



RECOMMENDATION

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommendation Number: 20180608-3B: Recommendations on City of Austin
Budget FY 18-19

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MPCD) regularly considers significant and diverse issues impacting residents of and visitors to the City of Austin with disabilities, including those with physical and/or intellectual disabilities;

WHEREAS, the MPCD requests that the City prioritize the following items for funding in its Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget:

- increased programming through the City of Austin Parks Department for people with intellectual disabilities, including increased inclusive programming for people with disabilities and those without, in north, south and central Austin;
- more, larger, single-stall bathrooms where parents or caregivers of the same or opposite sex may help individuals with physical disabilities use the bathroom and be changed, including bathrooms with a lift, heavy duty changing station and/or changing table, including in the following locations:
 - o centralized, north, and south bathrooms for caregivers of the same or opposite sex to take individuals for toileting when attending events in the community;
 - o at new central public library; and
 - o at the Texas Capitol;
- mandatory disability training for Austin Police Department and Austin Police Monitor, including through Pathways to Justice;
- provide braille badges for all city police officers;
- expanded employment programs at the City for people with intellectual disabilities;
- sidewalk master plan;
- specific provisions to increase city-supported low income housing available for people with disabilities; and
- traffic engineering and the installation of traffic control and speed calming devices that do not cause significant pain and suffering to people with muscular skeletal injuries or disabilities.

WHEREAS, as a partner agency to Capital Metro, the MPCD requests that the City insure that a southbound bus stop is installed at the central public library, and that transfer points be prioritized



to have shade as soon as possible, as people, including those with disabilities, are being routed to these locations now.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities requests that the Austin City Council allocate funds and explore all available means to increase programming and improve services for people with disabilities.

Date of Approval: June 8, 2018

Record of the vote: 8 Commissioners present approved unanimously

Attest:

(Staff or board member can sign)