



# Welcome!



City of Austin & US  
Open Government Partnership



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# Agenda

**3:00 - 3:10 PM** - Arrive and check-in

**3:10 - 3:15 PM** - Opening Remarks - *Sabine Romero, Global Business Expansion, Economic Development Department, City of Austin & Bryan Port, Director, Center for Government & Civic Service at Austin Community College*

**3:16 - 3:23 PM** - *GSA U.S. Open Government Secretariat Presentation, Daniel York Director, U.S. Open Government Secretariat*

**3:23 - 3:30 PM** - City of Austin Presentation - *Daniel Culotta, Chief Innovation Officer, City of Austin*

**3:30 - 4:15 PM** - Small Group exercise on proposed City of Austin Open Government Action Plan commitments- *Ana DeFrates*

**4:15 - 4:30 PM** - Small Group Report Outs

**4:30 - 4:45** - 6th U.S. Open Government National Action Plan Listening Session

**4:45 - 5 :00 PM** - Closing





Office of Government-wide Policy

# Open Government Partnership and the --- U.S. Open Government Secretariat

September 17, 2024

# The Open Government Partnership

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In 2011, government leaders and civil society advocates came together to create a unique partnership - one that combines these powerful forces to promote **transparent**, **participatory**, **inclusive**, and **accountable** governance.

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a multilateral initiative aimed at securing commitments from national and sub-national governments to promote open government, combat corruption, and improve governance.



