

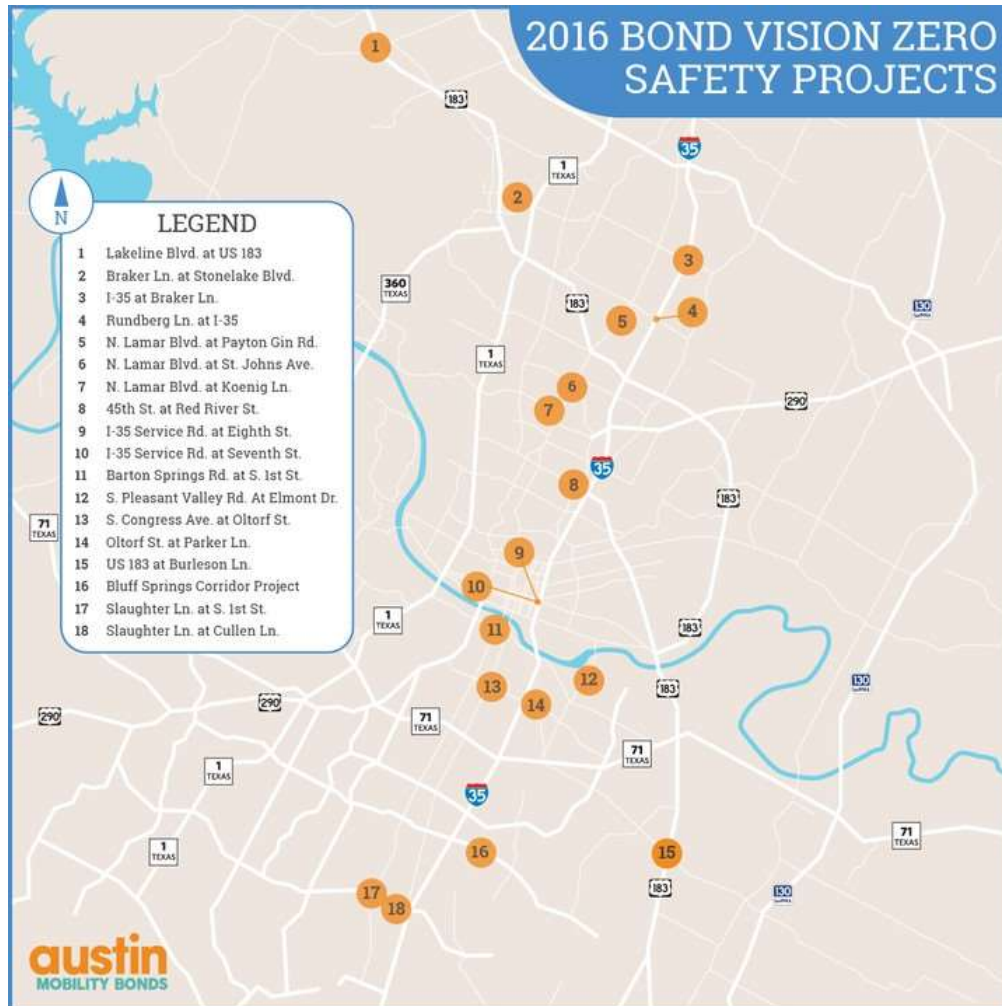
City of Austin Mobility Report

September 2024



Monthly Highlights

VISION ZERO COMPLETES 2016 MOBILITY BOND SAFETY PROJECTS



In 2015, Austin City Council committed to eliminating serious injuries and fatalities on Austin roadways by adopting [Vision Zero](#). Just one year later, in November 2016, Austin voters affirmed their desire for safer streets by approving \$15 million for major intersection safety projects as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond.

In August, Austin Transportation and Public Works (TPW) completed work at [US 183 and Burleson Road](#), the 18th and final intersection safety project funded by the Vision Zero 2016 Bond investment, completing the program within the eight-year timeframe promised to voters.



Major intersection projects improve safety by:

- Physically separating people traveling by different modes
- Reconfiguring overly complex intersection geometry
- Upgrading signal infrastructure, adding accessible sidewalks and shared use paths
- Reducing conflict points at driveways
- Including lower-cost improvements such as signal timing adjustments, striping and signage

Recent analysis shows that most major intersection safety projects are seeing a 22% reduction in serious injury and fatal crashes and a \$28.5 million reduction in the comprehensive cost of crashes every year. In addition to saving the lives of our friends, family and neighbors, this means less time spent by public safety agencies responding to calls, less traffic congestion due to crashes, lower healthcare costs for community members and other benefits.

Vision Zero continues to systemically redesign roadways for safety across the city thanks to additional community investments through the **2018 and 2020 Mobility Bonds**. These funds are also being leveraged to secure federal transportation safety grants, including Austin's \$23 million **Safe Streets and Roads for All 2022 grant** (SS4A) program and recently-awarded 2024 SS4A grant. Over the next three years, Vision Zero expects to complete an additional 12 major intersection safety projects.

