Continue growing and strengthening the Austin-Travis County Family Child Care Educator Network. The network was co-designed with and for home-based childcare providers to offer resources and training to promote childcare quality, provider wellbeing, and economic stability across all home-based settings, including licensed, registered, and listed homes, as well as Family, Friend, and Neighbor care.

Champions: Austin Economic Development, Austin Public Health



Expand access to healthy, affordable food

Expanding Community-Backed Food Access Solutions

Based on Austin/Travis County Food Plan, actively establish culturally relevant, affordable, community-backed or -driven retail options in areas experiencing food insecurity or facing barriers to food access, including replication and expansion of existing food retail initiatives in the City and County.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience

Expanding Local Nutrition Incentives and Purchasing Support

Based on Austin/Travis County Food Plan, expand benefits and access to nutritious foods through programs that amplify and supplement the purchasing power of individuals and households facing food and nutrition insecurity and explore the feasibility of creating a locally funded nutrition incentive program with less restrictive eligibility criteria than SNAP/WIC.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience, Austin Public Health, Travis County

Prepare and Support Communities Before, During, and After Extreme Weather Events

Expand emergency preparedness information & resources

Boost participation in emergency registries like Warn Central Texas, State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), and the Austin Energy Medical Registry. Streamline communication across City departments, agencies, and community groups. Build on Austin and Travis County's efforts to improve preparedness outreach and training. Coordinate with community organizations and other entities to develop and disseminate unified heat preparedness response information.

Champions: Austin Emergency Management, Austin Energy, Austin Public Health

Strengthen and expand City-led heat risk education campaigns

Build greater awareness around heat risk and safety precautions before and during high-heat months by deploying equitable, innovative, and culturally appropriate extreme heat education campaigns in high-traffic city locations, such as libraries and recreation centers, and other public spaces.

Champions: Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations, Austin Public Health, Austin Public Library

Prepare and Support Communities Before, During, and After Extreme Weather Events

Leverage Community Health Workers for community heat preparedness

Secure sustainable funding to leverage the expertise of Community Health Workers and the Austin Travis County Medical Reserve Corp in addressing urgent public health needs of at-risk populations.

Champions: Austin Public Health

Advance the Austin Resilience Network

Continue to connect communities and public resources to help prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Creates a flexible model to enhance resilience across Austin, with a focus on the involvement of community partners.

Champions: Austin Emergency Management

Prepare and Support Communities Before, During, and After Extreme Weather Events

Create back up power at Critical Community Facilities

Provide critical facilities (shelters) with at least one alternative, independent source of electricity supply to make it capable of operating if a primary source of power experiences an interruption. Identify, map, and maintain clear evacuation routes for communities in high-risk wildfire areas. Include communication protocols of when to evacuate and when to shelter in place.

Champions: Austin Emergency Management, Austin Energy, Austin Fire, Austin Parks & Recreation, Austin Public Health , Austin Public Library, Austin Transportation & Public Works

Invest in Cooling and Green Open Spaces to reduce heat risk and improve public health.

Cool our streets and sidewalks

Pilot cool corridors by designing and deploying cooling strategies such as trees, built shade, and cool pavements using energy reflective coatings on high-heat corridors. Austin Climate Action & Resilience will work closely with community partners to identify key corridors that could benefit from cooling interventions.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience, Austin Parks & Recreation, Austin Transportation & Public Works

Expand access to drinking water in public spaces

The City's Parks and Recreation Department needs funding and resources to assess, maintain, add, and upgrade water fountains and/or hydration stations in high-trafficked pedestrian areas and parks.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience, Austin Transportation & Public Works, Austin Parks & Recreation, Austin Public Library, Austin Water, CapMetro

Invest in Cooling and Green Open Spaces to reduce heat risk and improve public health.

Improve access to Austin's creeks, lakes, & trails

Explore additional ways to ensure that all Austinites have physical access to natural, cooling spaces, such as local creeks, lakes, and trails. Provide community members with information about where they are located and the amenities available, so people feel safe and welcome to explore these assets.

Champions: Austin Parks & Recreation, Austin Transportation & Public Works, Austin Water, Austin Watershed Protection

Maximize cooling benefits of existing City parks

Integrate heat-resilient design and climate-adaptive features in district parks, major indoor facilities, and specialized outdoor spaces, prioritizing sites where natural systems can enhance cooling, shade, and long-term resilience.

Champions: Austin Parks & Recreation

Reduce neighborhood income disparities

Sustain and Grow Austin's Small Business Ecosystem

Increase the affordability and availability of suitable spaces for small businesses, while enhancing one-stop shop models that simplify permitting and expand access to City resources. Support current and future generations of Austin's diverse entrepreneurs to preserve the city's unique small business character and economic vitality.

Champions: Austin Economic Development

Strengthen key economic mobility levers in Austin's highest-need neighborhoods

Advance actions that reduce income disparities, strengthen financial stability, lower cost burdens, and expand pathways to essential support in highest-need communities. Improve visibility and access of existing income-building services while piloting targeted, place-based strategies to address system gaps.

Champions: Austin Economic Development, Austin Equity & Inclusion

Reduce neighborhood income disparities

Increase and Preserve Affordable Housing to stabilize communities and reduce displacement pressure

Continue to strengthen Austin's affordable housing supply through strategic Rental Housing Development Assistance program investments, including the recently announced \$46 million allocation for eight affordable housing developments with 728 rental units for households earning 30-60% of median family income.

Champions: Austin Housing

Expand Community Digital Literacy Skills and Inclusion Programs

Increase access to digital literacy training by partnering with the Austin Public Library to offer community members a range of skill-building classes. Leverage programs such as beginner software courses, bilingual computer labs, and age-specific tech workshops to strengthen digital inclusion across the city.

Champions: Austin Public Library



Strengthen homes and buildings for safety and comfort during extreme weather

Advance Climate-Resilient Building and Landscape Design

Establish and promote resilience design standards that reduce climate impacts in new developments, enhance climate-ready landscapes, and incentivize private sector adoption of exemplar climate-resilient practices across Austin.

Champions: Austin Capital Delivery Service, Austin Energy Green Building, Austin Parks & Recreation

Promote City resources to support Austinites' resilience at home

Strengthen and promote available City resources to support Austinites' resilience at home through extreme weather events and natural disasters, especially for the most vulnerable.

Champions: Austin Energy, Austin Housing



Strengthen homes and buildings for safety and comfort during extreme weather

Advance SMART Housing with Green and Resilient Standards

Expand and strengthen the City's SMART (Safe, Mixed-Income, Accessible, Reasonably-priced, Transit-Oriented) Housing program by improving green and resilient building standards to increase and preserve access to safe, affordable housing.

Champions: Austin Development Services, Austin Energy, Austin Transportation & Public Works, Austin Housing, CapMetro

Preserve Housing Stability Through Targeted Home Repairs

Implement focused home repair and reconstruction programs in neighborhoods experiencing displacement and gentrification to help residents remain in their homes.

Champions: Austin Housing

Fortify Critical Infrastructure to ensure power, water, and transportation systems withstand climate disruptions.

Support implementation of Austin utilities plans

Align and coordinate ongoing initiatives across Austin Energy's Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan and Austin Water's Water Forward Plan, both recently adopted by Council, while advancing the development and implementation of Watershed Protection's strategic plan, Rain to River.

Champions: Austin Energy, Austin Water, Austin Watershed Protection

Future-proof new and existing facilities and infrastructure

Strengthen critical infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, and public utilities, to withstand the impacts of extreme weather and wildfire using technology including weather forecasting, behavior models, and satellite data. Incorporating climate resilience into our standards, details, specifications, and design criteria for new, modified, and rehabilitated infrastructure.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience, Austin Energy, Austin Fire, Austin Transportation Public Works, Austin Water, Austin Watershed Protection



Fortify Critical Infrastructure: Ensure power, water, and transportation systems withstand climate disruptions.

