



Monthly Highlights

CITY COMMEMORATES 10 YEARS OF VISION ZERO IN AUSTIN AND RELEASES THE PROGRAM'S 10-YEAR REPORT



On Friday, Oct. 10, Austin commemorated the 10th anniversary of adopting Vision Zero, the City's goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries. At City Hall Plaza, City Council members, transportation officials, and community members gathered to mark the milestone and release of **Austin's Vision Zero 10-Year Report**.

"Vision Zero is not just a policy or a brand," said City Manager T.C. Broadnax in the report. "It is an ethical commitment, a public health framework and a growing national movement Austin has been proud to help lead."

The report traces Vision Zero's history, from its origins in Sweden in the 1990s to its adoption in United States cities, and highlights Austin's progress over the past 10 years, including:

- Declines in serious injuries and fatalities in areas where safety investments have been made
- Partnerships that have expanded the breadth and depth of local traffic safety initiatives
- An equity-focused approach acknowledging that some communities face higher risks
- Key challenges and opportunities over the next ten years of Vision Zero



“Vision Zero is a simple, straightforward and powerful belief, that no one should ever lose their life or get hurt just for trying to get where they’re going,” said Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, District 2. “Every death or injury on our streets is unacceptable and behind each statistic, every number, there’s a person, family and community that is forever changed.”

“The commitment to safer streets was clear when voters approved the mobility bonds in 2016, 2018 and 2020,” said District 8 Council Member Paige Ellis. “Those funds have delivered real, visible improvements: redesigned intersections, safer crossings, better lighting. Each project translates to safer commutes, trips to school, walks to the bus stop.”

“Our commitment to Vision Zero is guided by data,” said Austin Transportation and Public Works Director Richard Mendoza. “Vision Zero intersection projects have reduced fatal and serious injury crashes by an average of 38%. That’s not an abstract percentage, it’s dozens of lives saved, countless injuries prevented, families spared unimaginable grief.”

To read the full report, visit publicinput.com/visionzero10.

CITY BREAKS GROUND ON CAMERON/DESSAU ROAD SAFETY PROJECT



The City of Austin has officially broken ground on a **safety improvement project** along Cameron Road and Dessau Road. City leaders celebrated the official start of the project with a groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 22.



Cameron / Dessau Road is a critical north-south corridor in northeast Austin, connecting neighborhoods with schools, jobs, businesses and parks throughout Austin.

This project supports Austin's **Vision Zero** goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries while enhancing access and comfort for all travelers, whether walking, biking, riding transit or driving.

To date, Vision Zero has completed 29 major intersection projects, 12 miles of street lighting improvements and 28 speed management projects through 2016, 2018 and 2020 Mobility Bonds. Additionally, Vision Zero has completed its 2016 Mobility Bond investment (\$15 million) and is well on its way to delivering on the community's 2018 and 2020 investments.

Planned improvements for the Cameron/Dessau Road corridor include:

- Protected bicycle lanes & shared-use paths
- Enhanced pedestrian crossings
- Improved bus stop safety
- Driveway access reconfigurations to reduce conflict points
- Street lighting upgrades
- Lane reconfiguration to support multimodal use while maintaining motor vehicle capacity at key intersections

Funded by the 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All grant and 2020 Mobility Bond programs (Bikeways, Vision Zero, Transit Enhancement, Safe Routes to School and Sidewalks), this investment aims to transform how people move safely through this high-traffic corridor. The project is expected to be completed in 2027.

250+ SIDEWALK MILES, 29 SAFER INTERSECTIONS, IMPROVEMENTS AT 120 SCHOOLS AND MORE: MAP HIGHLIGHTS PROGRESS ON MOBILITY BONDS

Austin voters approved mobility bond funding to improve safety and mobility on city streets in 2016, 2018 and 2020.

That investment has paid dividends, resulting in 108 miles of new All Ages and Abilities bikeways, 250 miles of new sidewalks, 326 concrete pedestrian islands and 600 projects at 120 schools to make it safer for students and families across Austin to bike and walk.



A map highlights these mobility bond-funded projects across the city, allowing residents to see what has been added in their neighborhoods thanks to these voter-approved bonds.