# OGP By the Numbers

**75**  
countries

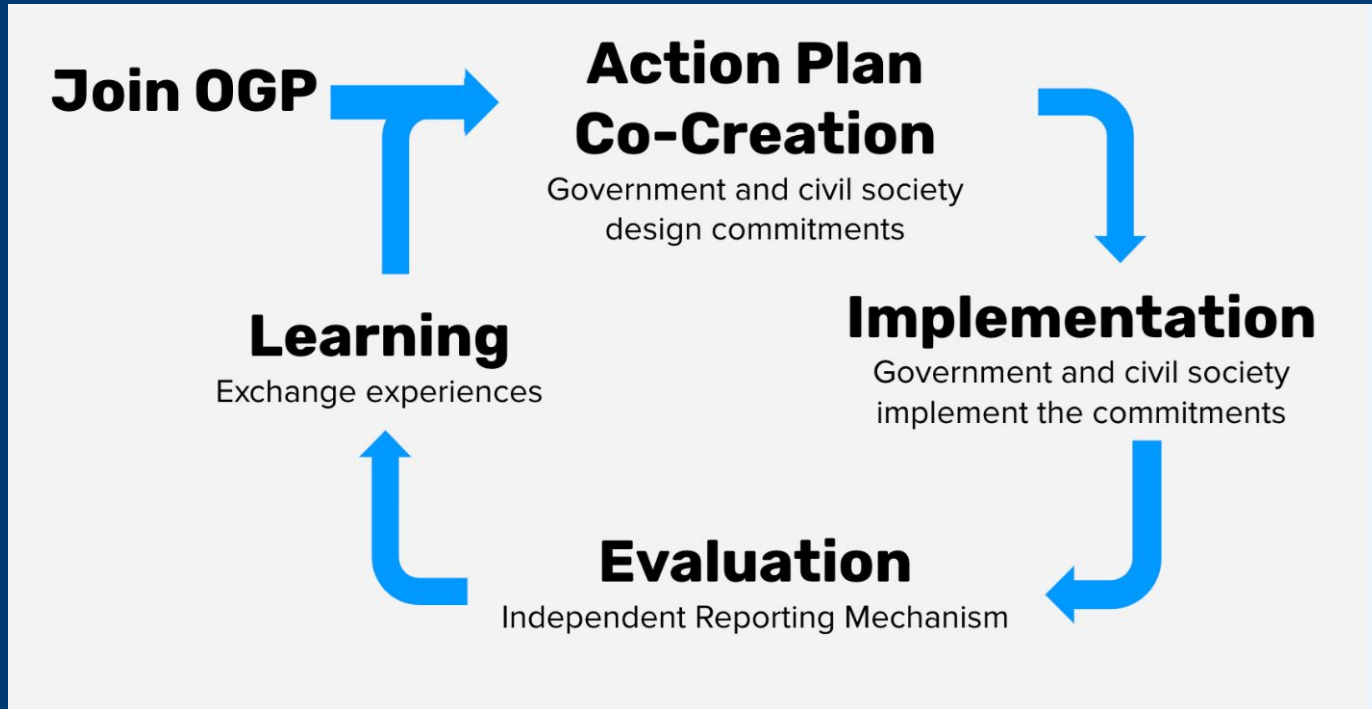
**104**  
local members

**400+**  
action plans

**5,000+**  
commitments



# The OGP Action Plan Cycle



# U.S. Federal Participation in OGP

## *Federal Government Roles*



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TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

Policy Leadership

The logo for the General Services Administration (GSA). It consists of a blue square with the letters "GSA" in white, where the letter "A" is stylized to include a white star.

**GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION**

Domestic Implementation  
Management



**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
&  
USAID**

International Implementation  
Management





**DANIEL YORK**

Director,  
Inter Gov Coordination /  
NAP 5

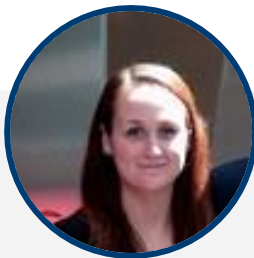


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NAP 6



**LAURA SZAKMARY**

Public Engagement

**MEET  
THE GSA  
TEAM**



**ARTHUR BRUNSON**

OG FAC

# What We Do

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The GSA Open Government Secretariat serves three primary roles:

- 1** **Nation Action Plan [\(NAP\) 5 Implementation:](#)** Coordinate with federal partners to track and report progress on NAP commitments.
- 2** **Nation Action Plan (NAP) 6 Development:** In coordination with White House OSTP, Department of State, and USAID, co-create the 6th US Open Government NAP with Civil Society Organizations and the public through an open and transparent process (using the OG FAC) which advances the ideals of a more inclusive, responsive, and accountable government.
- 3** **Stakeholder Engagement:** Coordinate with federal government and public stakeholders groups:
  - Federal Stakeholder Engagement
  - Public Stakeholder Engagement
  - Host & Maintain a [public website](#)
  - Follow us on [LinkedIn!](#)

# Commitment Update Process

## *NAP 5 Commitment Status Updates*

The U.S. 5th Open Government National Action Plan was released by the White House in December 2022, and its 36 commitments and 70 sub-commitments are updated every 6 months.



