

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUSTIN COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1. Findings.**

- (A) Austin City Council Resolution No. 20131212-080 directed the City Manager to create and implement a comprehensive Complete Streets Policy.
- (B) The intent of this policy is to implement the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and to enhance Austin’s quality of life over the long-term by advancing mobility; economically sound, compact, and connected development patterns; public health and safety; livability; environmental enhancement; sustainability; equity; affordability, economic activity; climate resiliency; and excellence in urban design and community character.
- (C) The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan established a Priority Action to “Develop complete streets design guidelines for all new road construction and reconstruction,” to include: “Pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities;” “Green Street Techniques/Green Infrastructure Best Management Practices;” “Interconnected, navigable, grid-like streets and blocks;” “Transit accommodations;” and other measures.
- (D) Streets are the public realm and should be designed to a higher standard as beautiful, safe, and comfortable places for all people, in order to equitably support the common good and the Imagine Austin vision statement: “Austin Values and Respects its People.”
- (E) City staff has developed a policy reflecting national best practices that provides a vision and intent, Complete Streets principles, applicability and jurisdiction, implementation guidance, a high bar for exceptions, and guidance on potential Code amendments and metrics for evaluation.

**PART 2. Council adopts the Complete Streets Policy attached to this ordinance as Exhibit 1.**

