

Standards for Work in the ROW

Transformation of the Transportation
Criteria Manual

Why Revise the TCM?

- Provide more flexibility by incorporating national standards and addressing work within existing infrastructure.
- Incorporate the *Complete Streets* approach.
- Introduce a governance model.
- Ensure consistency with Imagine Austin core principles.

Flexibility in Design

- Allow for more context sensitive design.
- Incorporate references to national standards (e.g. NACTO).
- Recognize challenges associated with infill development and revitalization projects.
- Provide flexibility in adapting designs.



Complete Streets...

- ...serve all users and modes.
- ...require connected travel networks.
- ...are beautiful, interesting and comfortable places for people.
- ...require best-practice design criteria and context-sensitive approaches.
- ...protect Austin's sustainability and environment.
- ...include all roadways and all projects and phases.
- ...are the work of all City departments.
- ...require appropriate performance measures.



Governance Model

Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

Complete Streets Policy

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Governance Structure

Construction
Standards
(PWD)

Transportation
Criteria
(ATD)

Utilities
Criteria
(AWU)

Drainage
Criteria
(WPD)

Urban Trails
Criteria
(PWD)

Other Criteria
Sets
(Telecom)
(Electrical)
(CodeNext)

Benefits of a Governance Structure

- Establishes a conflict resolution process.
- Supports improved coordination.
- Ensures consistency.
- Provides certainty.



Consistency with Imagine Austin

Core Principles

- Grow as a compact, connected city.
- Integrate nature into the city.
- Provide paths to prosperity for all
- Develop as an affordable and healthy community.
- Sustainably manage water, energy, and other environmental resources.
- Think creatively and work together.