**Updates on the new  
website went live on  
Thurs Aug 29th**

# NAP 5 Commitment Updates

AUGUST 2023

Needs Help

17.1%

12

Complete

20.0%

14

On Track

62.9%

44

FEBRUARY 2024

Needs Help

1.4%

1

On Track

51.4%

36

Complete

47.1%

33

**Last NAP 5  
Commitment  
Update will be  
posted in Dec 2024**

AUGUST 2024

On Track

42.9%

30

Complete

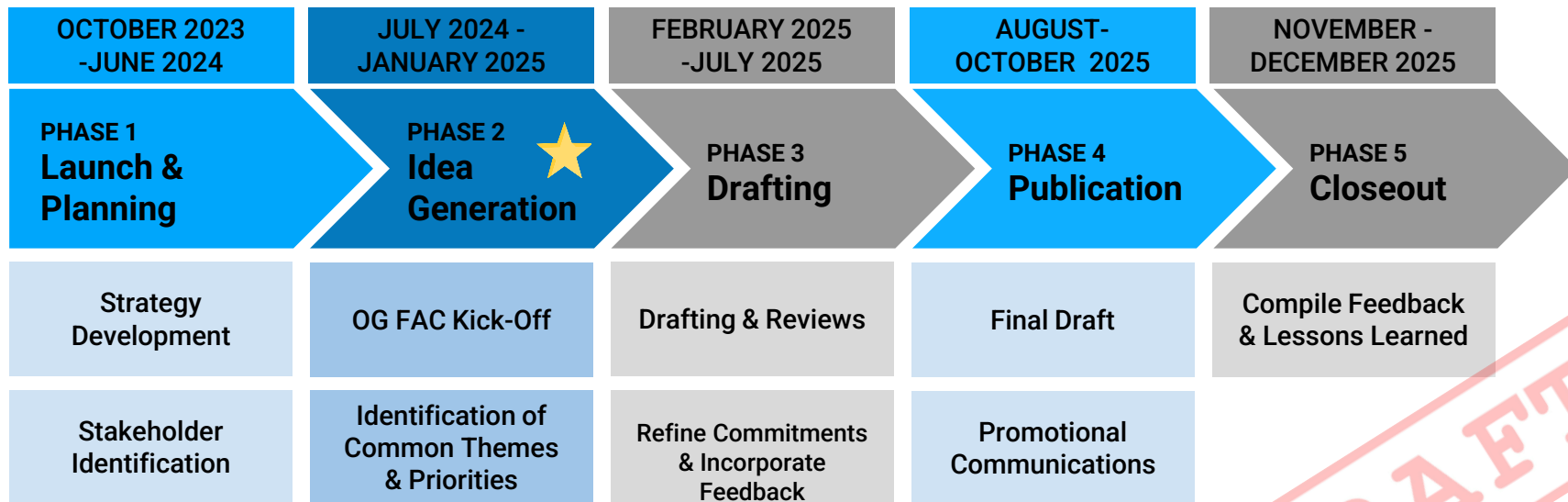
57.1%

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**Many of the remaining  
NAP 5 Sub-  
Commitments are  
ongoing efforts, and  
will not be "Complete"**

# Tentative Co-Creation Timeline

## NAP 6 Development



**DRAFT**

# Building Trust & Other Priorities

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## *NAP 6 Development*

**1**

### **INCLUSIVITY**

Develop the 6th NAP through a process that includes input from all relevant stakeholders

**2**

### **TRANSPARENCY**

Create a transparent process where development/implementation decisions are open & accessible (using the OG FAC)

**3**

### **USG ALIGNMENT**

Ensure NAP 6 aligns with the USG's broader strategic goals

**4**

### **MEASURABILITY**

Create commitments that are specific and quantifiable, with expected indicators and milestones

# NAP 6 Public Request For Information

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The [U.S. Open Government Secretariat](#) is inviting public input on NAP 6 through a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) until Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

**Areas of interest include:**

## **PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION**

Please explain a specific problem that open government can address. Identify unmet needs, broken processes, and problems around transparency, participation, and accountability.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD ON EXISTING WORK**

Identify existing work by a federal government agency or outside of the government (e.g., by civil society individuals or non-governmental organizations) that can be built upon to support open government efforts.

## **INNOVATIVE APPROACHES**

What innovative approaches or emerging technologies could the government explore to enhance transparency, public participation, and accountability? How could these be integrated into NAP 6?

## **RESOURCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Suggest existing reports, collections of recommendations, and landscape analyses that can help inform a comprehensive, responsive, and evidence-based co-creation process for the 6th National Action Plan.

# NAP 6 Public Listening Session

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**REGISTER NOW**

## **6th U.S. Open Government National Action Plan**

Join us for a Public  
Listening Session and let  
your voice be heard!



Let your voice be heard! Public comments  
will be collected both through  
[Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) as well as through a  
virtual Public Listening Session held on  
**Wed Oct 9, 2024 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM ET.**

Register here:

[https://gsa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/  
vJltceygrDMqHB0la7An4tyg9Gx3xIKFVQA](https://gsa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceygrDMqHB0la7An4tyg9Gx3xIKFVQA)





# Open Gov Federal Advisory Committee

## Advisory Committee as a Multi-Stakeholder Forum

“A structured environment designed to maximize participation and cooperation between government and civil society by bringing relevant partners into the discussion and ensuring that all voices are heard.”

- Open Government Partnership

# Federal Advisory Committee

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## *Stakeholder Engagement*

### **Purpose:**

- The Open Government Federal Advisory Committee (OG FAC) will advise GSA in its endeavor to increase the public's access to data, to better advance equity, engage the public in the regulatory process, make government records more accessible, and improve the delivery of government services and benefits through expert advice.
- The OG FAC will serve as an advisory body to GSA's Open Government Secretariat on Open Government initiatives including GSA's creation, implementation and monitoring of U.S. Open Government National Action Plans (NAPs) and commitment themes and will advise GSA's Administrator on emerging open government issues, challenges, and opportunities to support GSA's Open Government Secretariat.

