

Northeast District Plan Working Group Meeting #39 Summary
April 29, 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
Sravya Garlandenne
Edwin Marty
Aaron Jenkins
Genaro Peña

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

Members Absent

City of Austin
Angel Zambrano
Amanda Jasso

Travis County
N/A

Facilitators Present:

City of Austin
Romina Tafazzoli

Travis County
Bill Wilson
Addison Ptomey

2. Standing Agenda Item – Member Check in

The City of Austin/Travis County Food Plan received a prestigious global award. WG member Edwin was honored for it at Commissioners Court on Tuesday April 28, 2026.

3. Meeting Summary #38, April 15, 2026

Meeting #38 Summary was approved on consensus.

4. Summary Report Memo Status

WG staff leads drafted a memo to the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) recommending releasing the Summary Report to the public for comment. The memo includes a definition of “community” with language from the ILA. There were no edits to the draft memo. No consensus was needed since direction was provided at the previous WG meeting to prepare and send the memo.

5. Community Groups Update

ELT members received an email from community groups following the April 8 meeting. Facilitators made the WG aware of the email. This was included on the agenda for awareness; there was no action for the WG to take on this item.

6. Engagement Small Group Update

The engagement small group met last Wednesday to work on the WG’s Community Advisory Committee (CAC) formation recommendation. They will meet again Friday, May 8. The small group anticipates presenting the recommendations to the WG for consensus. Once the WG reaches consensus, the recommendation will be presented to the ELT.

7. CAC Consultant Update

The staff leads confirmed that there will be two consultants; one consultant will facilitate the WG and the other will facilitate the CAC and aid in implementing the Community Engagement Plan that the CAC develops. The County will procure and fund the WG facilitator, and the City will procure and fund the CAC consultant. The City will work on rescoping for the engagement consultants. The basis of the rescoping will be the WG approved Scope. The County will use the original Scope that the WG drafted to create a new Scope of Work for the WG facilitator.

8. Website Update

The County website was updated to include a new page for the WG where the public can access previous meeting summaries, starting with March 2026. Meeting summaries will be posted after the WG approves them.

The WG discussed creating another website page for the ELT. Consensus was reached to create an ELT page. It will follow the format of the WG page and include its purpose, composition, and meeting cadence.

9. Decision Matrix Discussion

The WG reviewed and discussed the decision matrix draft. The WG asked staff leads to make edits on the matrix and bring back another draft at the next WG meeting.

There was no action taken on this item during this meeting.

10. Next Meeting & Homework

a. Next Meeting

- i. May 13, 2026, 1-3pm
- ii. Virtual – Teams
- iii. Anticipated consultant update
- iv. Anticipated engagement small group update on CAC composition and selection process recommendation

b. Homework

- i. Facilitators will update the decision matrix before the next WG meeting
- ii. WG members should review the decision matrix
- iii. WG members should review the meeting summary once received