AUSTIN AWARDED \$10.5 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CITYWIDE



THE U.S. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
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TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC WORKS



U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced Thursday, Sept. 5, that the City of Austin was awarded \$10.5 million to improve safety for pedestrians. The Safe Streets and Roads for All grant funding will allow the City to install crossings at nearly 50 locations and more fully develop the City's [Living Streets Program](#), which seeks to follow resident-led requests for making their local street more comfortable to gather, walk and play. The City will contribute \$2.5 million in matching funds required by the grant.

The grant will fund the implementation of proven safety countermeasures at a systemic, citywide scale to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes, especially those involving pedestrians. Crossing treatments will include a combination of:

- Rectangular rapid flashing beacons
- Pedestrian crossing islands
- Curb extensions and pedestrian hybrid beacons

The grant will also fund one critically needed grade-separated crossing of I-35.

The project, officially named "Safer Transportation Routes using Inclusive, Demonstrative and Equitable Solutions" (STRIDES), will address the City's highest priority crossing gaps based on the Council-adopted [Sidewalks, Crossings and Shared Streets Plan](#), including those on the Vision Zero [High Injury Network](#).

The award was part of a package of [\\$1 billion in federal grants](#) to local, regional and tribal communities around the United States, as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. This is Austin's third SS4A grant award, including a [\\$22.9 million award in 2022](#) and a \$288,000 award in 2023 to pursue ADA transition plans for urban trails and pedestrian crossings.

THE CITY OF AUSTIN RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The City of Austin has been recognized by the [U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#) for its [Georgian Acres Mobility Hub project](#). On August 16 at the Illuminating Engineering Society annual conference in New York City, the DOE's Integrated Lighting Campaign [spotlighted 18 organizations](#) for "exemplary commitment to energy efficiency and environmental responsibility in their buildings and outdoor spaces." The Georgian Acres Mobility Hub was recognized in the categories of Advanced Use of Sensors and Controls for Lighting and Energy Justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Advanced Lighting.



The project was funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation's Civic Innovation Challenge to co-create a community project with other organizations. The City's Transportation and Public Works Department teamed up with the University of Texas' architecture department, SAT Energy and the nonprofit Jail to Jobs. The organizations installed a bus solar shelter and bench that includes solar photovoltaic panels, wireless internet access, LED lighting and charging capability for devices and electric scooters and bikes. The project annually saves the city 128,000 kilowatts and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 90 tons, equivalent to the yearly emissions of 21 gasoline-powered automobiles.

CITY OF AUSTIN AND PARTNERS CELEBRATE AUSTIN-TO-MANOR TRAIL CONNECTION

A new urban trail connection between Austin and Manor is now open and accessible to the public.

The newly completed 2.9-mile Austin-to-Manor Trail extension makes the full trail 5.5 miles long, connecting Ben E. Fisher Park in Manor to the Southern Walnut Creek Trail system. The previous segment of the trail was completed in 2014.



The trail was funded by a federal grant administered by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), City of Austin mobility bonds and Travis County.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the City and its partners celebrated the opening of the trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

CITY OF AUSTIN TO HOST OUR FUTURE 35 CAP AND STITCH OPEN HOUSE

OUR FUTURE 35
CAP AND STITCH PROJECT

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 28 **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Canopy Austin 916 Springdale Rd, Austin, TX 78702



After gathering valuable input from the community this summer on [Austin's Our Future 35 project](#), the City invites residents to the September Open House to meet the project team and view the latest cap and stitch designs. The updated renderings incorporate the public's feedback on what amenities could be featured on the green spaces and recreation areas over I-35. The event is free and open to the public.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 28

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Canopy Austin, 916 Springdale Road

Our Future 35 is a once-in-a-generation project in collaboration with the Texas Department of Transportation's [I-35 Capital Express Central project](#). Because TxDOT plans to lower parts of I-35 between Lady Bird Lake and Airport Boulevard, the City aims to build "caps" and "stitches" over those lowered sections to connect East and West Austin.

This summer the city held 29 community tabling events and an Open House in May to inform the public about the Cap and Stitch program and survey. More than 1,700 responses were submitted with almost 80% of respondents agreeing with the project's draft vision, mission and goals. The top amenities chosen to be featured on the caps and stitches included recreational lawn space, food vending, event space and public art.

The September Open House is the final public presentation of the project before the designs go to City Council for funding approval. To learn more about the project, visit [OurFuture35.com](#).

AUS AIRLINES ANNOUNCE NEW DESTINATIONS, EXPANDED SERVICES TO EXISTING DESTINATIONS

Several Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) airlines have published their early 2025 nonstop schedules and made adjustments to their fall 2024 schedules, bringing in new and expanded options for AUS customers.



Nonstop service to Reno-Tahoe and Milwaukee on Southwest Airlines

Starting Thursday, March 6, 2025 Southwest will offer nonstop seasonal service from AUS to Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO) and nonstop year-round service to Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE). These new cities join returning seasonal favorites, Panama City, Florida, Montrose, Colorado and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Tickets for nonstop flights to Reno-Tahoe, Milwaukee, Panama City, Montrose and San Juan are on sale now at [Southwest.com](https://www.southwest.com).