### **Process:**

- Notice of Intent To Establish a Federal Advisory Committee and Call for Nominations was published in the [Federal Register](#) on April 26, 2024.
- Held a public virtual [Q&A session](#) on May 10, 2024
- The window to submit member nominations closed on May 28, 2024
- The Notice of Establishment was posted to the [Federal Register](#) on June 28, 2024
- The Charter and other relevant information was posted to [GSA's website](#) on August 29th, 2024.
- Stay tuned for the announcement of the committee members coming soon!
- First public meeting slated for October 2024

# OG FAC Areas of Member Expertise

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## Access to Information

Improve effectiveness of access to information legal frameworks.

## Anti-Corruption

Develop or strengthen a whole-of-government anti-corruption strategy or roadmap.

## Civic Space

Strengthen enabling environment and spaces for civil society and civic action.

## Climate and Environment

Use open government to strengthen implementation of strategies or agreements on climate and environment.

## Digital Governance

Strengthen transparency and public oversight of AI and data protection frameworks.

## Fiscal Openness

Advance public oversight and inclusion reforms across the budget and spending cycle.

## Gender and Inclusion

Adopt open government reforms to promote the full participation of women politically, socially and economically.

## Justice

Advance people-centered justice reforms.

## Media Freedom

Develop or reinforce legal frameworks that protect the rights of journalists and independent media.

## Public Participation

Mainstream or embed fit-for-purpose, high quality and inclusive public participation practices across key government sectors, processes, and institutions.

# Partnering with Civil Society

## Stakeholder Engagement

*While we have participated in many events, we are proudest of those events we have partnered with Civil Society and Local Governments to create.*



**Dec 19, 2023**

Carter Center, Atlanta GA



**Feb 5, 2024**

Open Government Roundtable, Washington DC



**April 25, 2024**

Data Foundation, Washington DC



**July 15, 2024**

Washington Coalition for Open Government, Oak Harbor WA



**Sept 17, 2024**

City of Austin, Austin TX



**Sept 26, 2024**

GSA Admin. Carnahan to lead Open Gov Event on Sidelines of UNGA



**Oct 15, 2024**

DC Open Gov Coalition, Washington DC

**If you know of a Civil Society Group interested in partnering with us for an event or project, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

# Civil Society ListServ

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## *Instructions*

To join the public-facing GSA Open Gov ListServ:

- Send an email [opengov-civ-subscribe-request@listserv.gsa.gov](mailto:opengov-civ-subscribe-request@listserv.gsa.gov) and include “***Join: OpenGov-Civ***” in the subject line.
- Reply “***OK***” to the auto-generated message you receive within 48hr.
- You will get a second auto-generated message letting you know that you have joined the OpenGov-Civ ListServ

# Questions?



**Thank you!**  
**Contact Us: [OpenGovernmentSecretariat@gsa.gov](mailto:OpenGovernmentSecretariat@gsa.gov)**

# City of Austin & Open Government Partnership

Third Action Plan – Inaugural  
Meeting September 17, 2024





# OGP Local - What is it & why are we doing it?

## Transparency -

## Public Engagement - Accountability

- OGP launched the “Subnational Government Pilot Program” in 2016.
- This decision recognized that many open government innovations and reforms are happening at the local level where governments can engage more directly with citizens and many crucial public services are delivered. The Pilot program consisted of 15 “pioneer” subnational governments who signed onto the Open Government Subnational Declaration and submitted their first Action Plans (APs) at the Paris Global OGP Summit in December 2016 which were implemented throughout 2017.
- Austin was the first subnational government to join OGP Local. Today, there are over 100 local jurisdictions, with New York City most recently joining the US ranks.

