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Mayor Steve Adler  
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Mayor Adler,

The Central Texas Chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU-CTX) would like to express its support for your commitment to addressing Austin's access and mobility challenges.

CNU-CTX thanks you for your participation in the Mayor's Challenge for Safer People and Safer Streets, and institutionalizing its tenets through many City of Austin initiatives, including our Complete Streets Policy, the continuing build-out of our active transportation infrastructure, and the Vision Zero Taskforce. We believe that streets should be great places, where all people have access to a wide range of mobility choices. Having safe, equitable, and accessible transportation options is elemental to a healthy and vibrant urban life.

Your continued leadership will be key to realizing a transportation network that serves as an asset to communities, rather than an obstacle. Our organization, comprised of practitioners and advocates, aims to create more livable cities through an emphasis on human-scaled built environments. The City's priorities are clearly expressed by ATD Director Rob Spillar when discussing streets: "...we also want them to be great places to walk, ride a bike, catch a bus, throw a baseball with a child, or open a small business. It's all part of keeping Austin an appealing, economically vibrant place to live."

We believe expanding transportation choices supports the priority programs of Imagine Austin: Compact and Connected; Healthy Austin; Affordability; Work Force. As you know, Austin needs transportation choices that provide access to jobs, connect communities, allow people to travel in healthier ways, and reduce transportation costs to help keep households affordable. We can create ladders opportunity for all our citizens by rapidly improving our streets and the transportation choices available.

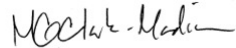
With that in mind, CNU-CTX supports funding for:

- Bicycle Master Plan (including urban trails)
- Sidewalk Master Plan
- Great Streets Master Plan
- Transit Corridors (including dedicated transit lanes along those corridors)
- Depressed I-35 through our urban core (giving Austin the option of future caps)

The attached white paper clarifies some of these initiatives, providing additional detail for the reasons we support funding a better-connected network.

Thanks you again for all of your hard work and please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Clark-Madison".

Mike Clark-Madison

President, Board of Directors

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