

RESOLUTION NO. 20190328-040

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is consistently ranked as one of the most congested cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Resolution 20140410-024 establishing a communitywide goal of net-zero greenhouse emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS, our current automobile-dependent transportation system is the largest single contributor of greenhouse emissions that are contributing towards climate change; and

WHEREAS, voters in the City of Austin have authorized transportation bond projects in 2016 and 2018 that contain significant funding for pedestrian, bicycle, trail, and safety improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Department of Transportation is planning to accelerate the construction of “mobility pathways” to facilitate residents’ abilities to travel around the City of Austin without a personal vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan staff technical analysis recommends a policy goal of 50% mode share of non-single-occupant vehicle trips; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Direction 2023 charts a course of action for the City over the next three to five years, calling for accessibility to and equity of multi-modal transportation choices; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City of Austin desires to be the most progressive city in the United States as it relates to non-automobile mobility infrastructure, and the City of Austin desires to construct as many miles of progressive multi-modal mobility infrastructure as quickly as it can order to provide alternatives to travel by single occupant vehicles, to facilitate congestion relief, safety, and environmental stewardship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council of the City of Austin supports the City Manager's efforts to accelerate timetables for planned bicycle, scooter, transit, sidewalks, and tier one urban trail infrastructure projects approved in the 2016 and 2018 City of Austin bond propositions and those funded by other means.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

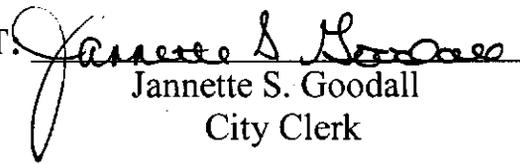
The City Council of the City of Austin encourages the City Manager to form a steering committee comprised of representatives from, without limitation, Austin Transportation Department, Corridor Planning Office, Austin Public Works Department, Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Energy, Austin Fire Department Planning and Zoning, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, Watershed Protection Department, Development Services, Department Capital Metro, and the Parks and Recreation Department to align resources, priorities and policies that support this accelerated timetable, including coordination with the affordable housing bond program authorized in 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall issue semi-annual reports via presentation or memorandum to the Mobility Committee on the progress of “mobility pathways” constructed and the anticipated number of miles of “mobility pathways” to be constructed.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2019

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk