

Council Member Alison Alter March 28, 2019 Item 14

## Verbal Direction

## SCRIPT:

As you will recall from our conversation during work session, staff has indicated that clean air metrics are not included in the Mobility Outcome because they are already present in the Health and Environment Outcome. Austin is close to nonattainment, and so I want to ensure that we are connecting the air quality metric in Health and Environment to the Mobility Outcome's goals.

Motion: I move to direct staff to add the text from the Q&A about congestion and air quality to the System Efficiency and Congestion indicator category and listing of related metrics.

## Language:

\* Scientific research has found a direct link between traffic congestion, vehicle emissions, and air quality. The region's efforts to improve system efficiency and congestion therefore has the potential to positively impact air quality. While air quality metrics are not listed within the Mobility outcome, they can be found under the Health and Environment outcome's Environmental Quality indicator. The City is committed to collaboration between the two outcomes to address these challenges.