



City of Austin Complete Streets Policy

CREATED FOR THE DESIGN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING



Austin Mobility

Making mobility better, together.

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GOAL

POLICY TO COUNCIL - MAY 22

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

CROSS DEPARTMENTAL INPUT

STEERING COMMITTEE + TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM

ADDRESS KNOWN ISSUES

FOCUS

IMPLEMENTATION = CROSS DEPARTMENTAL

BUILDING ON SUCCESS + CHALLENGING OURSELVES

What are Complete Streets?



Complete Streets are streets for everyone, no matter who they are or how they travel.

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Safe Comfortable Convenient



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Americans want choices

66% of Americans want more options for transportation

73% feel they have no choice but to drive as much as they do.

57% would like to spend less time in the car.

Future of Transportation National Survey (2010)



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The tremendous potential

Of all trips:

39%

are less than
3 miles

17%

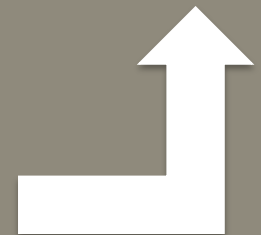
are less than
1 mile

47%

are driven



of these trips...



National Household Travel Survey (2009)

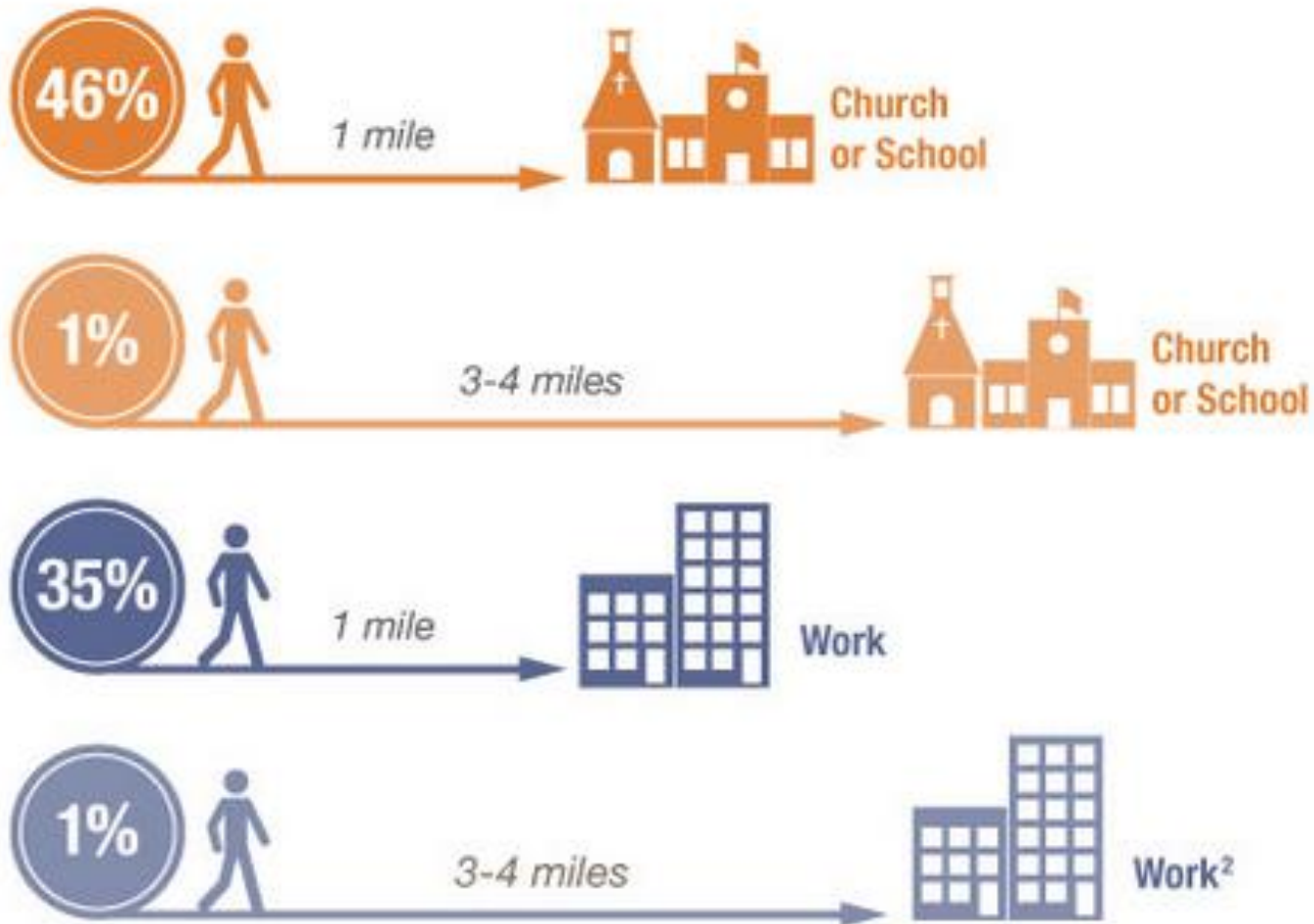


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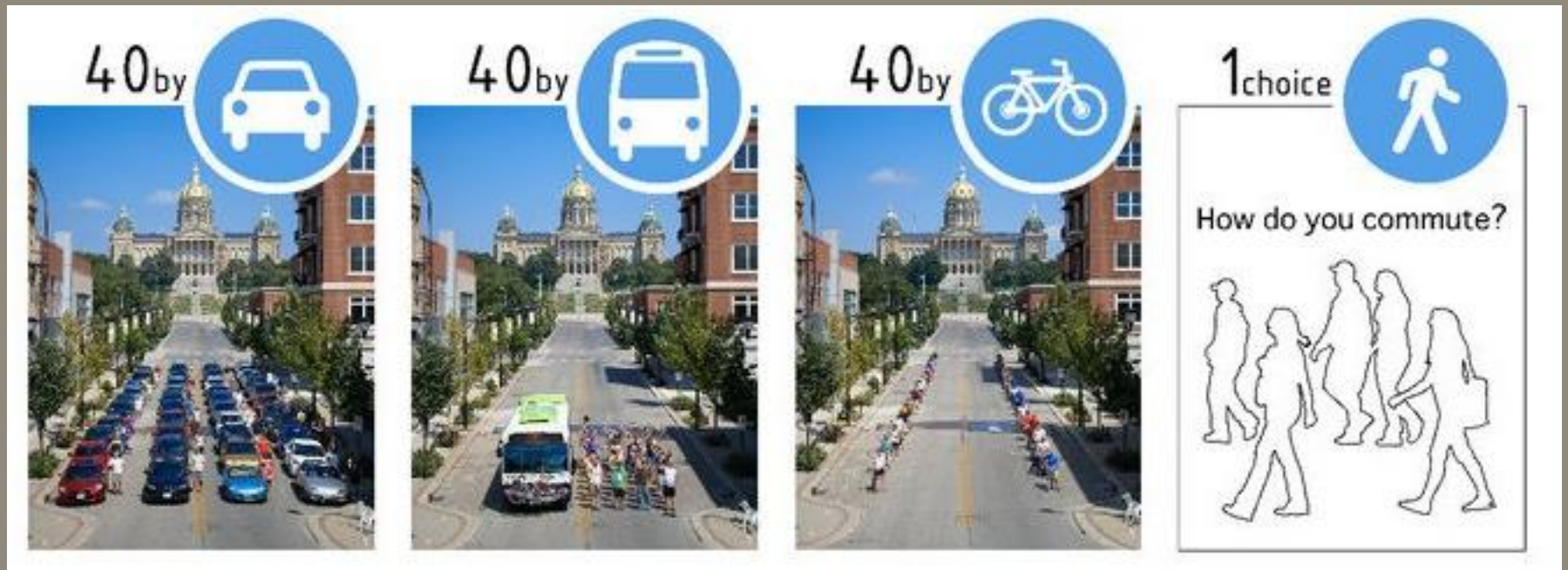
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STUDIES SHOW PEOPLE WILL WALK TO DESTINATIONS:



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2012, newpublichealth.org

Benefits: Increase Capacity



Benefit: Affordability

Transportation ~18% of family budgets

Low income households can spend up to 55% of budget on transportation.

Complete Streets create real lower-cost choices.



Green Streets



Make Complete Streets 'Green Streets' that improve environmental sustainability.



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VISION AND INTENT

Complete Streets are a tool to advance multiple long-term community goals defined by the vision and policies of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

The intent of this Complete Streets policy is to enhance Austin's quality of life by advancing mobility, public health and safety, livability, sustainability, equity, affordability, economic activity, climate resilience, green infrastructure, excellence in urban design and community character.

