# Smart Trips Austin: 2019 Update

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# **Smart Trips Austin**

A travel training program, in partnership with Capital Metro, that focuses on **long-term behavioral change**.





### **Smart Trips Austin Goals**

Manage Congestion by encouraging residents to explore the city in new ways

Reduce SOV Trips by 5-10%

#### **Increase Active Transportation Trips** by 5-10%

- Transit
- Bicycle
- Scooter

- Foot
- Rideshare

### Components of the Program



Pre & Post Program
Surveys + Transportation
Toolkits



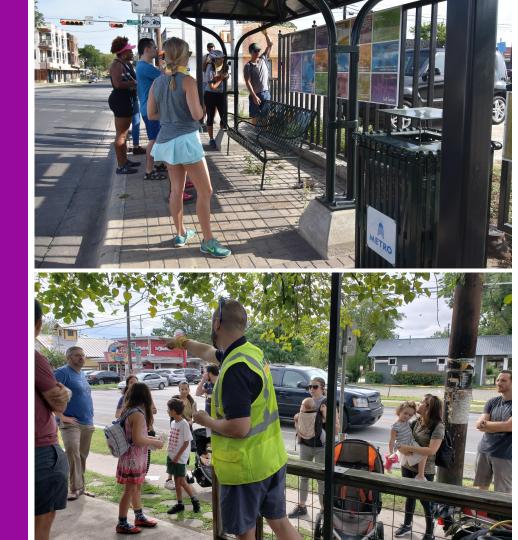
**Local Ambassadors** 



**Customized Events** 

### **Strengths of Program**

- Established financial and programmatic partnership with Capital Metro
- 2. Builds local capacity for participating communities to create similar health and education campaigns in the future



# Results

# Smart Trips Austin Participant Testimony

Smart Trips Austin was the motivation for me to cycle more and also learn more about bus routes.

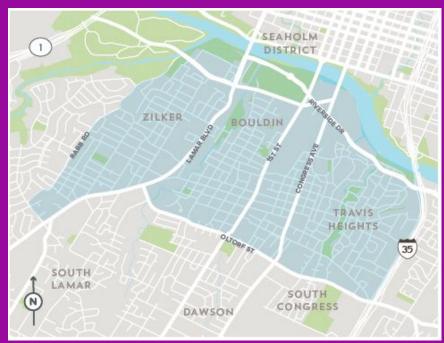
I really wanted to learn (to ride the bus) but felt intimidated...A Smart Trips group bus outing to the Central Library was just what I needed! ...since then I have ridden the bus every time I've gone to the Central Library.

"I feel like I now have better resources to share with friends and family so we can use public transportation options together."

-Smart Trips participant

### Smart Trips Austin (3.0) Ctrl South

- **12,349** households
- **1,005** participants
- 22 walks, bike rides, & transit adventures
- Tabled at 25 community events
- **1,230** interactions over four months
- 36,000 social media impressions



### Smart Trips Austin (3.0) Ctrl South

A Smart Trips program of 12,349 households with a 8.1% participant rate could see a reduction of approximately 73,000 vehicle trips a year.



Respondents using transit increased 2% from previous survey results.

Feel more aware of transportation options because of the program. Averaged of 1.4 fewer drive-alone trips per week after the program.

Respondents reported increasing their use of walking, biking, & taking public transit.

# "It was nice exploring the neighborhoods and discovering new routes that actually encouraged me to go biking more often!" Smart Trips participant

### **Smart Trips Austin (4.0) Ctrl East**

- 8,042 households
- 637 participants
- 34 events hosted/tabled
- First scooter education event
- ~500 interactions over three
   and a half months
- 8,000 residents reached by direct mail



### **Smart Trips Austin (4.0) Ctrl East**

A Smart Trips program of **8,000** households with a **7.9%** participant rate could see a reduction of approximately **41,000** vehicle trips a year.



**52%** of respondents increased their use of walking, biking, and transit.



80% of respondents feel more aware of transportation options.



Respondents very familiar with comfortable cycling routes increased 16 percentage points.



99% reported the value in continuing programs like Smart Trips Austin.



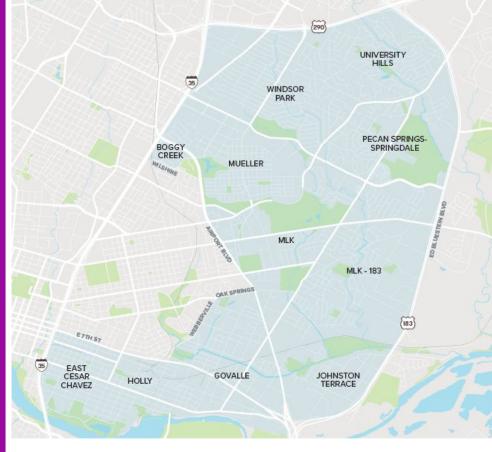
### Full Program Snapshot

|               | 2015<br>North (1.0)  | 2016<br>Central (2.0)  | 2017<br>South Ctrl (3.0)                        | 2018<br>Eastside (4.0)  |
|---------------|--|--|---|---|
| Participation | 6.3% (5,000 target area households)  | <b>4.2%</b> (12,600 target area households)  | 8.1% (12,349<br>target area<br>households)      | <b>7.9%</b> (8,042 target area households)  |
| Modeshift     | 2.2% decrease in car<br>mode share<br>11% increase in active<br>mode trips             | 3.3% decrease in drive-alone mode share 7.5% increase in active mode trips                                     | <b>3.7 % decrease</b> in drive-alone mode share | <ul><li>9% increase in carpooling</li><li>7% increase in walking</li><li>6% increase in transit</li></ul>       |
| Qualitative   | <b>75%</b> stated that the program increased their knowledge of transportation options | 1 in 3 respondents<br>reported that they use<br>transportation options<br>more often because of<br>the program | <b>81</b> % found the toolkits helpful          | 23% of respondents tried dockless mobility options, 15% tried transit, & 10% tried bicycling for the first time |

# **Smart Trips Austin 2019**

#### **5.0 Program Updates**

- Increase the number of participants served each year with E-Toolkits
- 2. Increase the duration of each program from 3 to 6 months
- 3. Stage-Specific Emails, Action Planning, & Route Planning
- 4. Spanish-speaking Ambassadors



5.0 Program Area - 24,000 Households
Launches late spring 2019

### Area Stakeholders (examples)

| Mueller / Boggy Creek          | Pecan-Springs / University Hills       | Windsor Park              |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Mueller Community Associations | Lincoln Garden Association             | Windsor Park Neighborhood |
| Delwood II Neighborhood        | University Hills Neighborhood          | Gaston Place              |
| Alamo Recreation Center        | Senate Hills Neighborhood              | Reagan High School        |
| Our Lady's Maronite Church     | Andrews Elementary                     | Windsor Park Library      |
| HEB Mueller                    | Boys & Girls Club                      | BookSpring                |
| The Thinkery                   | University Hills Library               | Hope Community Church     |
| Wildflower Terrace             | St. Peter's United Methodist<br>Church | Art Alliance Austin       |

### Area Stakeholders (continued)

**FUSEBOX** Festival

| E Cesar Chavez / Holly          | MLK / MLK-183                   | Govalle / Johnston-Terrace  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tejano Bilingual Community      | Springdale-Airport Neighborhood | Tillery Square Neighborhood |
| East Town Lake Neighborhood     | Eastfield Neighborhood          | River Bluff Neighborhood    |
| Metz Recreation Center          | Hog Pen Neighborhood            | Buena Vista Neighborhood    |
| Martin Middle School            | Truman Heights Neighborhood     | Eastside Pedal Pushers      |
| Juiceland                       | Willie Mae Kirk Library         | Big Medium / Canopy         |
| Festival Beach Community Garden | Yellow Bike Project             | Urban Roots                 |
| Garden                          | Blue Starlite Drive-In Theatre  | Lifeworks                   |

### **Current & Potential Citywide Partners**

Ghisallo Cycling Association Walk Austin Yellow Bike Project

Housing Authority of the City of Austin Go Austin Vamos Austin Cultural Arts Division

Austin Public Libraries & Recreation Centers Movability Go Austin Vamos Austin

Bike Austin Office of Sustainability Movability

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Waller Creek Conservancy Parks & Recreation HEB

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### **Questions?**



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