# OGP Austin's Origin Story

## OGP Austin Created

City **Council Resolution 20160225 017** confirmed the City of Austin's interest in participating in the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

## Action Plan Two Created

Four commitments:

- Public Safety Data Transparency
- Inclusion in Court Contracting
- Community Housing
- Climate Resilience

2016

2017

2019

2024

## Action Plan One Created

Five commitments addressing:

- Homelessness
- An equity budget tool
- Online information about city projects
- Better access to city council public meetings
- Inclusiveness in smart city processes

## Action Plan three

Four inaugural commitments:

- Anticipatory governance & climate
- Economic resilience & workforce
- AI & accountability
- Enhanced equity assessments tools

# Inaugural Commitments for Austin's Third OGP Action Plan

1. **Anticipatory governance & climate:** City of Austin Office of Innovation; City of Austin Office of Resilience
2. **Economic resilience & workforce:** Economic Development Department; Office of Resilience
3. **AI & accountability:** City of Austin Equity Office; City of Austin Communications and Technology Management (CTM)
4. **Enhanced equity assessments tools:** City of Austin Equity Office; City of Austin Office of Innovation



# Selection Criteria

**Equity-centered:** What is the potential depth or breadth of benefit provided to the people most acutely affected by the issue? Does the topic provide an opportunity to develop a shared understanding of the historical and current nature of the civic challenge?

**Balances impact and ability to influence:** Is there the potential for our organization to effectively contribute capacity, resources, and support to address the topic?

**Co-creative and participatory:** Does the selection of the topic leverage existing community-driven priorities identified through previous or ongoing participatory processes?

**Adaptive challenges over technical challenges:** Is the civic challenge cross-departmental and does it influence or connect to organization-wide strategic goals? Does the challenge also require new learning in order to be addressed?

**Collective aspirational futures:** Does the civic challenge call for resources that the City alone cannot provide but could be compiled through collaboration with others?

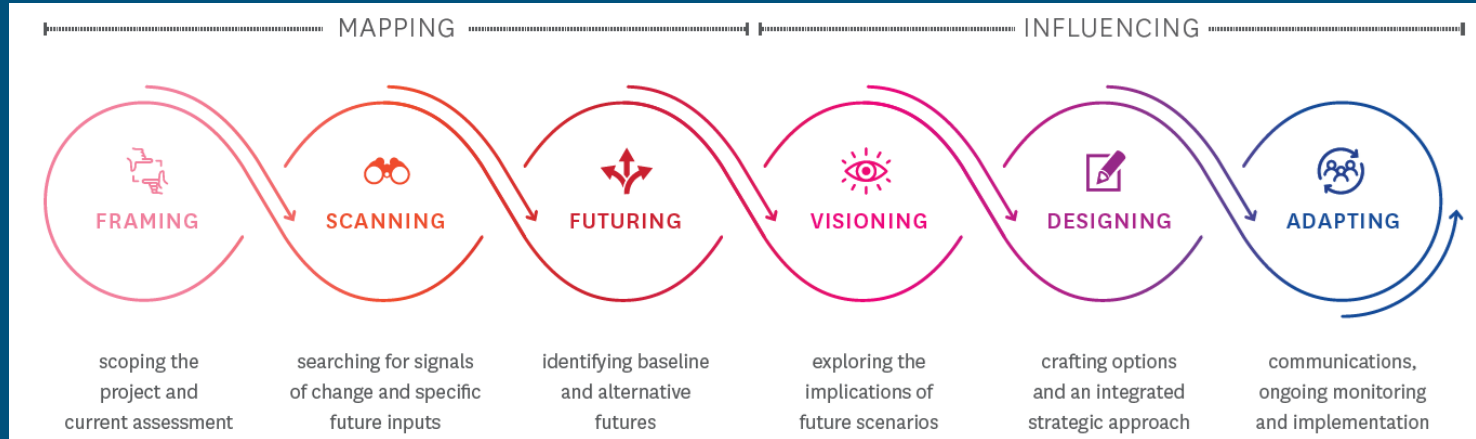


# Approach

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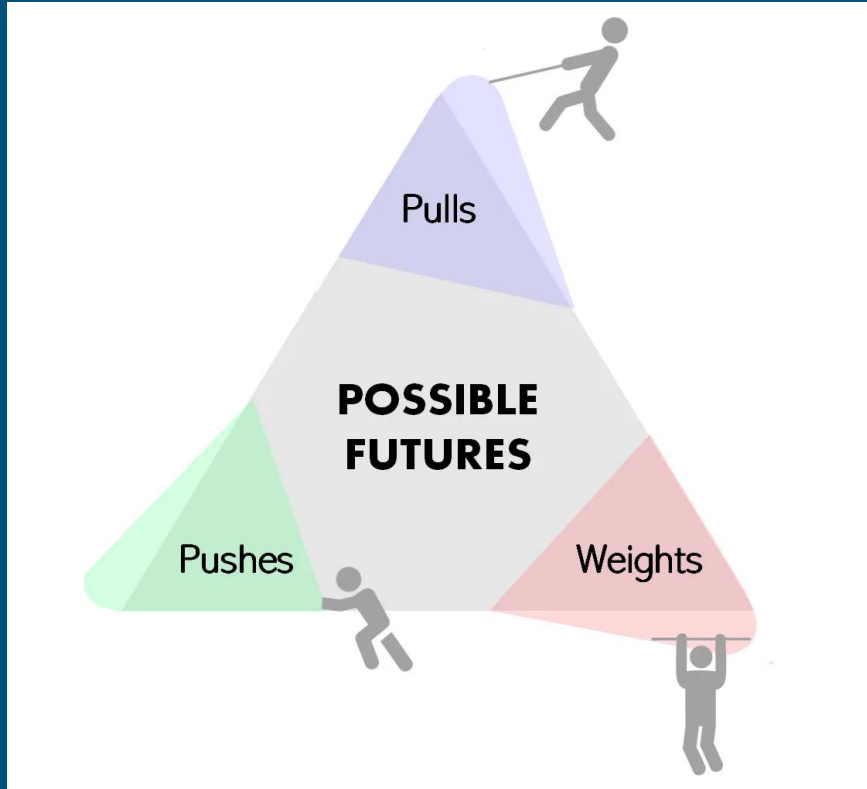
- Build on emerging work rooted in robust community feedback
- Ensure a shared power analysis through Undoing Racism training
- Apply a futures framework (strategic foresight) to ensure we are anticipating the needs of tomorrow

# Foresight: Systematically shaping the future today



Foresight is a systematic process of exploring, anticipating, and shaping the future. Unlike traditional forecasting, which often relies on projecting past trends into the future, foresight incorporates a range of methods to consider various possible futures. It helps organizations and individuals to prepare for potential challenges, seize opportunities, and make informed strategic decisions. Source: [Hinesight for Foresight](#); [SGR / Alliance for Innovation](#)

# Thinking beyond “now” with the Futures Triangle



The Futures Triangle is a framework for analyzing change and thinking about the future by mapping three interconnected factors:

- **The pull of the future:** The organization's vision for the future, including emerging trends and technologies
- **The push of the present:** Current trends and data points that are driving change
- **The weight of the past:** Patterns and choices made in the past. Historical structures

Source: [The Futures Triangle: Origins & Iterations](#)

# Group Discussion (15 minutes)

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**Weight:** What are the patterns and weights of the past?

- This section allows us to explore the history and legacy of the issue and topic. We need to understand the trajectory of the past to understand what the patterns going forward might look like.

**Push:** What are the drivers of change in the present?

- What is pushing us to change right now? What policies, decisions, procedures and technologies do we think will cause change in the near term?

**Pull:** What might a new future look like?

- What is pulling us forward?

Source: Futures Playbook





# Group Discussion #2 (15 minutes)

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**Push | Weight** – What is holding us back?

- These are the actions and issues that need to be addressed to embrace and make the most of the present.

**Pull | Weight** – What will we take forward from the past?

- These are the things you need to preserve and protect going forward, they might be assets, or values that need to be managed through a transition or transformation to a future state.

**Push | Pull** – What might we do differently?

- Identify the what is new that needs to be created to realise the future.



# Report Outs!

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# Next Steps

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1. Fill out the linked survey via the QR code
2. Keep an eye out for follow up materials from the City of Austin, including Information Sessions
3. Bookmark our OGP webpage here: <https://www.austintexas.gov/opengovernmentpartnership>
4. Reach out with any questions to Ana DeFrates ([ana.defrates@austintexas.gov](mailto:ana.defrates@austintexas.gov)) or the City of Austin's Office of Innovation ([innovation@austintexas.gov](mailto:innovation@austintexas.gov))

