

City of Austin Mobility Report

October 2025



Monthly Highlights

CITY OF AUSTIN PROPOSES THREE DESIGNS FOR FUTURE OF SIXTH STREET



The nine-block area of Sixth Street west of I-35 is one of Austin's most recognizable places. It is one of our city's pre-eminent entertainment districts, home to bars, clubs and venues that contribute to Austin's legendary music and entertainment scene.

There is an opportunity for the City of Austin to make changes to the street that will help businesses better accommodate the visitors who flock to the area while weaving the street into the fabric of downtown.

The City is developing a long-term streetscape plan for this area of Sixth Street to improve mobility and safety. Building on the recommendations presented in the **draft Austin Core Transportation Plan**, and in collaboration with **Great Streets**, the City has identified three design alternatives for Sixth Street and is now seeking community input. Austin's Great Streets Program aims to enhance the livability, safety, and aesthetics of Austin's downtown streets by creating "streets for people" through the increased balance of space for pedestrians and the enhancement of streetscape standards.



Each design alternative treats bike/scooter lanes, pedestrian space, and curb access differently, but all keep Sixth Street one-way westbound for vehicles. Each alternative design shares the goal of expanding pedestrian space, accommodating vehicle traffic and providing some curb access for drop-offs, rideshare, deliveries, valet, vehicle parking or other uses.

You can find more information on the project and a survey at SpeakUpAustin.org/SixthStreet. For questions, please email MobilityBonds@austintexas.gov or call 512-974-2300.

CITY OF AUSTIN, CAPMETRO CELEBRATE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT MANOR ROAD AND 51ST STREET



The City of Austin, in partnership with CapMetro, recently completed infrastructure improvements at the intersection of Manor Road and 51st Street.

The improvements were designed and constructed by CapMetro in coordination with the City as part of their Rapid project.

The design includes:

- Two new Rapid stations to serve the Rapid 837 Expo Center route
- Protected intersection design for cyclists
- Upgrades to sidewalks and pedestrian crossings
- Integration of a local bus stop to facilitate transfers between routes.



A ribbon-cutting event was held in September to celebrate the completed infrastructure project.

CapMetro's Rapid 837 Expo line was introduced in February as part of Project Connect. Learn more about the [Rapid 837 Expo line here](#).

HIKE-AND-BIKE TRAIL DETOURS IN PLACE DUE TO I-35 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



The Texas Department of Transportation's **Capital Express Central project, a redesign of I-35**, is underway. TxDOT will make changes around the hike and bike trail for the **Lady Bird Lake Segment** of the project that will affect trail users. The Trail Conservancy, in collaboration with TxDOT and Austin Parks and Recreation, has implemented a **temporary detour** of the Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail to ensure trail user safety during construction.

In September, TxDOT closed the parking under the Lady Bird Lake bridge along the north shore of the lake so crews can store equipment and materials there. The area is expected to reopen in 2033.

Trail users will still be able to pass through the area using the detour. Key features include:

- A 14-foot-wide path, aligned with recommendations from the Butler Trail Safety & Mobility Study



- Decomposed granite surfacing on sections to reflect the Trail's existing character, with permanent concrete where existing infrastructure allows (e.g., under the north side of I-35 bridge)
- Route planning that prioritizes preserving existing trees where possible
- Safety fencing around active construction areas, including a 6-foot chain-link fence around the dock and TxDOT right of way

Vehicular traffic on East Avenue will remain two-way, but some on-street parking adjacent to the construction site will be restricted. The boat ramp west of I-35, near the Holiday Inn, will be reserved for emergency vehicle access only.

To learn more about the overall I-35 Capital Express Central project or sign up for alerts, please visit the [project website](#).

HELP TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT BICYCLES BY BECOMING A BIKE CLUB ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER



If you enjoy working with youth and you have after-school weekday availability, Ghisallo's Bike Club Assistant role might be a perfect fit for you. Their Bike Club volunteers are paired with Ghisallo Staff for a low-pressure, rewarding commitment of 1.5 hours once a week, usually from 3:30 to 5 pm. Bike Club programming runs from Sept-Dec in the fall and Jan-May in the spring.



Ghisallo Bike Clubs provide bikes, helmets and on-road instruction to elementary and middle school students around Austin. Kids learn how to perform safety checks, fit helmets, use traffic signals, ride as a group and explore the world around them on two wheels. Every week is a new adventure.

The Fall 2025 line-up includes schools in the southeast and central-east areas of Austin.

Sign up to volunteer here: givepulse.com/event/641111

CITY SEEKS EMPLOYEE INPUT ON COMMUTING HABITS



Austin Transportation and Public Works is conducting a survey to better understand how City of Austin employees get to and from work.

