

City of Austin Mobility Report

February 2026



Monthly Highlights

ATPW Staff Works Around the Clock During Winter Storm

Winter Weather Response



Austin Transportation and Public Works is deeply grateful to our hardworking staff. Over the weekend, a dangerous ice storm swept through the city. Ahead of the storm, our Street and Bridge Operations crews pre-treated all 347 lane miles of our critical streets network and 66 bridges. After freezing rain and sleet covered our streets, these same crews worked around the clock to monitor streets and bridges and treat as needed, including through the night in bitter cold.

More than 140 staff were deployed to keep Austin's transportation network safe. Crews assessed 997 lane miles of roadways and treated 469, returning to some critical network locations multiple times, covering a treatment area equivalent to driving from Austin to El Paso. For the bridges and other critical structures, 466 assessments were completed and 103 treatments implemented.

The team responded to almost 60 Emergency Operations Center requests, addressed 240+ customer service requests (CSRs), and repaired 70+ flashing or dark traffic signals during the event.

We also kept our Mobility Management Center staffed through the weekend to quickly address dark and flashing traffic signals. Our Signs and Markings and Urban Forestry staffers helped ensure the right of way remained safe and clear.

Thanks as well to the numerous support staff working behind the scenes to keep staff coordinated and the public informed. Many of them also worked overnight shifts.

The Wishbone Bridge and Unity Underpass is Now Open!

Wishbone Bridge & Unity Underpass

Grand Opening Celebration
Saturday, Feb. 7 10a.m.



Austin hosted a community celebration for the official opening of the [Wishbone Bridge and Unity Underpass](#) on **Saturday, Feb. 7**. The morning began at **10 a.m. with remarks from several members of Austin's local and federal delegation** recognizing the collaboration and community vision behind the project. The celebration continued with a community gathering welcoming Austinites to explore the bridge, underpass and surrounding trail connections.

[See a photo gallery of the Wishbone Bridge and Unity Tunnel](#)

The project is the result of a partnership between the Transportation and Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Capital Delivery Services and is funded by the 2020 Mobility Bond. Through extensive community engagement, a distinctive wishbone-shaped bridge was selected to better connect people and places along Lady Bird Lake.

The new bridge spans just under half a mile and connects the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail at three key points: Longhorn Shores, Holly Shores and the peninsula near Holly Shores in Town Lake Metropolitan Park. It fills a long-standing gap in the Butler Trail and provides a safe, scenic alternative to the sidewalk along Pleasant Valley Road, creating a continuous north-to-south route on the east side of Lady Bird Lake.

At the center of the bridge, visitors will find a [plaza](#) with shade structures, landscaping, bike racks and seating. The project also includes the [Unity Underpass](#) beneath South Pleasant Valley Road, which features full lighting and Art in Public Places' latest commission, Absolute Equality: Unity Tunnel by Reginald Adams. Over 200 local residents contributed to the artwork.

Together, the Wishbone Bridge and Unity Underpass enhance mobility, safety and access to nature while celebrating Austin's commitment to active transportation and public spaces.

Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative Breaks Ground



Phase 1 of the [Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative](#) is currently under construction at the south side of the Congress Avenue and Cesar Chavez intersection.

Construction will proceed along the eastern side of the 100 block on Congress Avenue, followed by the west side of the 100 block. Once the 100 block is substantially complete, crews will move north to the 200 block and continue sequentially up to the project limits at Seventh Street. Each block is expected to take approximately three months to complete.

[See a photo gallery of the groundbreaking](#)

Phase 1 of the full project is anticipated to be substantially complete by Summer 2027. During construction, there will be short-term lane closures and detours, but pedestrian access and access to businesses and buildings along Congress Avenue will be maintained.

For updates on road closures and construction updates, text "ATXCONSTRUCTION" to 512-890-3099.

Visit the [project website](#) for more information.

City of Austin Publishes 2026 Local Mobility Annual Plan



The City of Austin’s 2026 [Local Mobility Annual Plan](#) (LMAP) is now available.

The LMAP provides a yearly look at planned local mobility projects across Austin. These projects are funded by the 2016, 2018 and 2020 Mobility Bonds, which dedicated \$541 million to transportation improvements such as safer intersections, street reconstruction, new sidewalks, bike lanes, urban trails, transit stop upgrades and enhanced pedestrian crossings.

The 2026 LMAP highlights over 200 planned projects led by Austin Transportation and Public Works. Together, these projects continue building the City’s mobility networks to make it safer, easier and more comfortable for people to move around Austin. The LMAP process brings all mobility bond-funded programs together in one place, offering a transparent and flexible way to manage a dynamic and interconnected set of projects. With updates each year, the process captures shifting needs, new opportunities and feedback from both the community and partner agencies.

Through the LMAP, Austin City Council and the community receive an annual update on planned and proposed improvements, along with clear information about how each program works — from its purpose to how projects are selected and delivered.

The full plan, along with an interactive map of completed and in-construction projects, is available at AustinTexas.gov/MobilityAnnualPlan.

