

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Austin is currently the 11th largest city in the United States and is experiencing significant traffic congestion issues that are increasing as the region continues to rapidly expand; and

WHEREAS, no single fix will address our mobility challenges, and we must consider and provide more options to create a better connected system of roads, transit, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in order to have more choices about how we can reliably get around; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan identifies the absence of a strong transit system as a factor making it more difficult for Austin to encourage efficient land use patterns; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan includes Land Use and Transportation Policy 12, which states “Achieve the goals of area transit plans through effective planning, sufficient funding, and continued partnerships between the City of Austin, Capital Metro, and other area transportation providers”; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan includes Land Use and Transportation Policy 17, which states “Develop intermediate transit solutions that allow the City to reach the ultimate goal of a complete transit network over the long-term”; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan policies, the Plan identifies Action LUT A-14, one of which states “give transit priority (queue jumpers, signal priority, managed lanes, and dedicated lanes)”; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan speaks to “dedicated transit ways- must fully embrace an integrated, multi-modal system in order to meet the needs of a growing, highly urbanized region”; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to develop recommendations for a Transit Priority Policy to provide guidance for the provision of various types of transit priority treatments on city streets and roadways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The recommendations should, without limitation, consider the following:

1. potential goals and metrics for transit priority, including improved safety, increased person-carrying capacity of existing streets, and efficiency and reliability of transit service;
2. potential criteria and conditions to identify corridors for which transit priority should be considered;
3. potential agreements with Capital Metro for transit service level commitments on corridors for which transit priority is provided;
4. alignment with existing plans and policies, including without limitation:
 - a. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan;
 - b. Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, including existing and projected development in activity corridors and centers;
 - c. Downtown Austin Plan;
 - d. CAMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan;

- e. Project Connect Regional System Vision; and
- f. Capital Metro's Service Plan and Service Guidelines and Standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The recommendations for a Transit Priority Policy should include a process for how the community shall be informed and engaged when application of transit priority treatment is proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to collaborate with Capital Metro, engage relevant city boards and commissions, and stakeholder groups in the development of recommendations for a Transit Priority Policy and provide a final report on such recommendations to the Council Mobility Committee by October 5, 2016.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk