



# City of Austin

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(CM Spelman)  
Chair

## Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission 20140812005A

Michael Jones  
(MPT Cole)  
Vice-Chair

Date of Approval: 8/12/14  
Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 6-0 vote

Rick Krivoniak  
(Mayor Leffingwell)

### MEMORANDUM

James Dwyer  
(CM Martinez)

**TO: Mayor Leffingwell and the Austin City Council**

Jim Walker  
(CM Morrison)

**DATE: August 12, 2014**

Corky Hilliard  
(CM Riley)

**RE: Austin Strategic Mobility Plan 2014**

*vacant*  
(CM Tovo)

Mayor and Council Members,

Over the history of our existence and as early as 2004, the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport (RMMA) Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (PIAC) has sent regular communications to the City Council encouraging and supporting rail at Mueller; the most recent letter of support dated November 6, 2013, is available electronically via the City's RMMA PIAC Boards and Commissions webpage (<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=200613>).

Pam Hefner  
Executive Liaison  
EDD

We are writing now to express our support for the November 4, 2014, bond election, which will include the authorization for the issuance of \$600 million in bonds and notes for rail systems, facilities and infrastructure, including a fixed rail transit system servicing the East Riverside Corridor, downtown Austin, the State Capitol complex, the Medical School complex, the University of Texas, Hancock Center, Austin Community College, Highland campus, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Jill Fagan  
Staff Liaison  
EDD

As a reminder, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan 2014 also calls for investment in High Capacity Transit Studies for additional corridors in Austin, including a Hancock to Mueller connection that would ultimately serve to connect Mueller to downtown and provide access to the following regional destinations in Mueller; Dell Children's Medical Center, Seton Healthcare headquarters, UT's 14-acre Mueller research campus leased from the City, the Thinkery, and AISD's Performing Arts Center.

Mueller is the City's largest public/private partnership and is a dense, pedestrian-friendly and transit-oriented community with a Master Plan that incorporated rail from its inception. In addition, 25% of all housing at Mueller, for sale and for rent, is included in the Mueller affordable homes program. At completion, Mueller will host 13,000 jobs and provide housing for 13,000 people. With the provision of rail service at Mueller, there exists an opportunity to increase the planned density at Mueller, which would allow for increases in the number of jobs and housing, including affordable units, in this regional activity center.

We appreciate the efforts of the Austin City Council to provide multi-modal solutions to the traffic and mobility challenges across the city. Please let us know if we can assist you further with this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Drennan, Chair