The City's **Employee Commute Rewards Program** encourages staff to support Austin's 50/50 mode share goal by receiving rewards for choosing sustainable commute options.

Employees who complete the **Employee Commute Survey** this October will receive four hours of Commute Administrative Daily Leave (CADL).

For more information on program details, how to log your commutes and other commute benefits, please visit the **Get There ATX SharePoint**.



AIRPORT BOULEVARD CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATE



Construction on the Airport Boulevard corridor from 45th Street to 55th Street has been making steady progress.

What's been happening

- Crews are currently building the shared-use path on the south side of Bruning Avenue, from Middle Fiskville Road (near the railroad tracks) to Airport Boulevard.
- Conduit installation across Airport at 55th Street for the new pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) is underway. Only work in the bike lane on the east side of Airport remains.

Coming up next

- Crews will complete the shared-use path between Bruning Avenue and 51st Street.
- Once crews are cleared to begin the next phase of work near the rail tracks, traffic on Bruning Avenue between Airport Boulevard and Middle Fiskville Road will shift to one-way for a short period. This change will allow crews to repave Bruning Avenue between Airport Boulevard and Middle Fiskville Road, which is expected to take about a week and a half.



- Crews will install mountable curbs at Lamme's Candy (5330 Airport Blvd.) along the edge of the shared-use path.
- Crews will build a new bus stop in the coming weeks at the southwest corner of Airport Boulevard and Bruning Avenue.

Project status & timeline

- Substantial completion is currently estimated for mid-October 2025, though this date may shift depending on weather and other factors.

Once finished, this project will deliver upgrades to pedestrian signals at Bruning Avenue, 45th Street, and 51st Street, a new pedestrian hybrid beacon at 55th Street, improvements at Bruning Avenue in partnership with Transportation & Public Works, and expanded pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure throughout the corridor.

ROSS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE



The City is reconstructing Ross Road North into a modern four-lane roadway with two thru lanes in each direction, medians with turn lanes, 10-foot shared-use paths for pedestrians and bicycles, upgraded and new traffic signals, improved transit stops, roadway lighting, and upgraded storm sewer, water, and wastewater infrastructure.



This project is being delivered in phases to reduce disruption and maintain access for residents, schools, and businesses along Ross Road. The entire City of Austin Ross Road project is located between SH-71 and Pearce Lane and construction activities are projected through Summer 2027.

Completed Tasks:

- Began Phase 1 construction on Ross Road (ETJ line, north of Gillwell Drive/Fort Lexington Drive, to Pearce Lane) in August 2025.
- Temporary pavement installed on the east side of Ross Road to accommodate traffic during construction.

Ongoing Tasks:

- October 2025: Continue Phase 1 Construction activities on west side of Ross Road .
 - Installation of underground facilities (waterline, wastewater line, storm sewer)
 - Vehicular and pedestrian traffic will remain on the east side of Ross Road.
- Phase 1 Anticipated Completion: May 2026.

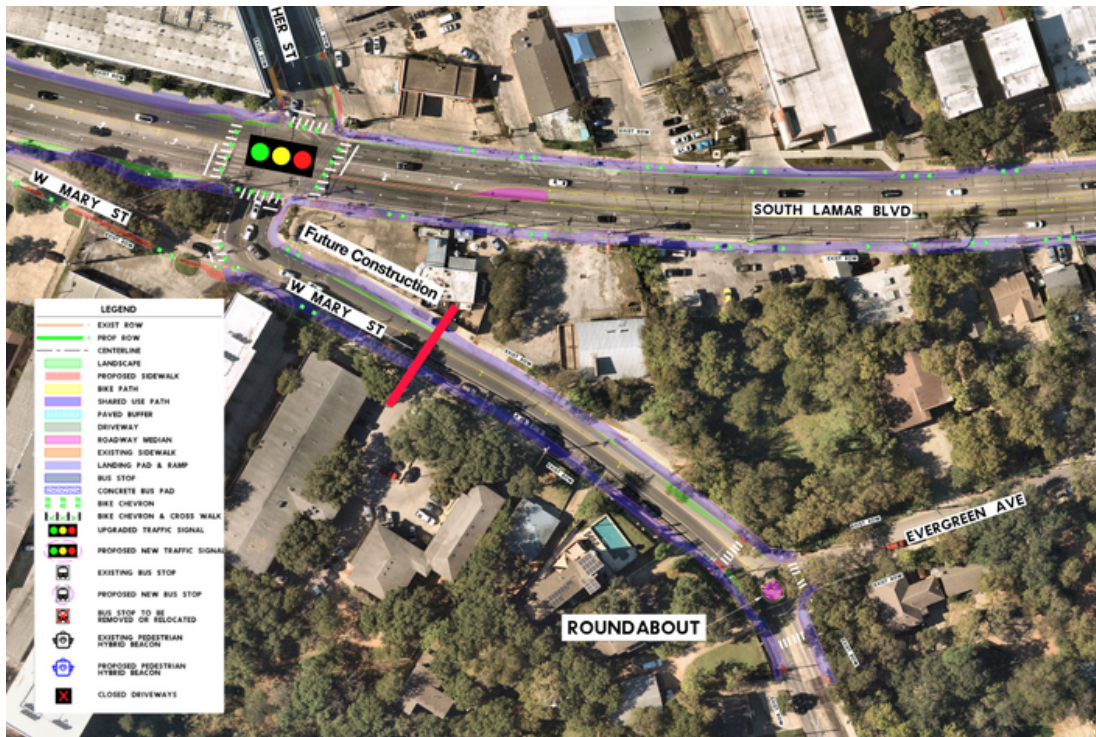
The City will continue coordinating with Del Valle ISD to ensure safe pedestrian access and driveway operations near Del Valle Elementary and Middle Schools.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON WEST MARY/EVERGREEN ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Construction on the W. Mary Street/Evergreen Avenue roundabout project began in September.

