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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dave Sullivan, Chair, and Members of the Planning Commission

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RE: Initiation of Proposed Code Amendments

At its last meeting on September 20, the Codes and Ordinances Committee of the Planning Commission has recommended that the Planning Commission direct staff to initiate the following amendments to the City of Austin Land Development Code.

If Planning Commission does direct staff to initiate these proposed amendments, staff would commence research, review and the drafting of the proposed code amendments. Each of these proposed code amendments would then be presented to the Codes and Ordinances subcommittee for review and comment, and if recommended by the sub-committee, forwarded on the full Planning Commission for public hearing and action.

At this point, the only recommended action is initiation of the code amendments. This action would not be a recommendation on any of the proposed amendments, only a direction that staff prepare them for consideration by the full commission.

The following proposed four code amendments have been recommended for initiation:

1. **Bicycle Parking** – Amend chapters 25-1, 25-2 and 25-6 clarifying and updating requirements for bicycle parking.
2. **Mobile Shops** – Amend regulations regarding open air markets and mobile retail sales.
3. **Cocktail Lounges in TOD's** – Amend regulations of cocktail lounges in Transit Oriented Design zoning districts, and pursue a temporary suspension of the approval of new cocktail lounges in TOD's.
4. **Parking for cocktail lounges**– Amend regulations regarding parking requirements for cocktail lounges including off site parking used for a cocktail lounge.