Overarching Themes

- Population
- Jobs and Employment
- Transportation
- Land Use and Development
- Affordability & Equity
- Environmental Quality
- Disaster Resiliency
• Popular Conception:
  ✓ Population is growing, and all the new folks look like this guy
Population and Demographics

- Reality

![Bar chart showing population growth from 2005 to 2015.](chart.png)

Source: EMSI
Population and Demographics

• Reality

Population Change (2005-2015) in the CAPCOG Region

Source: EMSI
• Reality

Population Change by Age Cohort (2005-2015)

Source: EMSI

Percent Population Change by Age Cohort (2005-2015)

Source: EMSI
Population and Demographics
• Popular Conception:

Capital Area Economy
• Reality: Times are good!

Source: EMSI
• Reality: Times Could be Better!

• 2015’s Top 5 Jobs by Employment
  ✓ Retail Salespersons: 32,512 ($13.26 / hr)
  ✓ Office Clerks: 30,637 ($16.15 / hr)
  ✓ Food Prep Workers and Servers: 27,472 ($9.49 / hr)
  ✓ Customer Service Reps: 23,399 ($14.92 / hr)
  ✓ Cashiers: 20,153 ($10.21 / hr)

• Of our 1.05 million jobs, 608k (58%) are in occupations where the mean wage is less than $20 per hour ($41,600 per year).
• Popular Conception:
Transportation

- Reality:
Transportation

• Slightly More Nuanced Version of Reality:
  ✓ In 2014, 315,000 workers commuted to jobs in Travis County from somewhere else in the region.
  ✓ 49.8% of workers cross a county line to get to work
  ✓ 76.1% of workers drive alone to get to work

~22,000 new jobs each year
* 76% of workers drive alone
= 16,700 new cars on the road at rush hour each year
Transportation

- Commuting patterns and modes
- Where do we develop new residences and jobs?
• Popular Conception (at least at the national level)
• Reality:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
• Reality:

Change in Housing Costs in the Austin MSA (2005-2014)

- Median Gross Rent
- Median Owner Housing Costs (With a Mortgage)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Reality:

Change in Housing Costs in the Austin MSA (2005-2014)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
• Popular Conception

**Cedar Season**: The Primary Consideration for Air Quality in the Capital Region
Environment

• Reality

Source: TCEQ
Environment

CAPCOG Region Water Existing Supply v. Demands, 2020-2070

Source: Texas State Water Plan
• No Longer the Popular Conception:

“A 100-year storm has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year.”
Disaster Resiliency

- **Reality:**

![Map of Blanco River Basin with flood depth indicators](image-url)

**Memorial Weekend 2015 Flood Disaster**

- **6-8”**
- **9-11”**
- **12-13”**

Major Impact Zone

Graphic Produced by: NWS Austin/San Antonio
• Reality:
Disaster Resiliency

Address Points in the FIRM and ABFE

Wimberley, Texas

Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE’s) that will influence next 100-yr Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)

Source: EM-Dilletscope, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CARC/USGS DC, USDA, USGS, ABX, Schmieder, ArcScape, IFC, ISF, asdsgps, and the SIS User Community

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Overarching Themes

• Population Continues to Grow
• Job Growth is Strong, but Wages and Access are Uneven
• Transportation is...¯\_(ツ)_/¯
• Development in Activity Centers is Mixed... but Not Necessarily Mixed Use
• Environmental Issues Haven’t Disappeared
• Equity and Affordability Challenges Remain
• Disaster Resiliency
Thank you

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