- **You can view a StoryMap here** that breaks down each bond program and includes project highlights to better explain the hundreds of projects citywide.
- **This version of the map** is navigable by neighborhood and council district. Zoom in to your area to see what has been delivered and click on each project for more information.

Meanwhile, progress continues, as the City continues to construct new urban trails, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, safety upgrades and major capital improvements such as the Longhorn Dam Bridge. For more information, visit [AustinTexas.gov/MobilityBonds](https://www.austintexas.gov/MobilityBonds) or email MobilityBonds@austintexas.gov.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS TO ADDRESS GAP IN SHOAL CREEK TRAIL

Austin is addressing the last major gaps in the Shoal Creek Trail between 24th Street and 34th Street. Construction on the “Middle Gap” is beginning along Lamar Boulevard between 29th Street and 31st Street. The forthcoming work will tie in to recently completed safety improvements on this historically high-crash area.



Planned improvements include:

- New paved trail with a buffer on the west side of Lamar Boulevard
- Convert existing paint and post median to concrete
- New pedestrian crossing at Lamar Boulevard on the north side of 31st Street
- New bicycle-accessible push buttons on both sides of 31st Street to activate the crossing beacon across Lamar Boulevard
- Sidewalk improvements on the east side of Lamar Boulevard and San Gabriel Street
- ADA-accessible upgraded curb ramps at the intersection of Lamar Boulevard and 31st Street

Work on traffic signals has begun at 29th Street and Lamar Boulevard. Construction on other project elements is anticipated to begin in November 2025 and last for approximately one year. To find out more about the Shoal Creek trail gap projects, [go to the project website](#).



CONGRESS AVENUE URBAN DESIGN INITIATIVE MOVES FORWARD



The City of Austin is moving forward with construction for a first phase of the Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative (CAUDI), a project to redesign the central spine of downtown Austin as complete street with a clear and attractive identity.

Following community feedback collected in the fall of 2024, the City will focus this first construction phase on the segment from Cesar Chavez Street to 7th Street to expand sidewalks and pedestrian amenity zones, improve tree health, upgrade bikeway barriers and add key turn lanes for traffic operations.

Construction for this approximately \$13 million first phase of the project from Cesar Chavez Street to Seventh Street is anticipated to begin in early 2026 and will continue through 2027. For more information, [visit the project website.](#)

LONGHORN DAM MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Construction continues on the Longhorn Dam Multimodal Improvements project. This project will provide a new wishbone-shaped bicycle and pedestrian bridge to connect the Ann & Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail and a new underpass beneath South Pleasant Valley Road for pedestrians and bicyclists. Substantial completion for the project is expected by the end of the year.



Completed Tasks

- Irrigation along the bridge, Canterbury Shores and the entrance to the Unity Underpass near Krieg Fields.
- Bollards installed at entrances near Krieg Fields and Canterbury Shores to prevent vehicles from entering.
- Camping deterrents installed at Longhorn and Canterbury Shores abutments.
- All floor light fixtures in the Unity Underpass.
- Trees and bushes planted near Krieg Fields, Canterbury Park and the peninsula.
- Handrails installed along the bridge and plaza.
- Planters installed below deck.

Ongoing Tasks

- Pergola installation over the plaza in the center of the bridge.
- Light fixture installation along the plaza.
- Drinking water fountain installation at the Canterbury entrance.
- Preparation for the installation of the mosaic mural in the Unity Underpass.
- Installation of shade structure over the plaza.



Construction Impacts

- The sidewalk along the west side of South Pleasant Valley Road reopened October 8. All Hike & Bike Trail users will be able to remain on the sidewalk, rather than crossing over South Pleasant Valley Road.
- The current traffic pattern along Canterbury Street will remain in place throughout the duration of the project.

AUS BREAKS RECORD FOR BUSIEST DAY EVER AFTER F1 WEEKEND 2025





On Monday, October 20, 2025, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) achieved a significant operational milestone, setting a new all-time record with **45,048 departing passengers** in a single day. This achievement reflects both the continued growth of Central Texas’s air travel demand and the strong collaboration among the AUS airport community.

The post–Formula 1 race weekend traditionally brings one of the airport’s highest traffic surges each year, with travelers from around the world departing Austin following the United States Grand Prix. This year was no exception, as coordinated efforts across all airport partners ensured safe, efficient, and customer-focused operations during this period of peak activity.

This record-breaking performance was made possible through the dedication of numerous partners, including Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as well as AUS’s airline, concession, and ground transportation partners. Their teamwork exemplifies the airport’s commitment to operational excellence, safety, and a positive passenger experience.

AUS extends its gratitude to all travelers who passed through the airport during this record-setting day. Whether visiting for the Formula 1 festivities or connecting through Austin, every passenger contributes to the continued success and growth of our airport.

Top 5 Busiest Days at AUS

Rank	Date	Departing Passengers	Notes
1	Monday, October 20, 2025	45,048	Monday after F1
2	Monday, October 21, 2024	44,043	Monday after F1
3	Monday, October 23, 2023	43,243	Monday after F1
4	Monday, October 24, 2022	42,241	Monday after F1
5	Monday, October 13, 2025	41,182	Monday after ACL Weekend 2



NEW DESTINATIONS TAKING FLIGHT AT AUS



Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) continues to grow its network of destinations, connecting Central Texans to more places than ever before. With several new routes launching in late 2025 and early 2026, AUS is expanding options for both leisure and business travelers while strengthening its partnerships with major carriers including Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and Viva.

Among the exciting additions are:

- **Palm Springs, California (Delta Air Lines)**

Starting November 9, 2025, Delta will launch a new seasonal nonstop flight to Palm Springs (PSP). This route provides a perfect winter getaway and adds another sought-after leisure destination to Delta's growing portfolio at AUS.

- **Ft. Myers, Florida (Southwest Airlines)**

Southwest Airlines will begin seasonal service to Ft. Myers (RSW) on March 7, 2026, connecting Central Texans to Florida's Gulf Coast beaches and island resorts. This new route offers a warm-weather retreat during Austin's Spring season and enhances Southwest's strong presence at AUS, giving travelers more flexibility when planning their beach vacations.



- **ON HOLD - Mexico City – Felipe Ángeles International Airport (Viva)**

On October 28, the US Department of Transportation (DOT) issued an order cancelling all combination service between the United States and Felipe Angeles International Airport (NLU) in Mexico. This order affects 13 current or planned routes by Mexican carriers into the United States, including the planned launch of new nonstop service between AUS and NLU with Viva Aerobus.

With these new destinations, AUS continues to deliver on its mission to offer more nonstop options for Austin travelers, supporting the city’s growing demand for connectivity, convenience, and choice.

Below is a list of all the new nonstop service routes for this year and next:

New AUS Nonstop Service for 2025 & 2026:

Destination	Airline	Start Date	Type	Other Airlines Serving the Route
San Francisco, CA (SFO)	Delta	6/8/2025	Year-round	Alaska & United
Tampa, FL (TPA)	Delta	6/8/2025	Year-round	Southwest
Detroit, MI (DTW)	Spirit	6/12/2025	TBD	Delta
San Diego, CA (SAN)	Frontier	6/13/2025	TBD	Alaska & Southwest
San Francisco, CA (SFO)	Southwest	8/5/2025	Year-round	Delta & United
Jacksonville, FL (JAX)	Southwest	10/2/2025	Year-round	Delta
Cancun, Mexico (CUN)	Delta	11/2/2025	Seasonal	American & Southwest
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (SJD)	Delta	12/20/2025	Seasonal	American & Southwest



Palm Springs, CA (PSP)	Delta	11/15/2025	Seasonal	New Route
Denver, CO (DEN)	Delta	11/9/2025	TBD	Frontier, Southwest & United
Ft. Lauderdale, FL (FLL)	JetBlue	11/20/2025	TBD	Southwest & Spirit
Ft. Myers, FL (RSW)	Southwest	3/7/2026	Seasonal	New Route
Hayden (Steamboat Springs), CO (HDN)	Southwest	3/7/2026	Seasonal	New Route
Palm Springs, CA (PSP)	Southwest	3/7/2026	Seasonal	New Route
Columbus, OH (CMH)	Delta	6/7/2026	TBD	Southwest
Kansas City, MO (MCI)	Delta	6/7/2026	TBD	Southwest

For more information about nonstop flights out of AUS, visit <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/nonstop-flights-out-aus>.

Community Resources

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[Capital Projects Explorer](#)

[Street Preventative Maintenance](#)

[Austin Mobility Data and Performance Hub](#)

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