Conduct flood mitigation planning and deliver flood risk reduction actions using most recent data

Continue to evaluate and model flood risk to help reduce the impacts of flooding. Protect the safety of our community by completing flood risk reduction projects, including new infrastructure, property buyouts, and maintaining drainage infrastructure. Prevent an increase in the number of flood-prone homes, businesses, and roads by enforcing drainage regulations.

Champions: Austin Watershed Protection

Adapt Infrastructure, Parks, and Natural Systems to mitigate flooding, fire, and heat while enhancing ecological health

Maximize mitigation benefits of public and private land to protect against existing and future climate challenges

Invest in the restoration and climate-resilient management of natural areas to reduce wildfire risk, address tree mortality and biodiversity loss, and enhance community benefits. Collaborate across departments and with the University of Texas at Austin to develop innovative financing mechanisms and expand green infrastructure on both public and private lands.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience, Austin Parks & Recreation, Austin Water, Austin Watershed Protection

Expand Nature Based Solutions

Expand nature-based solutions to boost biodiversity and ecosystem resilience to climate change. Protect at-risk species, support climate-adapted transitions, address cumulative environmental impacts, and ensure meaningful engagement with communities facing environmental justice concerns.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience, Austin Parks & Recreation, Austin Watershed Protection

Adapt Infrastructure, Parks, and Natural Systems to mitigate flooding, fire, and heat while enhancing ecological health

Proactively manage wildfire risk

Proactively manage wildfire risk through vegetation management and establishment of a fire-resistant network of safe zones. Establish a fire-resistant network of areas of refuge and temporary community shelters in safe zones for use during wildfire events. Reduce flood and erosion risk, mitigate environmental hazards, and foster ecosystem recovery after wildfire events through proactive mitigation, restoration, and community collaboration.

Champions: Austin Fire, Austin Watershed Protection

Advance the 50% Tree Canopy Goal

Strengthen the urban forest by auditing existing tree protection policies and identifying ways to expand preservation, including for non-regulated trees. Identify and prioritize feasible locations for quick and straightforward tree plantings. Work with the Urban Forestry Program to build upon its existing programs with a goal of developing comprehensive tree planting and maintenance plans and establishing coordinated public land management

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience



Adapt Infrastructure, Parks, and Natural Systems to mitigate flooding, fire, and heat while enhancing ecological health

Develop a coordinated set of green infrastructure tools

Advance an integrated Green Infrastructure framework to assess the City's progress toward its green infrastructure vision, goals, policies, and actions, while aligning tools across departments for more effective, affordable, maintainable, and equitable implementation.

Champions: Austin Climate Action & Resilience, Austin Parks & Recreation, Austin Transportation & Public Works, Austin, Austin Water, Watershed Protection



Enhance Transportation Networks to provide safe, equitable, low-carbon mobility options.

Building Sustainable and Connected Communities through Transit-Oriented Development

In partnership with CapMetro and the Austin Transit Partnership, expand equitable transit-oriented development that prioritizes affordable housing, accessible transit connections, and mixed-use amenities near new and existing transit lines. This initiative will help communities reduce car dependency while increasing mobility options and fostering more sustainable, connected neighborhoods.

Champions: Austin Planning, Austin Financial Services, Austin Transit Partnership, CapMetro

Optimize and enhance service by completing and implementing CapMetro Transit Plan 2035.

Rising housing costs and job decentralization have led residents to live in areas that are unserved or underserved by transit. The Central Texas region continues to see rapid growth both in the urban core and surrounding communities. The purpose of Transit Plan 2035 is to establish an updated service plan for CapMetro's system that reflects Central Texas' changing population and travel needs

Champions: CapMetro