Construction Timeline & Impacts

- Work is expected to last about six months.
- Construction will take place at the intersection of W. Mary Street and Evergreen Avenue and will extend along each leg of the intersection along W. Mary Street and Evergreen Avenue.
- Access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times.
- Drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians should expect phased lane closures and detours. Signage will guide all users safely around the work zone.



The new roundabout will:

- Improve safety and traffic flow at the intersection.
- Add pedestrian crossings at each leg of the roundabout.
- Include shared-use paths for people walking and biking.

This project is funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond and delivered by the City of Austin's Capital Delivery Services.

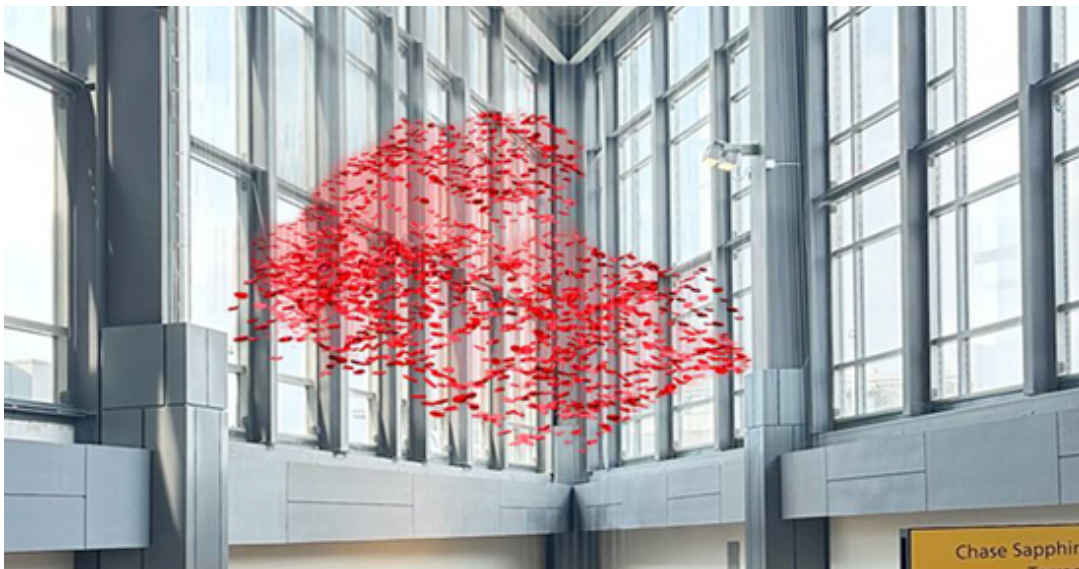
AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNVEILS CONVERGENCE / AUSTIN, A NEW PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) is excited to welcome a new permanent public art installation, *Convergence / Austin*, created by Austin-based Beili Liu Studio through the City's Art in Public Places (AIPP) program. Installed between September 22–26, the large-scale piece is located across from Gate 15 in the Barbara Jordan Terminal.



The artwork, spanning 16 by 12 feet and composed of approximately 400 strands holding 3,200 elements, is designed to reflect the airport's growth and the energy of diverse communities coming together. Its fluid form encourages travelers to pause, connect, and reflect during their journey.

Funding for this art piece was allocated from the 9-gate Terminal Expansion Program II. The AIPP program, created in 1985 by action of Austin City Council, establishes 2% of eligible capital improvement project budgets as a set-aside commitment to commission artists or purchase art for City-owned property and facilities.



For more information about the permanent and rotating art installations at AUS, go to <https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/art-aus>.

Community Resources

[Weekly Mobility Newsletter Sign Up](#)

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