



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025**

### **Urban Transportation Commission**

**The Board/Commission mission statement** (per the City Code) **is:**

The purpose of the board is to serve as an advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all other transportation-related departments concerning transportation-related matters including:

- transportation energy conservation matters;
- grant applications;
- streets and highways;
- bus and rail service;
- pedestrian and bikeway programs and projects;
- safety related programs and projects;
- provision for the needs of the mobility impaired;
- transportation franchise requests, renewals, rate adjustments, and hours of operation.

The commission shall:

- Review and make recommendations to the city council on all requests for taxicab permits, including annual permits and franchise permits.
- Annually review and report to the city council on the City's transportation system, including policies and programs.
- Review, study, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on: transportation-related projects proposed for inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program; and plans and programs submitted by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Receive and study citizen comments and suggestions in all areas of transportation.
- In its deliberations: (1) recognize the relationship between transportation and economics, energy, safety, land use, neighborhood integrity, and environmental

quality; and (2) consider transportation access to health care, employment, education, housing, and recreational facilities.

- Seek to promote close cooperation between the city council, other city boards and commissions, city departments, and individuals, institutions, and agencies concerned with transportation- related activities so that all similar activities in the City may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

**1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

Presentations heard with no action taken:

- Mobility Annual Plan briefing
- Street Impact Fee update
- Discussion of long range planning and updates to the Urban Trails Plan
- Living Streets Program update
- Transit Enhancement Program update
- Safety Barriers at Medical Facilities Briefing
- Presentation on the cost of motor vehicle crashes to City of Austin taxpayers
- CapMetro Rapid Line update
- Corridor Projects status update
- Initial briefing/discussion on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2050 Regional Transportation Plan
- Austin Light Rail update
- Discussion of guiding principles for the 2026 bond
- 2016 Bond Corridor Construction update
- Proposed Director Rules for the Residential Permit Parking presentation
- Proposed Director Rules and one-year update on the Shared Micromobility program
- Discussion of the Urban Transportation Commission Annual Report
- Vision Zero Program update

Recommendations made:

- [Recommendation 20240709-004](#): Accelerating and Enhancing Urban Trails
- [Recommendation 20240709-005](#): Bridge Investments in Sidewalks and Bikeways
- [Recommendation 20241001-003](#): City Leap
- [Recommendation 20241001-004](#): Great Springs Project Partnership
- [Recommendation 20241001-005](#): Transit Enhancement Plan
- [Recommendation 20241112-003](#): Bikeway Parking Prohibition and Parking Modernization Ordinance
- [Recommendation 20241203-005](#): Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative
- [Recommendation 20250204-004](#): Response to City Council Resolution 20241212-133
- [Recommendation 20250304-003](#): Austin Core Transportation Plan
- [Recommendation 20250304-005](#): I-35 Frontage Road Crossings

- [Recommendation 20250304-006](#): Austin Light Rail Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- [Recommendation 20250401-003](#): CAMPO 2050 Regional Transportation Plan
- [Recommendation 20250401-005](#): Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Recommendations
- [Recommendation 20250506-002](#): North Lamar Transit Center and South Congress Transit Center Vision Plans
- [Recommendation 20250603-003](#): Residential Parking Program Proposed Rule R161-25.10

Other actions taken:

- Approval of the 2023 Urban Transportation Commission Annual Report
- A motion to recommend approval of the Hays Commons Municipal Utility District
- Approval of three vacations of right-of-way
- An objection to one vacation of right-of-way
- Approval of the Commission's 2025 meeting dates and locations, and amendments thereof
- Formation of a working group to provide a recommendation to the Bond Election Advisory Task Force
- A motion to elect Commissioner Susan Somers as Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to elect Commissioner Spencer Schumacher as Vice Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to elect Commissioner Daniel Kavelman as Parliamentarian of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to appoint Commissioner Varun Prasad to the Joint Sustainability Committee and to appoint Commissioner Justin Jacobson as alternate to the Joint Sustainability Committee

**2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

The Urban Transportation Commission's actions throughout the year comply with our mission statement. Through offering feedback informally during briefings as well as adopting motions and recommendations, the UTC has served as an active advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all transportation-related departments on transportation-related matters.

**3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

The Commission has a strong interest in a high-capacity transit network, robust active transportation, abundant funding for proper maintenance of transportation facilities, and generally, in providing opportunities to reduce single-occupancy vehicle dependency. In the coming year, the Commission has set several goals and will weigh in on all transportation plans, policies and programs impacting the City of Austin including, but not limited to, the following:

- Project Connect, including the ongoing Austin Light Rail environmental impact study
- I-35 Capital Express projects
- The relationship between the Commission and the City's Bicycle Advisory Council and Pedestrian Advisory Council
- Updating the Commission Bylaws
- Possible Land Development Code updates and their effect on mobility citywide
- Review and propose changes to the Transportation Criteria Manual, especially in regard to sidewalks and urban trails
- Urban Trails and advancing the concept of Trail Oriented Development
- 2026 Comprehensive Bond Program, including policy regarding a possible tax rate election and the transportation user fee
- Operational maintenance of City transportation facilities, and funding thereof
- Oversight of prior bond investments and construction
- CAMPO governance, planning, and decision-making
- Freeway expansion projects in the Austin region
- Staying up to date and reviewing infrastructure and service changes by the Capital Metro Transit Authority
- Vision Zero and reducing traffic fatalities