

Northeast District Plan Working Group Meeting #38 Summary
April 15, 2026

The Collaborative Northeast District Plan aims to address historical inequities and foster inclusive development in northeastern Travis County. The initiative is a joint effort between Travis County (TC) and the City of Austin (COA) to look at inequities and disinvestments around public transportation, housing, displacement, infrastructure, economic development, food access, and more. The Interlocal Agreement (ILA) establishing this initiative requires a Cross City- Cross County staff Working Group (WG). The City of Austin and Travis County collaboratively formed an NEDPWG made up of 12 members, evenly split between the two entities.

1. Welcome and Agenda

Members Present:

City of Austin
Amanda Jasso
Edwin Marty
Aaron Jenkins
Genaro Peña
Sravya Garladenne

Travis County
Michelle Meaux
Kirsten Seigfried
Cathy McClaugherty
Selena Muñoz
Patrick Phillips

Members Absent

City of Austin
Angel Zambrano

Travis County
Yaira Robinson

Facilitators Present:

City of Austin
Shanisha Johnson

Travis County
Bill Wilson
Addison Ptomey

2. Member Check in

Executive Leadership Team (ELT) member Lauren Middleton-Pratt is leaving the City of Austin. Andrea Bates will become the Interim Director as of April 25, 2026.

3. Debrief of April 8 Community Meeting

Representatives from the five community groups named in the ILA were all present and led with an alternate agenda for the meeting. Commissioner Travillion and City Manager Broadnax were present along with the WG staff leads Shanisha and Bill and WG members Selena and Amanda.

The WG discussed key takeaways from the community meeting:

- The community groups believe that they should have been a part of all aspects of the ILA, including membership on the WG or, at a minimum, meeting regularly with the WG. The community groups frequently referred to the term “co-creation” in the Resolution passed in August 2023 instead of the ILA from March 2024 which formalized the collaboration between the City of Austin and Travis County.
- The community groups want to have the opportunity to review deliverables before approval by City and County leadership. They requested to review the Summary Report prior to presentation to the City and County for approval.
- The community groups want to be members of the CAC and have a role in the design and selection process for more members.

After discussion about the community meeting, the WG decided to direct the staff leads to draft a memo to the ELT recommending the release of the draft Summary Report (SR), including the Equity Check, to the public with a 30-day comment period. The release will be done through posting on the City and County websites and email distribution to the NEDP community. After the comment period closes, comments will be collected and summarized and included as an appendix to the SR when it is submitted for approval. The WG requested that the memo also include a working definition of the “NEDP community” that is broad and inclusive of a wide range of interested individuals, businesses, and organizations, not limited to the five community groups named in the ILA.

4. Update on Consultant Procurement

One of the WG members provided an update on the consultant procurement process after meeting with Commissioner Travillion. She reported that Commissioner Travillion confirmed that two consultants will be hired – one for the CAC/community engagement plan and the other to facilitate the WG and the ELT. Questions arose about the funding for each consultant and the potential need for a third-party agreement. The City staff lead will follow up with the City Manager’s office for clarification.

5. CAC Charge, Design, and Selection Process Next Steps

Commissioner Travillion requested that the deliverable around the formation of the CAC, including the design, composition and selection process, be elevated to the

ELT. The WG decided to move forward with the process to provide the ELT with a recommendations on the CAC.

The Engagement small group contacted each of the five community groups from the ILA and incorporated their perspectives and expertise on CAC design and structure. The WG asked the Engagement small group to meet and develop recommendations for the WG about the design and selection process. Once drafted, the small group will share the recommendation with the entire WG for consensus. Once approved by the WG, the recommendation will be sent to the ELT for final approval. The WG previously drafted a CAC Charge.

6. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Summary

Approval of the April 1st meeting summary was delayed giving the WG members more time to review it. Final feedback or approval is due Friday (April 17).

7. Next Meeting & Homework

a. Next Meeting

- i. April 29, 1-3pm
- ii. Virtual, on Teams
- iii. WG members requested an agenda item for next meeting to discuss a decision matrix

b. Homework

- i. Review previous meeting summary and provide feedback or approval by Friday April 17.
- ii. Engagement small group will meet to discuss CAC recommendations.