I-35 Capital Express Central Project Updates

TxDOT shared several updates this month on the I-35 Capital Express Central project that may affect travel around Lady Bird Lake and nearby neighborhoods.



Woodland Avenue:

Woodland Avenue under I-35 is now closed as crews build temporary U-turns in both directions. Eastbound and westbound traffic is being detoured using the I-35 frontage roads, Oltorf Street and Riverside Drive. Pedestrians are being routed to nearby cross streets. The temporary U-turns are expected to open by March 2026, weather permitting.

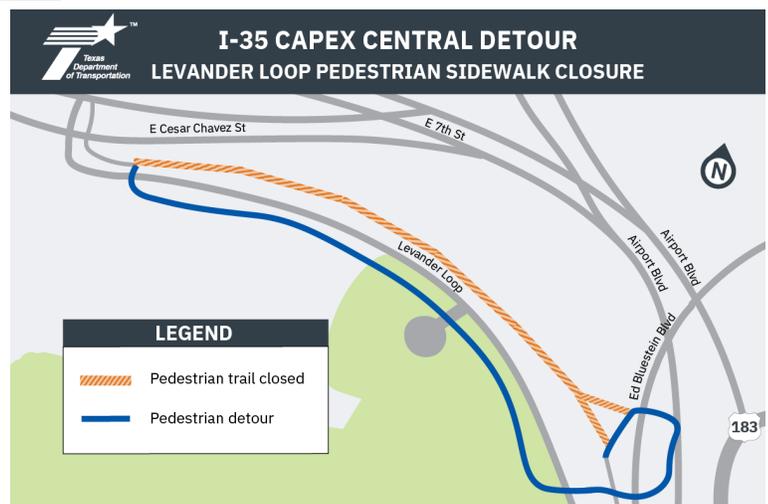
Permanent ramp closures:

As of Feb. 1, the northbound I-35 exit to Riverside Drive and the Holly Street entrance ramp and exit are permanently closed as crews prepare to rebuild the Lady Bird Lake bridge.

Waterway and trail impacts:

Waterway access under the I-35 bridge is now limited to a 75-foot-wide passage under the center of the bridge. The Colorado River Trailhead parking lot at Levander Loop is closed through mid-2027. This will allow crews to continue building the pump station outfall as part of the [Drainage Tunnel and Pump Station](#) segment of the [I-35 Capital Express Central](#) project. Trail detours are in place.

Please remember: This project is being built by TxDOT, not the City of Austin. For more information or to sign up for project alerts, visit the project [website](#). Please contact the I-35 Capital Express Central project team at CapExCentral@txdot.gov for questions related to this work.



Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and Airline Partners Finalize Historic Use and Lease Agreements to Support Multi-Billion-Dollar Expansion Program



*Pre-design conceptual rendering for Concourse B, Concourse M and the AD Hall.
Final design specifications and features subject to change as projects progress.*

**JOURNEY
WITH AUS**

On **January 7**, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) announced the completion of new multi-year Airline Use and Lease Agreements and Signatory Cargo Agreements that have established the financial and operational framework for how passenger airlines and cargo companies will operate at AUS for the next decade.

A key project supported by the use and lease agreement is **Concourse B**, a new concourse with 26 gates, expanded ramp operations, and space designed to support the airport's long-term passenger growth.

Another transformative project made possible is the **New Arrivals and Departures Hall** that will modernize the front door of AUS and improve end-to-end passenger flow. Features will include a redesigned curbside experience, a new pedestrian bridge, a new and expanded baggage claim hall, a new centralized TSA security checkpoint, new expanded airline ticket counters, and new airport amenities.

Concourse M will also be built to add 6 new gates to support construction phasing by increasing airport capacity.

The existing concourse, **Concourse A**, will be redeveloped to enhance gate seating, modernize concessions, expand passenger circulation space and upgrade amenities.

Learn more here: [Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and Airline Partners Finalize Historic Use and Lease Agreements to Support Multi-Billion-Dollar Expansion Program | AustinTexas.gov](https://www.austintexas.gov/airports)

Kendra Scott Opens First-Ever Airport Store Inside AUS's Main Terminal



Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS), in partnership with Kendra Scott and concession partner Paradies Lagardère, proudly unveiled the first-ever Kendra Scott store located inside an airport on **January 9**.

Kendra Scott's debut in the Barbara Jordan Terminal offers travelers a unique Austin shopping experience, featuring the brand's iconic silhouettes, innovation in color, the Kendra Scott Color Bar experience, and much more.

The opening of Kendra Scott at AUS is part of the airport's ongoing commitment to expanding its retail and dining options with offerings that reflect the Austin and Central Texas community. With its vibrant design, aesthetic, and strong local roots, Kendra Scott brings a meaningful addition to the AUS traveler journey.

Learn more here: [Kendra Scott Opens First-Ever Airport Store Inside AUS's Main Terminal—Right Here in the City Where the Brand was Born | AustinTexas.gov](#)

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