



**DRAFT MOBILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING
March 5, 2026**

Committee Members Present:

Paige Ellis, Chair
José "Chito" Vela, Vice Chair
Zohaib "Zo" Qadri,
Krista Laine

Call to Order

Committee Chair Ellis called the committee meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Public Communication: General

There were 10 speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes of the Mobility Committee, on February 12, 2026.

The minutes of the February 12, 2026, meetings were approved on Council Member Qadri's motion and Council Member Laine's second with a 4 – 0 vote.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Discussion and Possible Action on the Austin Core Transportation Plan and Downtown Street Design.

Discussion involving Committee and Richard Mendoza, Director and Michelle Marx, transportation officer – Austin Transportation and Public Works

Briefings

3. Briefing on Project Connect, including the Federal Transit Administration record of decision for Austin Light Rail Phase 1. [Liane Conte, Interim Director - Project Connect Office]

The committee received a briefing from Liane Conte, Interim Director - Project Connect Office; Jennifer Pyne, Executive Vice President and Lindsey Wood, Executive Vice President – Austin Transit Partnership

4. Report by the Austin Transportation and Public Works related to ongoing mobility programs and projects in the Central Texas region, including construction and service updates: monthly updates on the projects and operations of critical infrastructure departments.

The committee received a briefing from Richard Mendoza, Director - Austin Transportation Public Works

Briefing by Memorandum

5. Missing Middle and Mixed-Use Zoning Study memo dated January 30, 2026.

Committee member's questions were answered by Andrea Bates, Assistant Director and Jonathan Lee, Senior Planner – Austin planning

Future Items

6. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

Committee Chair, Council Member Ellis identified multiple items for future meetings. Moving bike month up to April. Investigating some of the new bike friendly infrastructure that has been implemented. Bond bridges and different funding sources. Citywide lighting plan, the crg briefing and other memos that may come out as appropriate. For the month of May, taking up TXDOT capital express construction. School district having issues with the autonomous driving vehicles and stopping for busses. Vice Chair, Mayor Pro Tem Vela discussed a letter in relation to the incident that happened after the mass shooting with Waymo.

Committee Chair, Council Member Ellis adjourned the committee meeting at 2:59 P.M.

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