Nonstop service to New Orleans on Delta Air Lines

AUS travelers will have more ways to fly nonstop to New Orleans, Louisiana starting February 2025. Delta Air Lines will launch twice-daily service, seven days a week beginning February 27, 2025 – a week prior to the world-renowned Mardi Gras celebration. The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is one of 17 different nonstop destinations offered by the airline from Austin-Bergstrom. Travelers can book their nonstop flight to New Orleans on [Delta.com](https://www.delta.com).

Nonstop service to Atlanta on Frontier Airlines

Beginning Oct.11, 2024, the ultra-low fare carrier will fly nonstop from AUS to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Flights will be serviced on Fridays, Sundays and Mondays on Frontier's Airbus A-320 with an 180-186 seat configuration. Tickets are on sale now at [booking.flyfrontier.com](https://www.booking.flyfrontier.com).



NEW TRAFFIC DETOUR FOR HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL USERS BEGINS

Beginning Thursday, August 22, trail users will be re-routed along the east side of South Pleasant Valley Road between the traffic signal and the pedestrian hybrid beacon and back to the west side of South Pleasant Valley Road. The detour is expected to last three and a half months as part of the construction on the Longhorn Dam Multimodal Improvements Project.

The current traffic pattern that has brought South Pleasant Valley Road down to one lane in each direction will remain in place for several months, along with the detour of pedestrians and bikers down Canterbury Street.

The timeline for construction is dependent on weather conditions. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we begin this project to enhance safety and connectivity on the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail.

NORTH SIDE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WILLIAM CANNON DRIVE WEST APPROACH SET TO BEGIN



Following the completion of the Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining walls scope of work for the north and south sides of the William Cannon Drive West approach in May 2024, work continued to replace additional roadway items on the south side. This included coping (the top covering of the bridge wall), traffic rail, sidewalk, curb and gutter, a fence with privacy slats, and subgrade work. The work on the south side is now complete, and work on the north side of the roadway is set to begin on Monday, August 19.



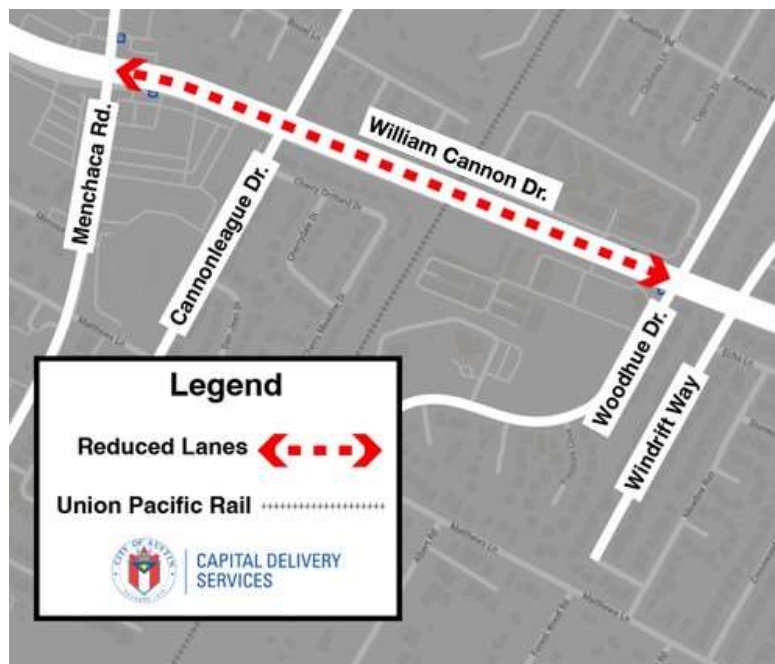
Recent Developments:

- The sidewalk and coping (the top or covering of the bridge wall) on the south side has been completed.
- The traffic rail on the south side along with subgrade work, curb, and gutter has been completed.
- Work on the north side will commence on August 19.

Upcoming construction on the north side will mirror completed work on the south side. This includes sidewalk and coping, guardrails, and a privacy fence on top of the bridge. The road on the bridge will be repaired at the end of the project, with completion estimated for Fall 2024 dependent on weather conditions.

What to expect:

- Existing lane closures on West William Cannon (along the bridge) between Woodhue Dr. and Manchaca Rd. will flip to accommodate the shift to the north side.
- Please anticipate noise, vibration and dust during construction.
- The project team will continue to inform the community as updates become available.





Reminders:

- The construction site is for authorized personnel only. Full Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- must be worn by anyone in the construction area.
City of Austin permitted construction hours are:
 - Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

*Note - Monday – Friday: Construction crews and trucks arrive around 6:30 a.m. to start at 7 a.m. Some trades may work 12-hour days but during daylight hours only.

Community Resources

[Weekly Mobility Newsletter Sign Up](#)

[Upcoming Sidewalk Projects](#)

[Capital Projects Explorer](#)

[Street Preventative Maintenance](#)

[Austin Mobility Data and Performance Hub](#)

[Special Event Road Closures](#)

[Austin-Bergstrom International Airport](#)