



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation 20250401-005: FY 26 Budget Recommendations

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Urban Transportation Commission 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.

WHEREAS, following the adoption of a biennial budgeting process in 2024, boards and commissions have been encouraged to “focus their discussions on programs and services based on current funding” and “reference materials from the previous year when drafting recommendations;” and

WHEREAS, the Urban Transportation Commission previously adopted budget recommendations for FY 2025 in [Recommendation No. 20240305-005](#);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) fund the following priorities for the FY 2025-2026 budget:

- Increase the capacity of the Living Streets program to build out an additional 72 activations during the upcoming fiscal year;
- Funding to purchase technology improvements for Transportation Mobility Service Officers to more efficiently ticket vehicles and implement the “alternative method(s) of enforcement” for illegal parking in bikeways, as required by [City Council Resolution 20240404-040](#);
- Work with the Austin Police Department to purchase additional [Meridian Archer](#) movable street barricades and to enhance pedestrian safety; and
- Increase the annual maintenance budget for Sidewalks and Urban Trails from \$5.4 million to at least \$7.5 million, providing staff discretion in which program to allocate the newly available funds.

Motioned by: Commissioner Schumacher

Seconded by: Commissioner Somers

Date of Approval: 4/1/2025

Record of the vote: 7-0

Attest: Spencer Schumacher

(Staff or board member can sign)