



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190306 007a

**Date:** March 6, 2019

**Subject:** Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

**Motion by:** Hank Smith

**Seconded by:** Pam Thompson

### **RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, the performance of the Austin Transportation System has a significant impact on public health, air and climate, water, land and ecology and other environmental factors; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed current transportation plan has received extensive public outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning and analysis phase has been completed and a preferred strategy has been developed; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan has specific indicators and targets to:

- increase the access by active modes to and around parks and trails
- increase the number of sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and urban trails that are within ZIP codes with disproportionate prevalence of chronic diseases or conditions;
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- reduce average ozone level region-wide
- reduce the risk of flooding on all roads and road crossings in the 100-year floodplain, including provision of adequate warning at dangerous crossings
- reduce the danger of street flooding created by substandard storm drains
- increase tree canopy along the transportation network

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends support of the current draft of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan with the following:

### Environmental Commission Recommendations:

- encourage trip consolidation such as combining as many trips together as possible;
- encourage lighting at intersections to improve crosswalk visibility in compliance with dark skies where possible;
- provide additional education regarding potential air quality standards non-attainment;
- provide success measures for key indicators and targets;

- implement holistic green infrastructure into the proposed upgrades and the Transportation Criteria Manual;
- ensure that tree planting standards for right-of-way (ROW) align with City Arborist advice on appropriate spacing and anti-compaction techniques to ensure a healthy urban forest;
- ensure metrics and design standards maximize the optimized provision of ecosystem services;
- evaluate overall ROW requirements; as well as ROW requirements for current roadway classifications and ROW trees in areas of proposed improvements;
- provide necessary infrastructure such as public showers and showers in new offices to promote bicycle opportunities and other transportation alternatives;
- encompass all available technology and use the diversity of innovation that is available throughout the City;
- incorporate sustainability with all tree planting criteria in the transportation plan and manuals;
- incorporate no-idle zones in the overall plan;
- identify and track non-work related trips; and,
- promote the use of electric bicycles and educate the public on available rebates for electric bicycles.

**VOTE 7-0**

For: Creel, Thompson, Guerrero, Coyne, Neely, H. Smith and B. Smith

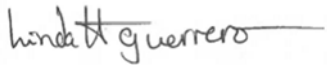
Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Gordon, Maceo and C. Smith

Approved By:

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Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair