



# MOBILITY TALKS

A CONVERSATION WITH THE COMMUNITY  
ABOUT MOBILITY PRIORITIES



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# BACKGROUND

- **Council Resolution No. 20160211-017** directed the City Manager to “initiate a public conversation and input process to identify and prioritize transportation projects for potential funding and to identify recommended funding options”
  - Include input from previous mobility-related plans and initiatives
  - Conduct public hearings at Boards and Commissions
  - Engage people in all districts and work with neighborhood groups
  - **Report back to City Council Mobility Committee on June 8, 2016**
- Mobility Talks is being implemented through a partnership between multiple City departments
  - Coordination with other public agencies (AISD, Cap Metro, TxDOT)
  - Extensive communication and outreach with community organizations





# COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

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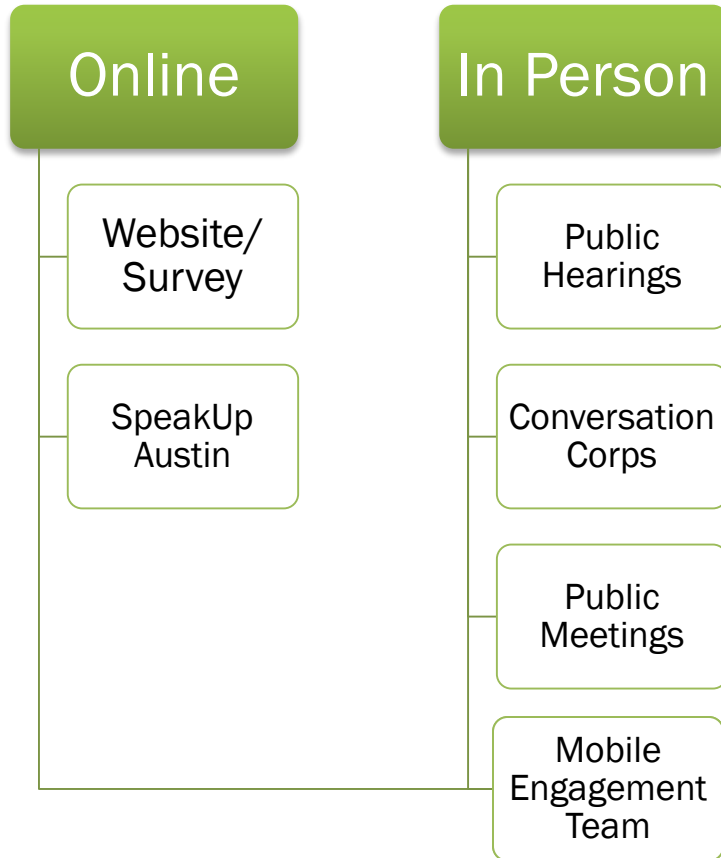
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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: MARCH 21-MAY 8

GOAL: ENGAGE A LARGE AND DIVERSE CITY OF AUSTIN POPULATION



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Mobility improvements centered around 4 community benefits



Manage  
Congestion



Improve Safety



Improve Connections  
in my Neighborhood



Improve the  
Quality of our  
Streets

- Conversation Corps discussions encourage public to consider trade-offs
  - With limited resources, what are the highest priority types of improvements?
  - What sorts of improvements would you be willing to spend more of your own money on, in taxes or fees, and why?



# CROSSWALK

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS



Manage  
Congestion



Improve  
Safety



Improve  
Connections



Improve Quality

## SAMPLE OF CITY OF AUSTIN PROGRAMS

Sidewalk  
Program

Traffic  
Signals

Street  
Recon-  
struction

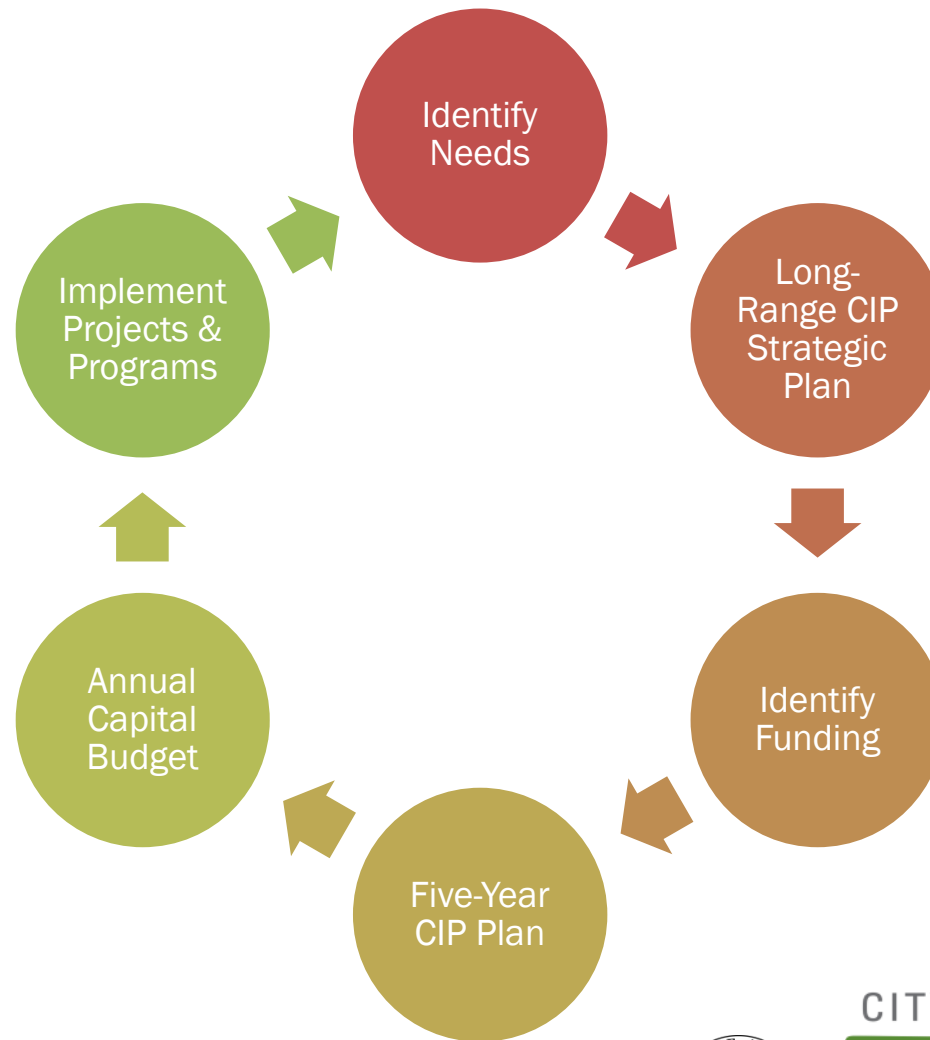






# PROJECT AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

# THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PLANNING CYCLE



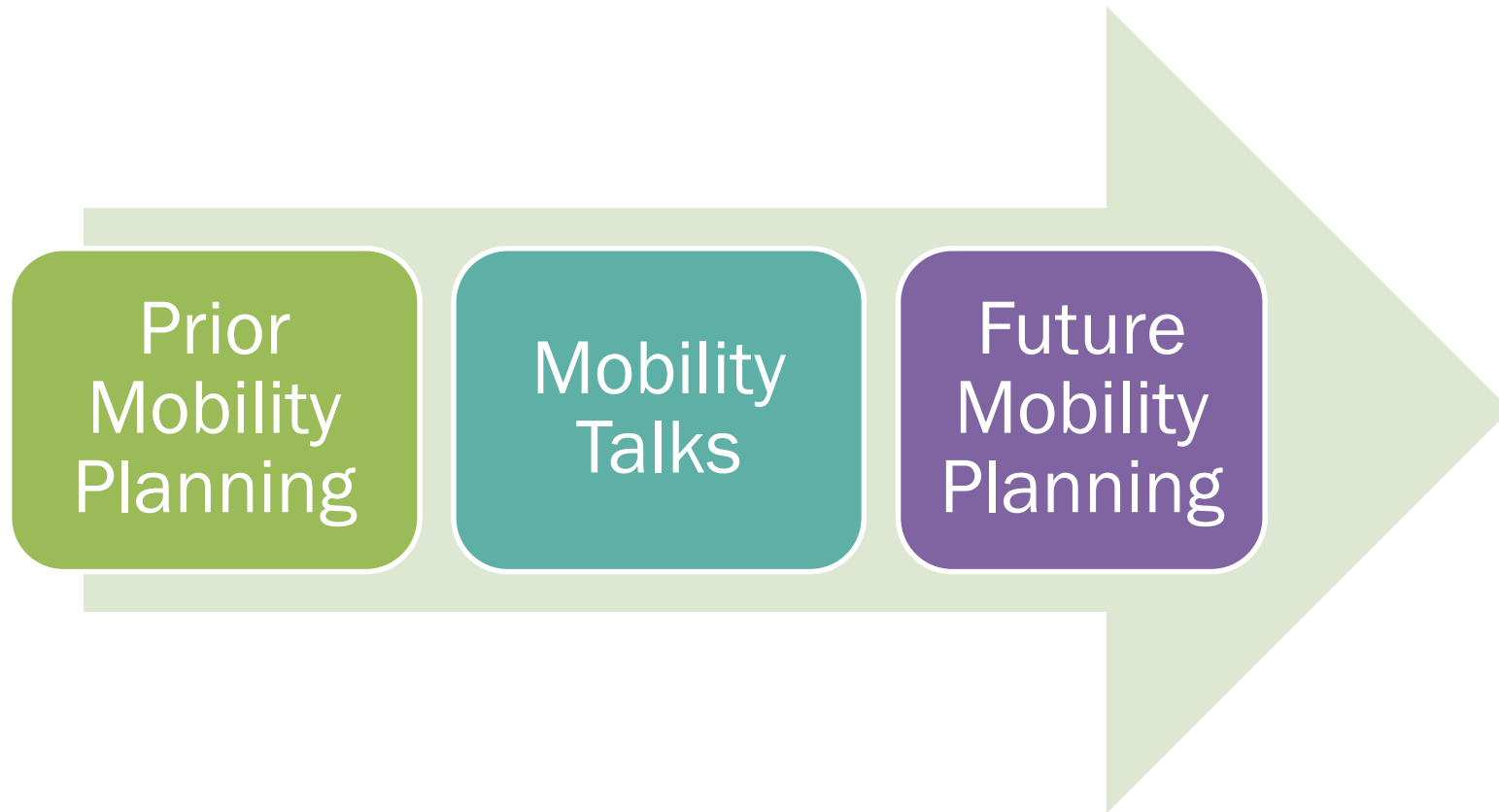


# IDENTIFYING NEEDS

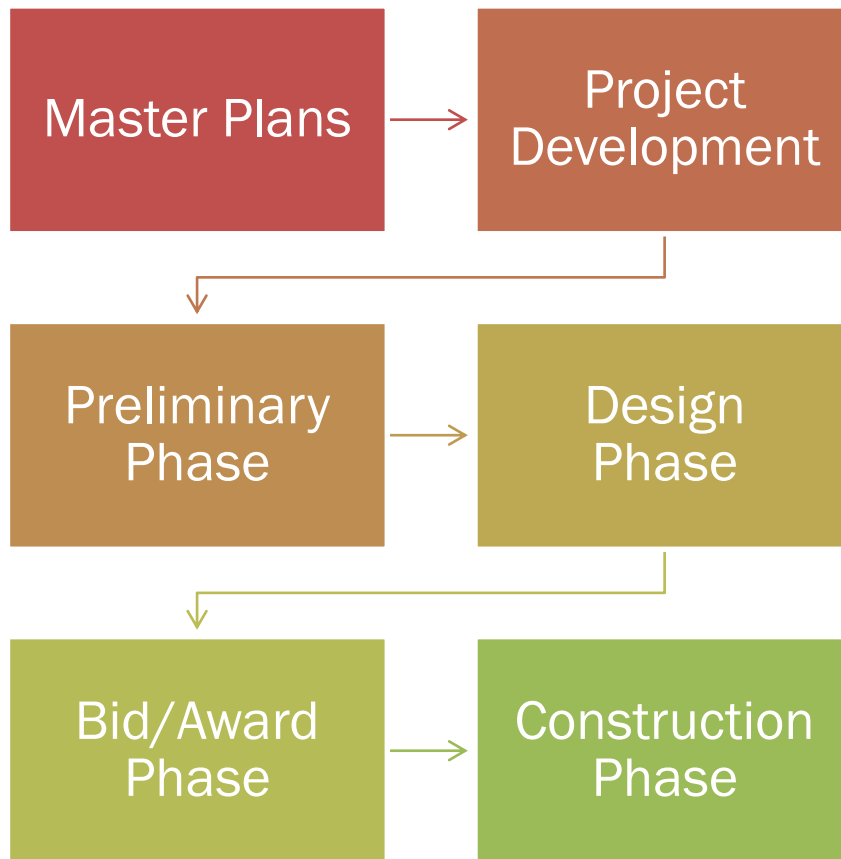
- Needs are identified in multiple ways
  - Approved mobility-related plans
    - Sidewalk Master Plan
    - Urban Trails Master Plan
    - Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan (AMATP)
  - Technical Assessment of Need
    - Capital renewal demands – infrastructure condition
    - Service demands – existing and new capacity
  - Public Input Processes
    - Public engagement during plan development
    - Small Area Plans/Task Force Recommendations
    - 3-1-1 calls for service
    - Boards/Commissions



