

Commissioner Griffin's Resolutions- August 2nd Special Called Meeting

Resolution 1:

Whereas the proposed Transportation Bond helps develop an integrated network of mobility options for the City of Austin and funds several already vetted and voted on Master Plans;

Whereas any one component by itself of the proposed Transportation Bond will fail in relieving congestion and providing alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel;

Whereas prior General Obligation Bonds have presented all transportation related capital expenses as part of the same proposition;

Be it Resolved that

The Bond Oversight Commission recommends to council that the transportation bond language be presented to voters in one proposition, to be voted up or down.

Resolution 2:

Whereas the City of Austin Sidewalk Master Plan has a well-vetted and carefully calibrated model of prioritizing funding for absent sidewalks, taking into account income, pedestrian safety, school proximity, and many other factors;

Whereas the latest resolution from the City Council split funding for sidewalks between the Sidewalk Master Plan and an even, district-specific split;

Whereas ward politics, which tend to privilege the needs of a particular geography of the city over the needs of the city as a whole, are a bane on well-functioning, just, and equitable government; and

Whereas several historically neglected communities on the East side of I-35 will be negatively impacted by the even split of half the sidewalk funds, including a negative impact on District 1 of nearly \$4 million in sidewalk funding; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bond Oversight Commission recommends to the Austin City Council that all funding for sidewalks be directed to the priorities laid out in the Sidewalk Master Plan, rather than having half those funds split between city council districts.