



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Item 21

Meeting Date: June 12, 2012

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Sponsoring Court Member: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Receive briefing on the Land, Water, and Transportation Plan Background Report.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

TNR is completing the Land, Water, and Transportation Plan (LWTP) that will be a framework for comprehensively planning, managing, and regulating the land, water, and transportation services TNR provides to the the county. It will be a set of long term goals and policies the Court will use to guide orderly development and the appropriate preservation of land and water resources within unincorporated areas of Travis County. It is comprised of three volumes that include the following: background information (as presented in the Background Report), long term goals and policies for guiding growth, and public engagement information.

The purpose of this agenda item is to brief the Court on the Background Report which is the foundation of the goals and policy section of the LWTP. It includes information about the following: planning context (i.e. information about natural, demographic, and land use conditions, forecasted distribution of population, county regulatory authority, and other comprehensive planning efforts in the county), opinions held by county residents, existing TNR plans, ordinances, and rules affecting county land, water, and transportation services, and conclusions (not included in the May 10, 2012 draft).

Staff would like to brief the Court today on the May 10, 2012 draft which was prepared by the Planning and GIS program in close collaboration with Development Services, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality, Parks, Road Maintenance and Fleet Services, the County Attorney's Office, and Commissioners Court staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

None

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The Background Report has three audiences: constituents, elected officials, and county staff. It is a tool for educating the public about their county; it describes the many factors that inform county policy; and helps foster collaboration across county programs and disciplines, thereby fostering the most effective use of county resources. As such, it provides the rational underlying county policy, supports transparent governance, and facilitates dialogue between constituents and the Court.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

Background Report (Draft May 10, 2012)

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

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