Complete Streets Principles (1/2)

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- Complete Streets serve all users and modes
- Complete Streets require connected travel networks
- Complete Streets enhance community character
- Complete Streets protect Austin's sustainability and environment



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Complete Streets Principles (2/2)

- Complete Streets are the work of all City departments
- Complete Streets include all elements of the transportation system and all projects and phases
- Complete Streets require best-practice design criteria and context- sensitive approaches
- Complete Streets require appropriate performance measures



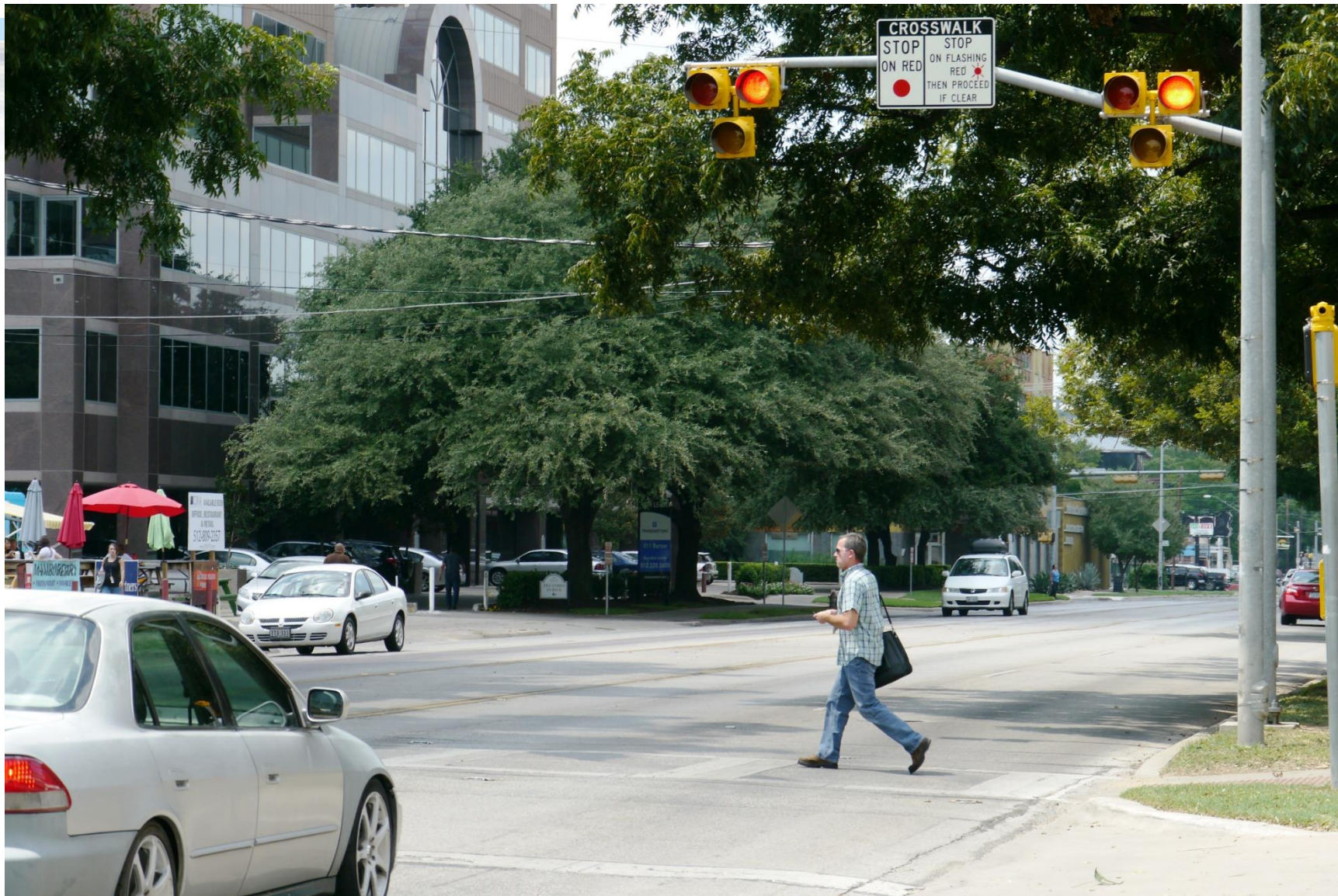


Complete Streets Success Stories in Austin









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The Policy Opportunity

- One Citywide Vision & Mission
- More Complete Projects
- More Complete Collaboration
- A Better Austin

Great Cities Do Great + Complete Streets Austin Can Too!



Barcelona – Spain



Austin – USA