# HOW MOBILITY TALKS FITS INTO THE BIGGER PICTURE



# TYPICAL MOBILITY PROJECT PHASES



- Mobility needs and mobility projects are not one in the same.
- Needs may be identified and evaluated prior to master planning and may arise at different phases
- Projects are often multi-year endeavors
- Multiple funding sources often go into a single project







# UNIVERSE OF NEEDS

# KEY AREAS OF NEED

## Regional Mobility

~\$2.3B +

- Manage congestion primarily through and around Austin
  - Project Connect, IH-35 Corridor Development Program, etc.
  - Opportunities for partnership between City of Austin and other agencies

## Corridor Mobility

~\$1.2B +

- Goals is to make corridors safe and accessible to all forms of transportation
  - Existing Corridor Improvement Programs (Airport Blvd., Riverside Drive, North Lamar Blvd./Burnet Road, FM 969/MLK Jr. Blvd., South Lamar Blvd., and Guadalupe Street)
  - Future Corridor Improvement Programs
  - Substandard Street Improvements
  - Other Corridor needs (derived from neighborhood plans, redevelopment, infrastructure maintenance plans, etc.)



# KEY AREAS OF NEED (CONT'D)

## Local/Other Mobility Needs

- Primarily focused on connecting and improving mobility within neighborhoods and Imagine Austin activity centers.
- Ongoing mobility needs **~\$1.35 B**
  - Local Mobility (Local Area Traffic Management program, Railroad Safety Crossings)
  - Active Mobility (Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure)
  - Streets and Bridges (street rehabilitation and reconstruction, major/minor bridges, culverts and structures)
- Strategic programs and projects **~\$500 M +**
  - Great Streets Program
  - Imagine Austin/Small Area Master Plans
  - Partnerships (Ex: Neighborhood Partnering Program)
  - Further development of mobility priorities and recommendations from other initiatives





# SUMMARY - UNIVERSE OF NEEDS

Universe of Needs over next 10-30 years: ~\$5 Billion +

- Regional Mobility:
  - IH-35 Short, Medium and Long Term (~30 years) ~\$2 B to \$2.3 B
- Corridor Mobility:
  - Short/Medium-Term (~10 years) ~\$420 M
  - Long Term (~30 years) ~\$700 M
- Ongoing Mobility Needs:
  - Short/Medium Term (~10 years) ~\$ 1.35 B
- Mobility Strategic Projects:
  - Rough estimate of need ~\$500 M +



# MOBILITY TALKS

## Gathering your priorities and feedback on the following:

- Transportation Modes
- Priority Categories
  - Manage Congestion, Improve Safety, Improve Connections, Improve Quality of Streets
- Investment Types examples include:
  - Construct missing segments of street, bicycle, pedestrian networks
  - Separate modes of travel
  - Improve pavement condition
- Investment Preferences
  - Regional Mobility, Corridor Mobility, Local Mobility Needs
- Funding preferences
- Tradeoffs in behavior or spending
- Demographic Information



# MOBILITY TALKS

## How to give feedback

- MobilityTalks.org - survey
- Conversation Corps throughout April
- SpeakUpAustin.org
- Mobile Engagement Team
  - Interactive map of all locations at MobilityTalks.org
- Mobility Talks Live– April 20 and 23
- Public Hearings







# WHAT ARE YOUR TOP PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS?



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# WHAT TRADEOFFS ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE IN BEHAVIOR OR SPENDING?



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WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD  
YOU BE WILLING TO SPEND MORE  
OF YOUR OWN MONEY ON, IN  
TAXES OR FEES? WHY/WHY NOT?



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