



**American Planning Association
Texas Chapter**
Creating Great Communities for All

The American Planning Association’s Texas Chapter and its 2,400 members—community leaders, private developers, design professionals, and local officials—work with the private and public sectors in communities throughout Texas. We use our expertise and innovation to shape livable and sustainable Texas communities that reflect the character and values of each local city, town or rural area.

2023 APATX TexasPlans Event – March 6, 2023

TexasPlans includes members of APA Texas who will be involved in our advocacy efforts during 2023. It is designed to provide our team with the latest information and insight about planning-related topics that may be affected by this year’s Texas Legislative session. In addition, it provides APA Texas members with the opportunity to meet individually with their legislators to introduce APA, offer our expertise and assistance, and share perspectives on important issues affecting Texans and the communities where they live, work and play.

Agenda

The morning session begins at 10:00 AM so participants can choose to drive down to Austin that morning. It will be held on the University of Texas – Austin campus, in Sid Richardson Hall, 2313 Red River Street, Austin 78712. The meeting room is downstairs in Unit 3, Room 3.B7.



TEXASPLANS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEXANS AND TEXAS COMMUNITIES WITH LEGISLATORS AND THEIR STAFF.

In the afternoon, APATX members will meet with individual legislators or their staffs. There will be an informal networking event with legislators at the end of the day. In the early evening, APATX members may choose to continue to debrief from the day over dinner.

AGENDA FOR TEXASPLANS 2023		
Time	Topic	Speakers
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome from APA Texas President	Heather Nick, AICP
10:10 – 10:25	Advocacy Committee Overview <i>Key logistics on the Legislative Committee and afternoon meetings</i>	Craig Farmer, FAICP Kimberly Miller, AICP
10:25 – 10:55	Updates from the Texas Legislature <i>Highlights on activity to date at the Legislature</i>	Chris Sanchez, Salient Solutions

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10:55 - 12:00	Critical Topics for 2023 <i>Subcommittee Chairs highlight legislation to support or issues of concern</i>	Annexation/ETJ <i>Priscilla Rosales-Pina, AICP</i> Development Character <i>Carissa Cox, AICP & Michael Grace, AICP</i> Economic Development <i>Carly Kehoe, JD</i> Environment & Healthy Communities <i>Matt Bucchin, AICP, LEED</i> Housing <i>Lee Battle, AICP</i> Transportation <i>Robert McHaney, AICP</i>
12:00 – 1:30	LUNCH & Transportation to the Capitol on your own	Public Transportation Options will be provided
1:30 – 5:00	Meetings with Legislators	All participants, individually or in small groups
5:00 – 6:30	TexasPlans for Tacos!	Beer; Tacoman512 food truck
6:30 – 7:30	APATX Team Debrief & Dinner	Location to be determined; informal discussion about feedback from legislative meetings